



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents

I have been asked by some parents to explain a few things about Year 12 and so I thought I would let you all know my answers.

Firstly, communication is usually by email sent to your "main" email address. You can always check which emails have been sent by looking at Insight. The "general" tab at the top of your Insight page contains a tab named "BWS Letters to Parents" and this has copies of all letters sent to parents, listed in date order.

Also on Insight are the "Examination entries" (listed under "Assessments"). For most boys their only entry at the moment is for the EPQ. The EPQ needs to be submitted during the week of the 19 March and so boys should use the February half term to write up their findings.

We also tweet important events or news and so you may wish to follow BWS Sixth which is the Sixth Form twitter feed.

Boys have regular homework and separate Supervised Study work. In total they should be spending between 3 – 4 hours per week per subject (including the EPQ) outside lessons. This time should be used to complete work which has been set but it should also be used to review class work, write revision notes/cards etc. and read around the subject. The new linear A levels involve boys learning two years' worth of work and so it is essential that they start reviewing their notes now so that they will be fully prepared when they have their final examinations. The week before the May Half Term (Monday 21 – Friday 25 May) will be their Mock week. Boys will have internal examination in all of their subjects and these will form their predicted grades when they apply to university or apprenticeships.

Next half term we will start the Prefect process and roles will be allocated just before Easter.

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 ([cew@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:cew@bws.wilts.sch.uk)).

With best wishes

Mrs Wilson  
Head of Year 12