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Dear Parents/Guardians

Prize Giving – Thursday 20 September 2018

I have pleasure in inviting you all to our Prize Giving which will be held in the Cathedral on Thursday 20 September. Please note that the programme will begin at **7.30pm**, and it would be helpful if you could be seated by 7.20pm. The Guest of Honour will be ex-pupil David Oakes (BWS 1995-2002). After studying English Literature and Drama at Manchester University, David started his career at Shakespeare's Globe in London following training at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. He first came to prominence as an actor in the Emmy and Golden Globe nominated mini-series *The Pillars of the Earth* in 2010 which was followed by roles in *The Borgias* in 2011 and *The White Queen* for BBC One. David has more recently been seen in the ITV production *Victoria* playing the role of Victoria's brother-in-law Prince Ernest. He also enjoyed a very successful run of *Venus in Fur* at the Theatre Royal Haymarket alongside Natalie Dormer at the end of last year.

Pupils in Year 7 are not expected to attend Prize Giving unless they are members of the Choir. However, all other pupils are expected to be present. If Year 7 pupils do attend, they should sit with their parents (except members of the Choir). It is anticipated that the event will finish around 8.50pm.

Please note: School will finish at the normal time of 3.50pm on this day for all pupils.

In the evening, members of Years 8-13 should report to the Back Yard, no later than 6.45pm, unless they are prize winners, members of the Choir or instrumental soloists, or on duty in the Cathedral. **Full school uniform must be worn.**

We hope that all BWS boys recognise the importance of Prize Giving as the main opportunity for publicly celebrating the successes of the academic year past.

Please note: there will be an area of reserved seating at the front of the nave for the Head Master's Guests and parents of senior school prize winners. Please be kind enough *not* to use this area.

Regrettably, parking is no longer allowed in The Close except for the disabled. I regret also that there is no parking available on the BWS site.

Yours sincerely

S D Smallwood
Head Master