



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

In a term where we lost most of it to lockdown, you might wonder what there is to put in a sports report, but unsurprisingly given our students and staff there is plenty, particularly with the future looking on course to allow us to play against other schools as of 29 March.

In the 4 weeks since we returned, we have very much focused on getting the students active and engaging with their peers after such a long time away. Through PE we've started looking at athletics skills after missing the whole season last year, and in games as much team activity as possible throughout Years 7-10. The Sixth Form meanwhile have had the opportunity to get stuck into mixed lacrosse and a weekly highly competitive football league, as well as yoga Tuesdays. A huge thanks to the Parents' Association for supporting us in purchasing extra lacrosse equipment and it is already going to great use with both the Sixth Form and Year 11. With our annual leavers match against Godolphin booked in for 28 May, it is going to be needed!

As well as the above we have been lucky enough to have access to Salisbury Tennis Club in the mornings to get the season up and running ahead of the LTA Schools Competition post Easter. Our first all-girls fixture will be played on 21 April when we return, followed by senior boys, girls and Year 10 at Warminster on 22 April. This is just the start of not only a busy tennis season, but all our summer sports. Cricket, which has gone on throughout the year, has fixtures across all the age groups throughout the summer, from the local prep schools to Winchester and Millfield. I have no doubt it will be a great opening season with Mr Roca at the helm.

Currently we have an athletics fixture booked in with Marlborough in June as well as our own sports days in the penultimate week of the summer term. We hope to have more confirmed as society opens up, in particular the Schools Cup which we traditionally perform very strongly in.

For all our fixtures and training dates/times please see the school calendar or via our Sports Website where further fixture details can be found, including all of next season's rugby, with exciting new weekend blocks lined up against KES Bath, Portsmouth Grammar School and Eton.

<https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/main-school/about-bishops/school-calendar/>  
<https://sports.bws-school.org.uk/?id=482>

Throughout lockdown the students' engagement was great and it was refreshing to see and now hear what they were up to. The house kilometre challenge was a real highlight seeing tutor groups club together and, collectively over the first 5 weeks, the students covered a cumulative distance that would have taken them halfway around the world. We have put a board together to display the efforts of the students and recorded them via our Instagram

account which continues to highlight our activities throughout the term. This includes our recent victory in the U16 Rosslyn Park (virtual) tournament and the girls coming second in their competition. Although a bit of fun, it was great to get the school name out there and to see so much support on the social media channels.

<https://www.instagram.com/bwssport/?hl=en>

Unfortunately, this summer's rugby tour to South Africa has been postponed to 2022, but I am pleased to say we have confirmed over 40 students for the trip and so look forward to building towards this over the next 18 months, and we begin our quest for support once more. Not just for the tour, but also a cricket net installation hopefully in place for next summer, as well as our ongoing sports teams. I would like to thank the Finance and admin teams at school for all the work they have done to support the tour and the roll-over to next year.

Without sports subs and sponsors we would struggle to provide the opportunity or compete on the level that we do. If you would be interested in supporting the tour, cricket nets or a sport, please do get in touch. As always, a huge vote of thanks to our supporters this year;

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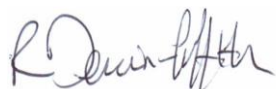
LWTL Sports Tours: <https://www.livingwiththelions.co.uk/>

Old Wordsworthians' Association: <http://www.oldwordsworthiansassociation.org.uk/>

BWS Parents' Association: <https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/bwspa/>

We look forward to regaining some sense of normality when we return post Easter, but for now, I hope everyone enjoys the increased freedoms the Easter period is due to bring, especially with the better weather to follow. Have a great break and we'll see you next term.

Best wishes



Mr R Demain-Griffiths  
**Director of Sport**