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Dear Parents/Guardians

BWS Founder's Day Service - Saturday 8 July 2017

I have pleasure in inviting you all to this year's Founder's Day Service in the Cathedral on Saturday 8 July. Family members and friends are most welcome to come too. We are particularly honoured this year that Reverend Dr Stella Wood, the Chaplain of Godolphin School, has kindly agreed to preach at our service of thanksgiving.

The Founder's Day Service will commence at **10.00 am** but it would be helpful if you could be seated by **9.50 am**. After the service, which will last about an hour, there will be the Summer Fête, organised by the Parents' Association.

All boys are expected to attend the service and to wear full school uniform. The boys have a day off at the end of the academic year in lieu of this commitment and I do, therefore, expect parents to ensure that their sons support this important occasion. Unless they are involved directly in the service or as one of the Cathedral Stewards, boys should attend school for registration at 9.15 am. Members of the Choir must meet at 8.30 am in the Cathedral.

Please note: there will be an area of reserved seating at the front of the nave for the Head Master's guests. Please be kind enough not to use this area.

Founder's Day is a very important day in the Bishop Wordsworth's School calendar, marking as it does the school's links with its heritage and also celebrating our foundation on the site here in The Close. This year we hope that the whole school community will join together and return to School after the Cathedral Service for a drinks reception on the No. 11 lawn followed by an al fresco jazz lunch in the marquee. A number of delicious food options will be available or you may wish to bring your own picnic and enjoy it on the lawn. The Parents' Association Summer Fete will begin at 11.00 am so there will be a range of stalls for you to browse or try your hand at some competitions and games arranged by the boys. Our new building will also be open and the Prefects will be on hand to show you around. A detailed programme of events taking place during the day will be published on the website and I very much hope that you and your whole family will be able to join us for what promises to be a wonderful day.

Because of the Fête please note that the main school site will be closed to cars and, except for the disabled, parking is no longer permitted in the Cathedral Close. Also, Saturday is a market day, which may cause a delay when travelling into the city and finding somewhere to park.

Yours sincerely


S D Smallwood
Head Master