

**NEW YEAR 7
PARENTS'
INFORMATION
EVENING**

**WEDNESDAY 25TH
JUNE 2025**



**BISHOP
WORDSWORTH'S
SCHOOL**

1890 - 2024



Headmaster's Welcome
Mr Mike Thorne

Curriculum, Pastoral & Safeguarding Information
Mrs Louise Drummond

BWS Parents' Association
Mr Tom James

FIRE ALARM - Please congregate on the main school yard

TOILETS – Please use those in the Sports Hall foyer



MR MIKE THORNE

INTERIM HEADMASTER 2025-2026



MRS LOUISE DRUMMOND

HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL



BWS SCHOOL STRUCTURE AND HOUSE SYSTEM

HEAD OF YEAR 7



Mrs Drummond
Head of Lower
School

LOWER SCHOOL – YEARS 7 & 8

- HEAD OF SCHOOL
- HEADS OF YEAR
- ASSISTED BY PASTORAL SUPPORT OFFICER
- 5 TUTOR GROUPS PER YEAR – 160 STUDENTS
 - TUTOR

HEAD OF YEAR 8



Mrs Collingridge
Assistant Head of
Lower School

Mrs Martin

Miss Holland

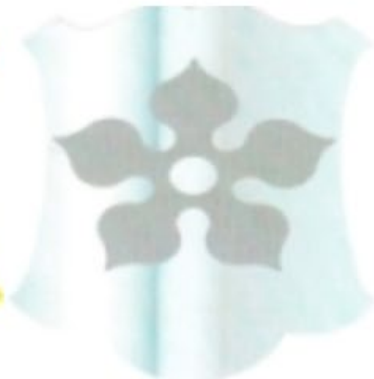
Ms Lavelle

Mr Corson

Mr Brown



Jewell
Yellow



Martival
White



Osmund
Green



Poore
Blue



Ward
Purple



CURRICULUM



BWS SCHOOL DAY

Breakfast available
from 8:00am in the
dining hall

Sandwiches, fruit,
snacks, treats
available at break
and lunchtime

Homework support
where needed

	Start	Finish
Registration/Tutorial	<u>9.00</u>	9.25
Period 1	9.30	10.00
Period 2	10.00	10.30
Break	10.30	10.50
Period 3	10.50	11.20
Period 4	11.20	11.50
Change Over	11.50	11.55
Period 5	11.55	12.25
Period 6	12.25	12.55
Lunch	12.55	1.45
Period 7	1.45	2.15
Period 8	2.15	2.45
Change Over	2.45	2.50
Period 9	2.50	3.20
Period 10	3.20	<u>3.50</u>

Hot food options
available in the
dining hall at
lunchtime. Dietary
requirements can
be catered for.



YEAR 7 & 8 CURRICULUM

Years 7 & 8
Tutorial (including PHSE/Careers)
Religious Studies
English
Mathematics
Geography
History
MFL
Science
Art
DT
Drama
Latin
Music
PE & Games
50

German,
Spanish
or
French?

FORM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7J	Art* Latin Maths	English DT* RS*	Science^ History* Geography	Science MFL (FMA)	Maths MFL (DCF)
7M	Art* Geography Science^	RS* DT* Maths Science^	Maths Latin	History* MFL (OT) English	MFL (CMB)
7O	Art* MFL (RCD)	Science^ RS* DT* Maths	History* Latin	Science^ English	MFL (FMA) Maths Geography
7P	Maths History* Latin	Science^ Maths	MFL (FMA) Geography	DT* RS* MFL (OT)	English Art* Science^
7W	Maths Science^ MFL (LVB)	Geography	Latin RS* Art*	Maths DT* Science^	History* MFL (RCD) English

Computer Science – Year 7
Latin – Year 8



YEAR 7 & 8 CURRICULUM

- Team Building Day – September 2025
- Self-defence Classes – November/December 2025
- Skittles Nights – September/October 2025
- Cathedral Spire Trip – November 2025
- Great Yews – July 2026
- Plas Pencelli Residential Trip – February/June 2026
- House Competitions incl. World Book Day
- Clubs and Societies
- Choir
- Sport





PASTORAL & SAFEGUARDING

Education is as much about transformation of the person as it is about the transmission of knowledge.



