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Dear Parents/Guardians

As your boys approach their last ten weeks at Bishop Wordsworth's School, I'm writing to give you some key dates and to wish you all well as you support them at this potentially stressful time. We're very proud of all the Year 13 boys and will do all we can to help them in the home stretch as they head towards their A level exams. Nearly all of these are in June after the half term break (exceptions include Art, orals and some AS resits in modular subjects) – your son's personal exam timetable can be viewed on the Insight portal. We keep all Year 13 lessons (and a.m. registration) running as normal through to half-term, which starts on Saturday 26 May. If they do have exams before this, they are allowed study leave on the morning before an afternoon exam, but otherwise we expect them to attend all other lessons. After half-term boys will be on study leave, only needing to come into school for their exams, although some subjects will be offering voluntary revision sessions in June, which we would encourage boys to attend.

Staff will continue to set work including key revision exercises and exam questions over the next few weeks, but boys will also be continuing to put their own revision timetables into effect, and I'm sure you are encouraging them to commit to that and to work in a structured way. Two key pieces of advice we give them are that they should seek to apply what they are revising to the kind of questions they can expect in the exams, rather than simply reading through their notes and books, and to build into their schedule some breaks for exercise and fresh air which can be important for keeping healthy and mentally fresh.

Some other key dates:

Saturday 28 April – Founder's Day. As previously announced in the Head Master's February letter, all boys are expected to be at this important school event, and parents are also very welcome to attend. Boys need to be on the school yard in uniform at 9.15 a.m. to register; families are asked to be seated in the Cathedral by 9.50 a.m. for a 10.00 a.m. start. The service will finish shortly after 11.00 a.m. when boys will be dismissed.

Wednesday 2 May – the deadline for most boys to reply to their UCAS offers, choosing Firm and Conditional university places. The Student Finance England deadline for applying for student loans to guarantee funds at the start of your course is 31 May.

Friday 25 May – Last Day of lessons for Year 13. Half term and most A level exams follow.

Friday 22 June – Leavers' Ball at the Arts Centre, see attached letter from Mrs Walden.

Friday 29 June – Leavers' Lunch for all Year 13 boys at 12.00 p.m. (and any books issued by BWS or SWGS departments need returning on this day).

Saturday 14 July – BWS Foundation Grand Summer Ball – See attached poster. This isn't primarily for the boys, although they would be welcome to attend too, but a great opportunity for parents, alumni and supporters of BWS to celebrate the end of the school year in grand style. The Alumni Department is creating a really impressive Grand Summer Ball this year and promises you will be amazed! Charter 1227 is doing all the catering for the 3 course supper, there is a Drinks Reception on the lawn, The Apollo String Quartet will play between courses, there will be an auction after supper and the Hot Pursuit Dance Band will round off the evening. The Ball tickets increase in price after 1 May, so do hurry to book yours soon.

For more information Mrs Atwood-Swann can be contacted by email: sas@bws.wilts.sch.uk or tel: 07732 105 009. If you are able to donate a prize, unwanted possession, painting or a service for the auction, we would be delighted to have it. We already have a holiday for 2 donated by one grateful parent. Please do come alone or take a table and show your support for the school as this major event.

Thursday 16 August – 9.30 a.m. A level Results Day. We assume all our Year 13 Leavers will be collecting results in person. Results will be available from 10.00 a.m. in the Sixth Form block, and advice and computer facilities will be available in school for boys who need to contact universities or to engage in Clearing or Adjustment. For boys who are on a gap year in 2018-19 while applying for university or for jobs, we continue to offer application support and references through the Sixth Form Office and especially Mrs Armstrong our Careers Consultant.

Thursday 20 September – Prize Giving evening in the Cathedral.

Do let me know if you have any queries and every best wish to you and your boys at this time.

Best wishes



Alastair Endersby
Head of Year 13

Dear Parent/Carer,

Tickets for the Year 13 Leavers' Ball are now on sale. They can be purchased at the LRC at SWGS and the Finance office at BWS.

The event takes place on Friday June 22nd from 7.30-12 at the Salisbury Arts Centre. Tickets are priced at £25 are limited to two per person. The ticket price rises to £30 after half term as we want to encourage the students to buy tickets early. Money from late sales is much harder to spend on the event as bookings need to be made well ahead of time.

The ball is not run as a fund raising event. All money from ticket sales is spent to make the evening a memorable one for all the partygoers as they say goodbye to friends and staff.

Parents sometimes query why ticket prices are the same for under 18s who cannot enjoy the two free alcoholic drinks. The cost of providing the drinks is only around 6% of the total cost of putting on the party and, as a committee we feel that two tier pricing is hard to justify on this basis.

The ticket price of £25 includes two alcoholic drinks (over 18s only), unlimited non alcoholic cocktails, savoury and sweet crepes served from 8.30-11, a magician, a casino and of course a disco. There will also be music from a group made up of BWS students.

In addition there will be a professional photographer on site and all guests will be entitled to a free print of their favourite photo. Details of how to claim this will be emailed to you closer to the date.

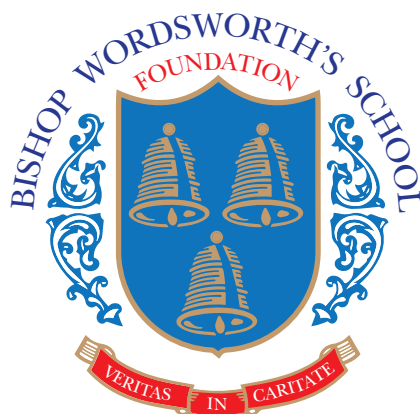
The theme chosen by the students is 'A Night at the Movies'

Please encourage your offspring to buy tickets ASAP and help us to throw a great party for them. It takes the work of an army of volunteers to make a successful evening. We need people to decorate the Arts Centre, to help serve and clear drinks on the night and, of course to take everything down at the end of the night.

If you might be willing to help us, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please email foswgs@swgs.wilts.sch.uk

Many thanks
Sally Walden
FOSWGS Chair



GRAND SUMMER BALL

SATURDAY 14TH JULY

7.30 - 11PM

IN THE HEAD MASTER'S GARDEN

BISHOP WORDSWORTH'S SCHOOL

DRINKS RECEPTION

3 COURSE DINNER

ENTERTAINMENT

HOT PURSUIT DANCE BAND

BEER TENT & WINE BAR

TICKETS £50

available from: alumni@bws.wilts.sch.uk

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