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Dear Parents/Guardians

BWS Founder's Day Service - Saturday 28 April 2018

I have pleasure in inviting you all to our Founder's Day Service in the Cathedral which this year will take place in the early part of the summer term on Saturday 28 April. Family members and friends are most welcome to come too. We are particularly honoured this year that The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum, has kindly agreed to preach at our service of thanksgiving.

Founder's Day is a very important day in the Bishop Wordsworth's School calendar, marking as it does the school's links with its heritage and also celebrating our foundation on the site here in The Close. All boys are expected to attend the service and to wear full school uniform. The boys have a day off at the end of the academic year in lieu of this commitment and I do, therefore, expect parents to ensure that their sons support this important occasion. Unless they are involved directly in the service or as one of the Cathedral Stewards, boys should attend school for registration at 9.15 am. Members of the Choir must meet at 8.30 am in the Cathedral.

The Founder's Day Service will commence at <u>10.00 am</u> but it would be helpful if you could be seated by <u>9.50 am</u>. Please note: there will be an area of reserved seating at the front of the nave for the Head Master's guests. Please be kind enough not to use this area.

Due to the earlier date for Founder's Day this year, the BWSPA will not be holding their annual summer fete after the service. Instead, we will be holding a series of BWS Foundation and BWSPA events during the summer term, culminating over the weekend of 14-15 July which will include our Grand Summer Ball which will take place on Saturday 14 July. Further details of these events will be sent after half term.

Please note that the main school site will be closed to cars on Saturday 28 April and, except for the disabled, parking is no longer permitted in the Cathedral Close. Also, Saturday is a market day, which may cause a delay when travelling into the city and finding somewhere to park.

Yours sincerely

S D Smallwood

Head Master