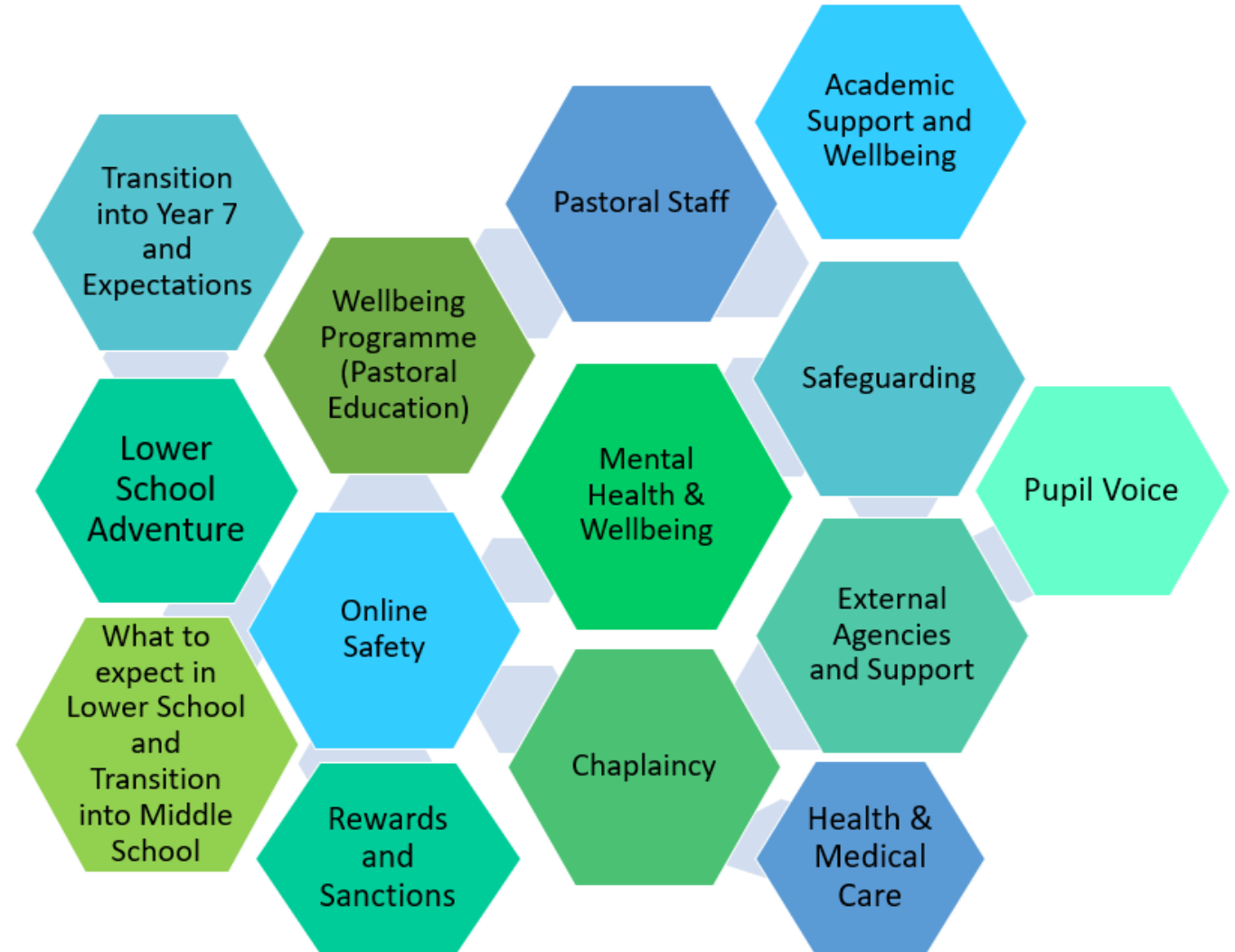
A CULTURE CHANGE





PASTORAL AIMS IN LOWER SCHOOL & SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS

- Two-year process
- Happy and successful transition of Year 7 pupils into Lower School from primary school
- Safeguard and support pupils in its care
- Promote wellbeing, tolerance, resilience and fairness
- Smooth transition of Year 8 pupils into Middle School
- Core Values: Kindness, Community, Determination & Ambition, Courtesy, Honesty





PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Punctuality and leaving the school site
- Lost property; lockers; name-taping, esp boot bags & coats
 - Bag identification
- Organisation of pencil cases and files
- Dropping items off during the school day & passing on messages
 - Medication
- Changes of details (mobile & email) or personal circumstances
 - Communication with school – name and tutor group
 - Attendance updates – evidence
 - Approval for authorised absence, e.g. holidays
- Advance notice of appointments and whole-day absence due to travel



ABSENCE

- Should my child come to school?
 - Reasons for absence
- Unauthorised/Authorised absence
- Sickness in school and leaving school
 - Prolonged absenteeism

HOW ILL DO KIDS NEED TO BE TO NOT GO TO SCHOOL?



