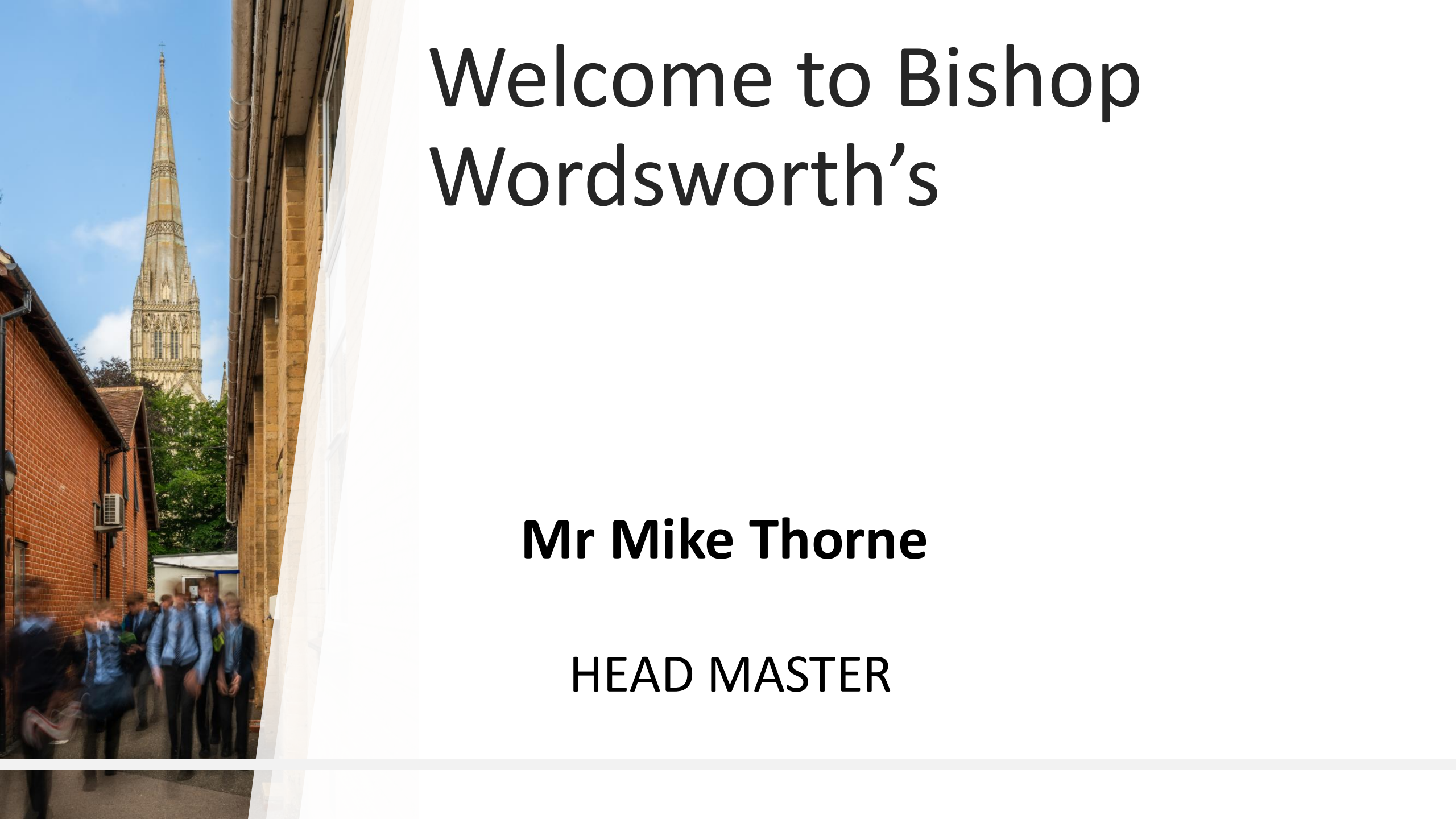


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Welcome to Bishop Wordsworth's

