

## Bishop Wordsworth's School

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## Dear Year 11 Parents

We hope that your sons are considering Bishop's Sixth Form for their A Level studies and would be delighted to see them next year. We had a very successful evening on 9 October when Mrs Armstrong gave an informative talk on post 16 opportunities. Mr Endersby and I gave the boys a further talk about BWS Sixth Form during Assembly on Thursday 11 October. However, I know that some students were unable to attend either event so I wanted to let you know a few more details.

From September 2019 nearly all subjects will be taught at BWS:

| Art & Design           | Biology                | Chemistry           | Classical<br>Civilisation |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Design &<br>Technology | Economics              | English Literature  | French                    |
| Geography              | Geology                | German              | History                   |
| Mathematics            | Further<br>Mathematics | Philosophy & Ethics | Physics                   |
| Politics               | Psychology             | Spanish             |                           |

Music will continue to be taught as a joint subject shared between BWS and SWGS

Further details are given in the school prospectus on the school website. Students will choose three subjects plus Further Maths or Core Maths or EPQ. However, from 2019 any student with at least eight GCSEs and an average GCSE score of 7.5 will be able to choose a fourth A Level if they wish. They will make this choice on Results Day (22 August) and this will be subject to there being room in a suitable class. The 4<sup>th</sup> A Level would replace Further Maths or Core Maths or EPQ. (An average score of 7.5 is equivalent to midway between the old style A and A\* grades. The average is calculated across all of their full course GCSEs or equivalent qualifications).

Our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Thursday 15 November from 6 – 8pm and we will be happy to answer your questions at this event. Dr Smallwood will give a presentation in the Sports Hall at 6pm, after which each Department will be open to welcome Year 11 students and parents, with sixth formers present to talk about their experience of each subject. In order to apply to BWS Sixth Form all students need to complete the on-line application form which will be available from November on the school website.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

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Mrs Wilson

Head of Sixth Form (Year 12 from 2019)