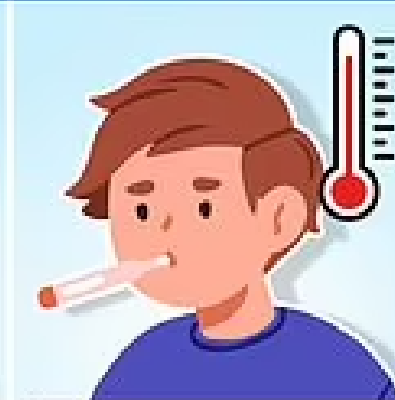
Sore throat
**SEND TO
SCHOOL**



Cough
**SEND TO
SCHOOL**



Runny nose
**SEND TO
SCHOOL**



Temperature
**STAY AT
HOME**



Cold sores
**SEND TO
SCHOOL**



Conjunctivitis
**SEND TO
SCHOOL**



Head lice
**SEND TO
SCHOOL**



Threadworms
**SEND TO
SCHOOL**



Scarlet fever
**STAY AT
HOME**



**Vomiting and
diarrhoea**
**STAY AT
HOME**



PASTORAL & SAFEGUARDING CONSIDERATIONS

‘READINESS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL’ - PUPILS

1. CULTURE CHANGE – SETTING, ACADEMIC, EXPECTATIONS, INDEPENDENCE, MAKING FRIENDS
2. SUMMER PRACTICE: SITTING STILL, TOILETING, FITNESS, RESPONSIBILITY, ORGANISATION, MANNERS, COURTESY & RESPECT, PERSONAL INTERACTIONS
3. TO & FROM SCHOOL – ROAD SAFETY, UNIFORM & CONDUCT
4. USE OF MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL
5. ONLINE SAFETY
 - a) IN SCHOOL (TEAMS)
 - b) OUT OF SCHOOL (ONLINE)
 - c) WHATSAPP/SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY
6. CONDUCT
 - a) WHEN DO SCHOOL RULES APPLY?
 - b) REWARDS, DISTINCTIONS & BEHAVIOUR POINTS
 - c) SANCTIONS (INCL. CONVENIENCE THEREOF), TRUST & CONFIDENTIALITY



PASTORAL & SAFEGUARDING CONSIDERATIONS

‘PREPAREDNESS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL’ - PARENTS

1. CONDUCT

- a) WHEN DO SCHOOL RULES APPLY?
- b) REWARDS, DISTINCTIONS & BEHAVIOUR POINTS
- c) DISCIPLINE & PROCESSES & THE WIGGLY LINE
- d) SANCTIONS (INCL. CONVENIENCE THEREOF), TRUST & CONFIDENTIALITY

2. ONLINE SAFETY

- a) IMPACT OF SCREEN TIME
- b) WHATSAPP/SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY
- c) USE OF LANGUAGE
- d) PARENTAL INTERVENTION & MONITORING
- e) PARENTS’ ACTIVITY ON TEAMS
- f) THE ANXIOUS GENERATION, Jonathan Haidt



KEY DATES

- INDUCTION DAY – Wednesday, 2nd July 2025
- DAY 1 IN SCHOOL – Wednesday, 3rd September 2025
(Tutorials, Thumbprints, Teams Training etc.)
- SKITTLES NIGHTS
- TUTOR TEA – Tuesday, 21st October 2025
- PARENTS' EVENING – Spring Term 2026



Clubs & Societies

Free lunchtime clubs and societies such as Chess, Debating, Drama, Engineering, PolSoc, LawSoc, and MedSoc



Adventure

Resources and staff to maintain our status as one of the largest providers of outdoor education in the South



Sport

Specialist equipment, coaching and extracurricular opportunities



Art

Art Technicians and specialist equipment and supplies



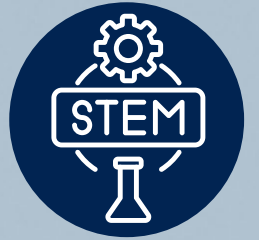
Careers

Extended project work, UCAS, Medical School and Degree Apprenticeship applications, our annual HE and careers conference, and visiting external speakers



STEM

Specialist equipment, Technicians and resources for experiments, STEM Club, and science practicals for all year groups



Music

Extracurricular opportunities including Bishop's Brass, the Bishop's Band, Choir, Music Theory and Orchestra clubs

