



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents

### GCSE Examination Entries

I am writing about your son's GCSE examinations this summer and in particular about the entry fees charged by the examination boards. I would appreciate your completion and return of **SECTION A** below to Mrs Glasson by **Friday 28 April**. This is an indemnity form for you to undertake to cover fees that the School has paid should your son not attend any examination for reasons other than illness.

The School normally undertakes to pay for the entry fees when candidates sit examinations for the first time. However, the overall bill to the school for the GCSE examinations this year will be over £50,356, a sum which, with fees for AS and A level examinations, makes extreme demands upon our budget.

The fee for a GCSE level entry in one subject with Cambridge, OCR, AQA, Edexcel and WJEC is approximately £50.00. The majority of Year 11 pupils will take nine GCSEs and the half course in RE (at £23.35) and some will take ten GCSEs/iGCSEs/Certificates. This means that the overall cost of fees for each student will be at least £450.

Would you therefore be willing to make a voluntary contribution towards the costs of your son's GCSEs? Could you cover the costs of one or two entries at approx. £50.00 each or the average costs of your son's entries? Any donation that you can give us will help us enormously. If you are a tax payer and have completed a Gift Aid declaration the value of your gift will be increased by the tax that we are able to reclaim. Please tick the box below if you would like a form.

If you wish to make a voluntary contribution, please complete **SECTION B** and return it to Mrs Glasson with **SECTION A** by **Friday 28 April**. Early returns are particularly appreciated. Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely

S D Smallwood  
 Head Master

**SON'S NAME** ..... **TUTOR GROUP** .....

### SECTION A

I agree that should my son fail to sit any examination for which Bishop Wordsworth's Grammar School for Boys (The School) has paid the fees, for any other reason than illness certified by a medical practitioner, I shall refund to The School any fees paid by it on my son's behalf which cannot be recovered from the Examining Body.

Signed.....Date .....

### SECTION B – VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS GCSE FEES

I am willing to make a donation of £.....

(Cheques should be made payable to *Bishop Wordsworth's School*.)

### **PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

**Online:** Via [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com). If you need a link code please email [amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk)

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