



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **STEM/Engineering Opportunities**

As some of you will know BWS is an Arkwright affiliated school and we presently have 5 Arkwright Engineering Scholars and 2 Associates in the Sixth Form. The scholarships offer some financial support for students during their A Levels whilst encouraging them via a mentoring programme to pursue Engineering at university or a higher-level apprenticeship. As a school we also receive a small amount of funding for each scholar which over the last two years we have used to support aspects of our STEM enrichment programme. Without this funding some of the activities that we have run over the last two years would not have been able to take place.

As an Arkwright affiliated school we receive information from Arkwright regarding a range of engineering opportunities which may be of interest to our students. Students have in the past attended Headstart courses, Smallpeice engineering courses and other university led activities which are advertised by Arkwright. There is a real drive nationally to support the engineers of the future and there are some great enrichment opportunities that boys can take advantage of outside of school. The link below takes you to the most recent Arkwright newsletter which we think may be of interest to you and your sons. In future, I will tweet the link rather than write directly.

<http://www.arkwright.org.uk/downloads/enewsletters/march2017.pdf>

Yours sincerely,

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