



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I know that many of you came to the Parents' Evening on Monday so I hope that you found it helpful. Students have completed their mocks and results are found on Insight. Over the next few weeks I will be adding Supervised Study sessions, where required, to help students make the most of their last few months before the exams. Equally, I will be removing some Supervised Study sessions for students who have performed particularly well.

Mrs Armstrong is running the Year 13 Parents' HE Finance Evening on Wednesday 6 March at 7pm in the Sixth Form Common Room. Please note that this is a new date – it was previously advertised on the school calendar as taking place on 27 February. This evening will be aimed at parents only as the students will be given their own talk during their Sixth Form Assembly on the same day. Many students have heard back from all of their universities now, however they do not have to decide and reply until 1 May and so it is worth encouraging them to take their time and consider their options carefully. The Sixth Form team and I, as well as the mentors, are always happy to have a chat with students if they need more guidance.

As you know, study leave will commence on 11 May and A level timetables can be found on Insight. It is worth noting that the Exam Boards have decided to introduce a "contingency day" for the first time this year and this will take place on Wednesday 26 June 2019 – in an emergency A Levels may be moved to this day so this needs to be kept free just in case:

*The awarding bodies have designated Wednesday 26 June 2019 as a 'contingency day' for examinations. This is consistent with the qualification regulators' document Exam system contingency plan: England, Wales and Northern Ireland - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/examsystem-contingency-plan-england-wales-and-northern-ireland> The designation of a 'contingency day' within the common examination timetable is in the event of national or local disruption to examinations. It is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations. Centres must therefore remind candidates that they must remain available until Wednesday 26 June 2019 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan" plan."*

The Leavers' Lunch and Leavers' Ball will both take place on Friday 28 June 2019 and it is very helpful if you could ensure that you have not booked a holiday on that date. Results will be issued at school on Thursday 15 August 2019 and it is vital that all students are around on that day.

Finally, please remind your son that he must be clean shaven – if a boy comes to school with facial hair they will be sent home to shave. Hoodies and jewellery are also unacceptable.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email me ([cew@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:cew@bws.wilts.sch.uk)).

With best wishes

Mrs Wilson  
Head of Sixth Form (Year 13)