



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **RE: Y8, 9 & 10 COMPUTER CODING CLUB – Lunchtimes – ICT3 – Mondays and Wednesdays**

Following the success of the after school Y7 Coding Club and the Christmas competition this month, we are delighted to tell you we have been able to secure Jez Whitworth to run six additional lunchtime Computer Coding Clubs at school for an hour once a week from 12 noon in ICT3. Salisbury-based coding tutor Jez Whitworth, First Coding, is a specialist in teaching and inspiring creative digital projects.

Pupils will be able to develop important skills including logical and sequential thinking, problem solving and generally gaining confidence with computers. Coding is a beneficial skill in today's computer-focused society.

The classes are designed to give a solid foundation into the principles of computer coding, whilst allowing students to develop their own ideas and initiatives. As the course progresses, students will be able to develop their skills and, importantly, become more confident in their ability to bring their ideas to life digitally.

There are **15 places** available on each six-week course, the first course commences in **ICT3** at school on Wednesday 9 January. The cost of the six-week classes will be £54.00; however, in the event that the club is oversubscribed names will be drawn randomly. Those pupils who are unsuccessful will be placed on a reserve list. There will be six courses held over the school year:

- **Course 1** –Wednesdays – January 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13
- **Course 2** – Mondays – January 14, 21, 28 February 4, 11, 25 (half term 15– 24 Feb)
- **Course 3** - Mondays – March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1 , 29 (Easter holidays 6-22 April)
- **Course 4** – Wednesdays – March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3 , 24 (Easter holidays 6-22 April)
- **Course 5** - Wednesdays – May 1 , 8, 15, 22; June 12, 19 (half term 25 May - 2 June)
- **Course 6** – Mondays – May 13, 20; June; 3, 10, 17, 24 (half term 25 May – 2 June)

If you would like your son to attend please contact me in the first instance by email: [bjs@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:bjs@bws.wilts.sch.uk), indicating which course your son would like to attend.

Pupils who have already attended his classes and are working on their own initiative may drop in during these sessions to show Jez what they have achieved or can ask for advice. There will be no charge for this.

Yours faithfully

Mrs BJ Singleton  
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