

Bishop Wordsworth's School

Open Afternoons Summer 2019

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Mr Dan Brown - Head of Year 7 & 8

Mrs Ruth Cliffe – Admissions Officer

This afternoon...

- Presentation – with us – to find out about our school and the application process
- Tour – with boys of varied sizes – to find out what the school is really like...
- Finish at the Year 7 Science Fair in the(need to update on the day)....

Why apply?

A World-Class Education – here in Salisbury

- Academics/Extra-curricular
- Breadth and depth in provision
- Pastoral Strength/Individual needs
- Support & Challenge including bursary support
- Christian ethos/Pride in belonging
- Quality of teaching/Learning environment
- Preparation for the future & life beyond Bishop's

How to find out more...

Sources of Information:

[Website - www.bws-school.org/admissions](http://www.bws-school.org/admissions)

Email – admissions@bws.wilts.sch.uk
(Admissions Officer Mrs Ruth Cliffe)

Twitter - @BWordsworths

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Admissions

Important Information

The date of the Autumn 2019 test is confirmed to be **Saturday 14th September 2019** with on-line applications now being taken until 17:00 Thursday 11th July 2019

The 2019 School Admissions Policy must be referred to when considering an application for entry in the academic year 2019/2020.

It can be found [here](#) and obtainable if necessary on hard copy from the School Admissions Office.

The School Timetable for Admission Appeals for BWS 2019 can be found [here](#) and obtainable if necessary on hard copy from the School Admissions Office.

The School Admissions Policy for 2020 can be found [here](#) and obtainable if necessary on hard copy from the School Admissions Office.

A copy of the Head Masters presentation shown during the June 2018 Open Days can be viewed [here](#)

If you have any Admissions queries, please email admissions@bws.wilts.sch.uk and we will reply as soon as possible.

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The 11+ Timetable

| Timetable for entrance to year 7 in September 2020 | |
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| May 2019 | Admissions information for 2020 entry is available from the grammar schools. Copies to be circulated to all year 5 children in primary schools in the schools' designated area. |
| Tuesday 25th June - Monday 1st July (inclusive) | Open Sessions at Bishop Wordsworth's School. All from 2.00pm to 3.30pm |
| Friday 11th July 2019 | Deadline for returning Special Access Arrangements form to BWS |
| 1700 hours on Friday 11th July 2019 | Final date for return of BWS Supplementary Registration form to the School |
| Saturday 14th September 2019 | 11 + test |
| Friday 20th September 2019 | Follow-up test for those that are unwell on the main test date |
| Mid-October 2019 | 11+ results posted to parents by schools |
| Wednesday 31st October 2019 | Final date for parents to return the Secondary Application Form to Local Authority |
| Early March 2020 | National day for posting offers of places at secondary schools from LA - Date TBC |
| Mid March 2020 | Deadline for acceptance of offer of a school place - Date TBC |

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FAQ's

1. [What is the school policy regarding Special Educational Needs and Disability?](#)
2. [How can I indicate church support for my application?](#)
3. [My son is entitled to Free School Meals. How does this affect an application to BWS?](#)
4. [My son qualifies for the Service Premium. Does this affect an application to BWS?](#)
5. [I think my son qualifies for special concessions when he takes the test – what should I do next?](#)
6. [What practice should I give my son for the 11+ test?](#)
7. [How are the 11+ tests marked?](#)
8. [Once results are issued, how will I know if I can put BWS as a preference on my Secondary Application Form?](#)
9. [I live outside the designated area – is my son likely to get in?](#)
10. [If my son is unsuccessful in the 11+ test, what should I do if I still want him to be considered for a place?](#)
11. [How will the way in which I state my preferences affect my application to another popular school?](#)
12. [If my son is not offered a place is it possible to appeal?](#)

What is the school policy regarding Special Educational Needs and Disability?

Full details of the schools SEN policy can be found by clicking [here](#)

Two critical deadlines...

2 steps to take for application/admission

1 **By 11th July 2019**

Register online with us to take the 11+ test

2 **By 31st October 2019**

Apply online to your Local Authority

Applying to take the 11+...

Registration online to take the 11+ test:

- must be done by the deadline so that you get a test invitation and we know your son is coming
- Must be completed in full so that we have the necessary information to prioritise places later on
- If your son has an EHC Plan/SEND or specific learning needs then complete the Special Access Arrangements Form and return it to the Admissions Office by 11th July 2019

Applying to take the 11+...

A copy of the familiarisation booklet is available on the website

Week beginning 2nd September:

- Invitation letter containing timetable for the day and further info will be sent by email.
- Week beginning 15th July
- Decisions regarding any special access arrangements will also be notified.

11+ Day Timings...Saturday 14th September

- Arrive 0900-0915 at Exeter Street Gate
- Please **DO NOT** come onto the school site until the gates are opened

(If your son is feeling unwell on the morning please email admissions@bws.wilts.sch.uk; there is a late test on Friday 20th September)

11+ Day – some tips...

- Allow plenty of time – to travel in and to park
- Boys need to come comfortably dressed
- Equipment – 2 HB pencils, sharpener and eraser in a clear polythene bag (NO table timers of any sort)
- Water and snacks for the morning break
- DO NOT bring mobile phones – this could result in disqualification!

11+ Day arrangements...

- Experienced staff invigilators
- A team of prefects
- Medical assistance
- Access to toilet facilities (but no extra time will be granted if a boy needs a toilet break during the test itself)
- There are 2 papers, each 50 minutes long, separated by a 20 minute break
- Mixed questions in both papers, using an audio soundtrack

11+ scores – what next...?

- The papers are marked by optical mark reader and the results are then standardised across both papers and age weighted; this is the score that you will receive, by post, in mid-October. The letter will tell you whether your son has reached the cut-off score (in a typical year) or not
- Raw scores are NOT available
- You can then decide whether to apply for a place for your son at BWS
- **The BWS score letter IS NOT an offer of a place!**

Applying via your Local Authority

- You must complete the secondary schools' application form available from your local authority and submit it by their deadline; you **MUST** put BWS as a preference if you wish to be considered and/or appeal later
- Oversubscription and a waiting list are possible – see our website for how places are allocated
- The deadline for application will depend upon where you live...so please check
- Then...a long wait until 1st March 2020