



Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

11+ FAMILIARISATION AND STUDY SKILLS CLASSES

Bishop Wordsworth's School runs a programme of classes for children in Year 5 which aims to both boost boys' and girls' confidence and familiarity with Key Stage 2 English and Maths problems and also to get children used to tackling unfamiliar problems. The Course covers key elements of Key Stage 2 English and Mathematics to provide familiarisation with likely material that could be tested in the 11+ examination. The focus is on the teaching material, not the examination itself, although some elements of examination technique are included. The aim is to provide guided familiarisation with likely content of 11+ papers in an interactive seminar setting. The Course provides practice and consolidation of primary school teaching and exposure to different question styles. It does not teach new topics or provide specific coaching for the examination. Feedback to parents and guardians is not provided. The classes have been very well received by children and their parents in previous years and we have received excellent feedback so I am very pleased to invite applications for this academic year's programme of classes.

Courses run for 6 weeks and are open to both boys and girls in Year 5 as at September 2023 whether they intend to take the 11+ or not. The course runs three times a year with the three courses being identical so your child only needs to attend one course.

| Course 1 | Course 2 | Course 3 | Time | Cost |
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| 1 November 8 November 15 November 22 November 29 November 6 December | 17 January 24 January 31 January 7 February 21 February 6 March | 8 May 15 May 22 May 5 June 12 June 19 June | Wednesday 4:15 to 5:45pm at Bishop Wordsworth's School | £125 for 6 sessions* |

* Subsidised places are available at a cost of £25 for children who are eligible for free school meals. Please contact Mrs C Saunders at ces@bishopwordsworths.org.uk with evidence to support your application before booking a place.

Further information is available on our website <https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/>, and the school website is, of course, the best source of up to date information about application to Bishop Wordsworth's School and the 11+ process. If you would like to enrol your son or daughter for the familiarisation/study skills classes then please complete the booking form here: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CSIM> or scan the QRCode below.

If you need to withdraw your child at any stage, please contact the Finance department straight away or no less than 28 days prior to the course commencing. If we are unable to fill your place, I regret that a refund will not be possible.

I hope that this initiative is of interest to both you and your son/daughter, and I do hope that you take up this opportunity to learn a little about what the Salisbury Grammar Schools have to offer and enhance your child's learning in his/her last couple of years of Junior/Primary School.

Yours faithfully

S D Smallwood
Head Master

