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*Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.*

Benjamin Franklin

WELCOME



The Bishop's School was founded in 1890, by John Wordsworth, the Bishop of Salisbury. After his death, the school was renamed Bishop Wordsworth's School and remains known as such, to this day.

Despite being steeped in history and tradition BWS provides a progressive and innovative academic environment, encouraging every student to reach their full potential.

The transition into Sixth Form can be challenging especially if you are joining a new school. Here at Bishop's, students are encouraged to take greater personal responsibility and to acquire the skills needed for independent learning. We ensure that those challenges are translated into positive experiences and that expert guidance and support are always on hand.

Our outstanding pastoral support provides students with a secure and nurturing environment in which to study. At Bishop's, we recognise that the right atmosphere is needed for you to flourish in the Sixth Form.

We work closely with parents and students to ensure each young adult receives the best possible pastoral care during their time at BWS.

The ethos of Bishop Wordsworth's School means that we aspire for excellence in all things whilst recognising that excellence can be achieved via a number of paths. Understanding each individual student means that we are able to effectively support you on your journey to secure your chosen goals.

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*The future belongs to those who believe
in the beauty of their dreams.*

Eleanor Roosevelt



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OUR HERITAGE

The Bishop's School, as it was then called, opened on its current site on the 16th April 1890 with 45 boys. Girls were welcomed in 1902 and the school was coeducational until 1927. We now have around 1000 pupils across the school, about 300 of whom are in the Sixth Form.

The legacy of Bishop John Wordsworth and our heritage and traditions are something we are very proud of. The marriage of old and new, historical roots and innovative development makes for a unique educational experience for every one of our students.

With our privileged location within the Close and monthly school services in the splendour of the Cathedral, lasting memories are created for current and former students alike.

We have five Houses within the school, named after Bishops of Salisbury - Jewell, Martival, Osmund, Poore and Ward,

spanning centuries of history. Each of the five bishops had a role to play in the history of Salisbury, and each of the Houses plays a significant part in the life of the school.

Today, results of the many inter-house events across a wide range of activities, academic and extra-curricular, are eagerly anticipated by all students.

Each year, Founder's Day acknowledges the work and generosity of John Wordsworth and is celebrated by the whole school community in the Cathedral. We continue to build on the legacy of those first students, 129 years and counting...





*I have no special talent.
I am only passionately curious.*

Albert Einstein



OUR OFFER

A long tradition of outstanding A Level results is testament to Bishop Wordsworth's students achieving excellence in all things.

The School offers a wide range of subjects in the Sciences, Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. In addition, there is the opportunity to study either Core Maths or the Extended Project.

Working with great teachers and a highly motivated and talented peer group, our Sixth Form students have the best opportunity to reach their full academic potential.

Our students have a superb record for securing places on degree courses at the most competitive institutions, including Oxford, Cambridge and other sought after universities throughout the UK and abroad.

Some students may wish to continue their education within an apprenticeship scheme, where they will gain knowledge

and experience in the world of work whilst gaining further qualifications. Recognising this, the school has forged close links with companies such as J P Morgan, the BBC, Grant Thornton, DSTL and Smith & Williamson.

Under the expert guidance of our careers consultant, the right choice for your next steps can be reached.

Further details of A Level options and past results are available to view via our website.

We encourage a passion for learning and curiosity: academic endeavour and intellectual engagement are the norms of everyday life. Our students are proud to be part of a supportive community that inspires them to be the best they can.





Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships.

Michael Jordan

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Bishop Wordsworth's Sixth Form offers extensive opportunities for students to discover and embrace. Our many student societies regularly welcome expert speakers including politicians, scientists, university academics and business people, speaking on a wide range of subjects. Breadth – real breadth – is important to us and our students.

Teamwork, self-expression and creativity are also encouraged through our performing arts and music. The Choir is a central part of school life, we have many different music ensembles performing at a range of levels and there are annual drama productions. Large numbers of students acquire leadership and other valuable life skills by running a wide variety of activities, including charity fundraising, sports leadership, Duke of Edinburgh's Award and many more. Scientists and Mathematicians are also encouraged to stretch themselves by competing in a variety of national Olympiads and Challenges, with excellent results that universities highly value.

The strength of the Christian Union at BWS reinforces the religious footing of the school, meeting weekly in the School Chapel with students from every year and any faith welcome.

Sport plays a central role and we encourage all students to develop their potential and confidence whatever their foundations or talents may be. We expect our students to set themselves ambitious targets from participation through to performance. Our Sports Department's five core values of humility, enjoyment, respect, resilience and discipline are realised as students compete at local, regional and national level. The comprehensive range of sporting activities provides students with a balanced education catering for a wide range of talents and interests.

Community Service provides a valuable alternative option to sport within the Sixth Form Games afternoon; students work with a variety of local charities and aspiring medics gain experience volunteering at Salisbury District Hospital.



FURTHER



Planning for the future is an important aspect of the Sixth Form. A comprehensive careers education programme underpins all options open to students post-18 and beyond. This coupled with independent and impartial guidance is offered by a fully-qualified careers professional with many years of experience, five days per week.

Bishop Wordsworth's also hosts an annual Citizenship Conference which allows the students to interact with politicians, charities, and international organisations. Our annual Higher Education and Careers Conference is the biggest in the region, attracting over 80 universities, employers, training organisations and public services. We offer our students advice and guidance on all pathways, including Apprenticeships, supported by a full careers programme.

We regularly welcome employers into school and are able to offer excellent opportunities through our extensive alumni network.

At Bishop Wordsworth's School we prepare you for an exciting future and take enormous pride in watching you grow.

*Develop a passion for learning.
If you do, you will never cease to grow.*

Anthony J. D'Angelo





Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

Malcolm X



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