



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents

I hope that your sons' Year 12 exams went well; results should be known by boys by half-term, and we will also formally report them to you after that.

After Half Term we have Activities week (3 – 7 June). This week is a mixture of compulsory sessions, talks and a fun trip to Thorpe Park (see previous letter – deadline for replies is 17 May). Boys are only expected to attend school if they have an activity. They should wear uniform (apart from when they go to Thorpe Park). The list of activities is overleaf. Boys should also use the week to get ready for their lessons in June and should complete all work set on Insight for their subjects.

Lessons start again on Monday 10 June: from that date onwards the Year 12 students will take on the responsibilities of Year 13 and so they will be registered by me in the Common Room. This means that all students should be in school by 8.40am every day (unless they have a lesson period 1 at SWGS). Boys should also make sure that they are in full school uniform every day. They need to be clean shaven and should not be wearing any jewellery: ear-rings and finger rings are both unacceptable; we would welcome your help in reinforcing the school rules! A new issue to flag up is parking for those boys who have passed their driving test in recent months; occasionally we do get complaints from our neighbours in streets near the school, so we do ask if they drive to school that they park considerately and not in the nearby estates or the park short-term carpark.

After Half Term Mrs Armstrong will be running a Careers and HE programme for the Year 12 students. This will take place during Enrichment on Tuesdays and during Sixth Form Assembly and will give the students advice on applying for university (including studying abroad), apprenticeships and jobs. In the meantime it would be a good idea for the boys to spend some time before Half Term and Activities week, in planning and booking Open Days. They will need to complete a form to request an absence from school (they have already been emailed this form). We would also like to remind you that the Oxbridge application tests and the BMAT Medicine test will be held this year in the autumn half-term, on Wednesday 30 October 2019. Most (but not all) students applying to Oxford or Cambridge have to sit an aptitude test (held at BWS) on this day, and most (but not all) Medicine and Veterinary applicants take the BMAT test at this point. We will ensure in the later summer term that all our aspiring Oxbridge and Med/Vet applicants are clear about which tests are needed for their courses, but for now please avoid booking a family holiday on 30 October if there is any possibility your son might be interested in those kind of applications.

Please note that Prize Giving takes place on Thursday 19 September at 3.30pm and all of the current Year 12 students are expected to attend. Parents are of course also very welcome.

If your son is absent from school we would be grateful if you would report it via Insight or the Absence phone line (**01722 333851**). Please contact us every day that your son is away.

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

With best wishes

Alastair Endersby  
Head of Sixth - Year 12

## ACTIVITIES WEEK PROGRAMME BY SUBJECT

Subject	Contact	Activity
All Students	<a href="mailto:aje@bws.wilts.sch.uk">aje@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	Thorpe Park visit on Wednesday 5 June – all students welcome, see previous letter
Art	<a href="mailto:drp@bws.wilts.sch.uk">drp@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	Art students are expected to spend the equivalent of a day in school making progress with their project – each student can negotiate when with Mr Podger before half-term.
Biology	<a href="mailto:sm@bws.wilts.sch.uk">sm@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	Biology Coursework Practical Tuesday 4 June a.m. (compulsory for Biology students)
Chemistry	<a href="mailto:eeb@bws.wilts.sch.uk">eeb@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	Chemistry Coursework Practical Monday 3 June a.m. (students with surname A to L) or Thursday 6 June a.m. (students M to Z) (compulsory for Chemistry students)
Economics	<a href="mailto:cew@bws.wilts.sch.uk">cew@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	Economics activity Monday 3 June p.m. in W6 (compulsory for Economics students)
English Literature	<a href="mailto:cje@bws.wilts.sch.uk">cje@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	English activity Thursday 6 June a.m. (compulsory for English students)
Geography	<a href="mailto:ajt@bws.wilts.sch.uk">ajt@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	Geography NEA introduction Friday 7 June p.m. in E1 (compulsory for Geography students)
History	<a href="mailto:vab@bws.wilts.sch.uk">vab@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	History NEA introduction Monday 3 June a.m. in E3 (compulsory for History students)
Maths and Further Maths	<a href="mailto:jb@bws.wilts.sch.uk">jb@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	Work set on Insight
Music	<a href="mailto:caf@bws.wilts.sch.uk">caf@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	Work set on Insight
Philosophy	<a href="mailto:nas@bws.wilts.sch.uk">nas@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	Philosophy visit to Bristol on Thursday 6 June (compulsory for all Philosophy students, see separate letter from Ms Steer)
Physics	<a href="mailto:mxt@bws.wilts.sch.uk">mxt@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	Physics Coursework Practical Tuesday 4 June p.m. (compulsory for Physics students)
Politics	<a href="mailto:pa@bws.wilts.sch.uk">pa@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	Politics talk by Dr Fran Amery, University of Bath Tuesday 4 June periods 10.30 a.m in W5 (compulsory for Politics students, others very welcome)
Spanish	<a href="mailto:adg@bws.wilts.sch.uk">adg@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a>	Spanish Film Afternoon Tuesday 4 June p.m. in W17 (compulsory for Spanish students)

In addition the Lower School House prefects have a meeting in the Lower School Office on Monday 3 June from 4.00 – 5.00 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES WEEK PROGRAMME BY DAY

3 June	Chemistry Practical all a.m.	History all a.m. E3	Economics all p.m. W6	House prefects meeting 4.00 p.m
4 June	Biology Practical all a.m.	Politics talk p3/4 W5	Spanish all p.m W17	Physics Practical all pm
5 June	Thorpe Park visit for whole year			
6 June	Chemistry Practical all a.m.	English Lit all a.m	RS visit all day	
7 June			Geography all p.m. E1	