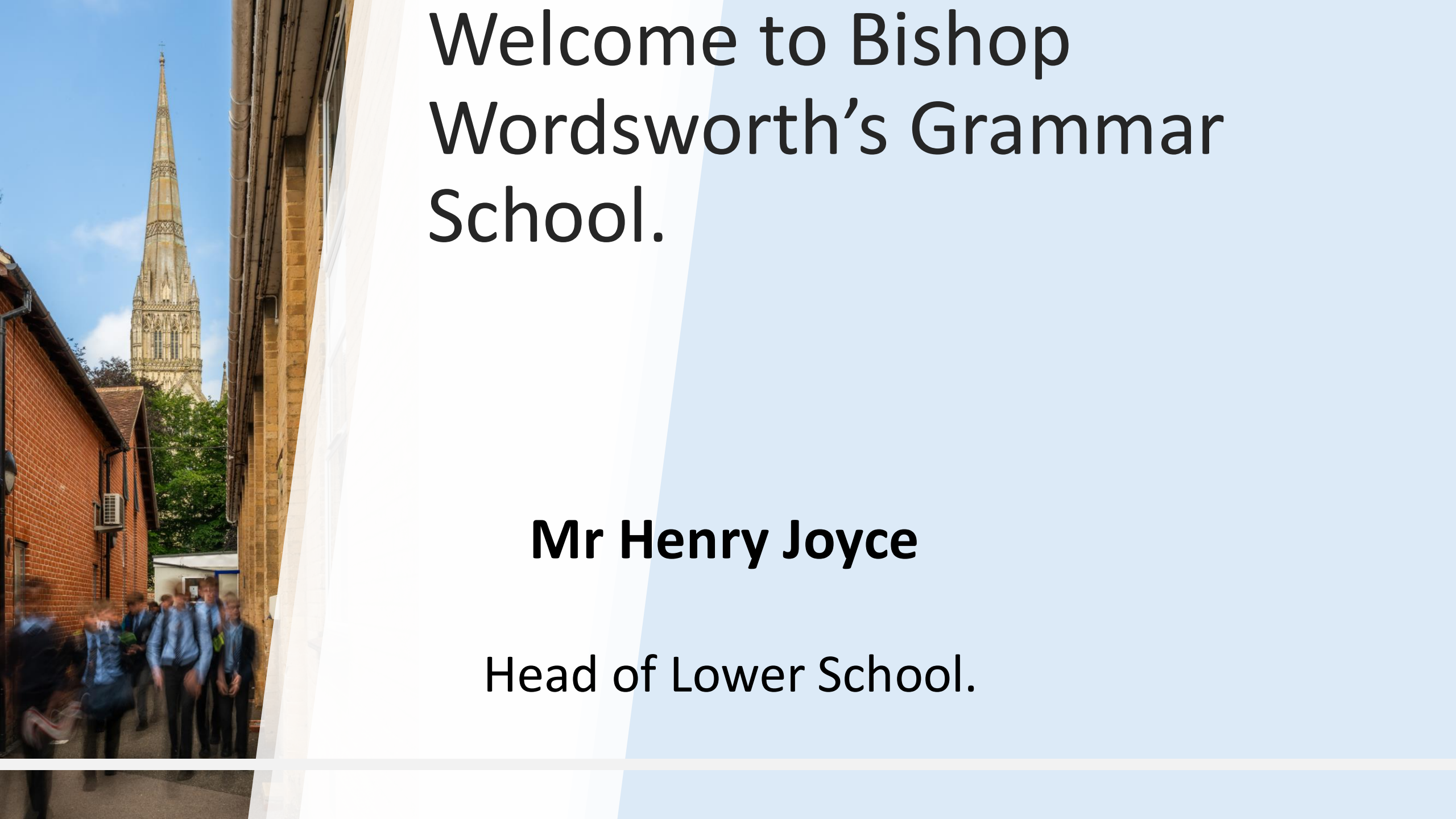
Mr Mike Thorne

HEAD MASTER

A photograph of a classroom with several students sitting at desks, focused on their work. The students are wearing white shirts and dark trousers. The classroom has a whiteboard in the background and a blue chair in the foreground.

Bishop Wordsworth's Aims (1890)

- To encourage all our pupils to develop their potential to the full by setting themselves the highest standards of excellence and achievement;
- To develop in all our pupils the integrity and the means to face confidently the challenges of a fast-changing world;
- To inspire all our pupils to lead happy, purposeful and responsible lives.

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Welcome to Bishop Wordsworth's Grammar School.

Mr Henry Joyce

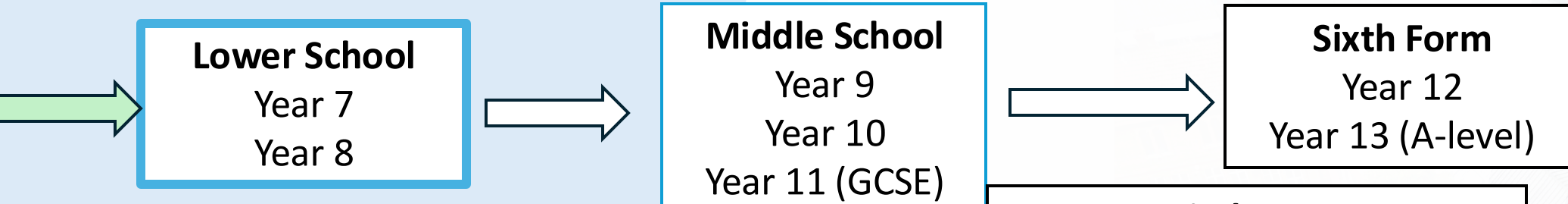
Head of Lower School.

The Ethos Of The School

**For this we stand:
to search for truth;
to live in love;
to grow together.**



BWS School Structure And House System



Lower And Middle Schools

- Lead By Heads Of School/ Heads Of Year
- Assisted By Pastoral Support Officers
- 5 Tutor Groups Per Year – 160 Students
- Each Tutor Group Lead By A Tutor

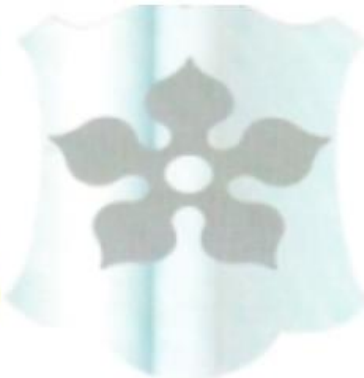
Sixth Form

- Lead By Head Of Sixth Form/ Heads Of Year
- Assisted By Pastoral Support Officers
- 200 Students Per Year
- Individual Mentors



Jewell

Yellow



Martival

White



Osmund

Green



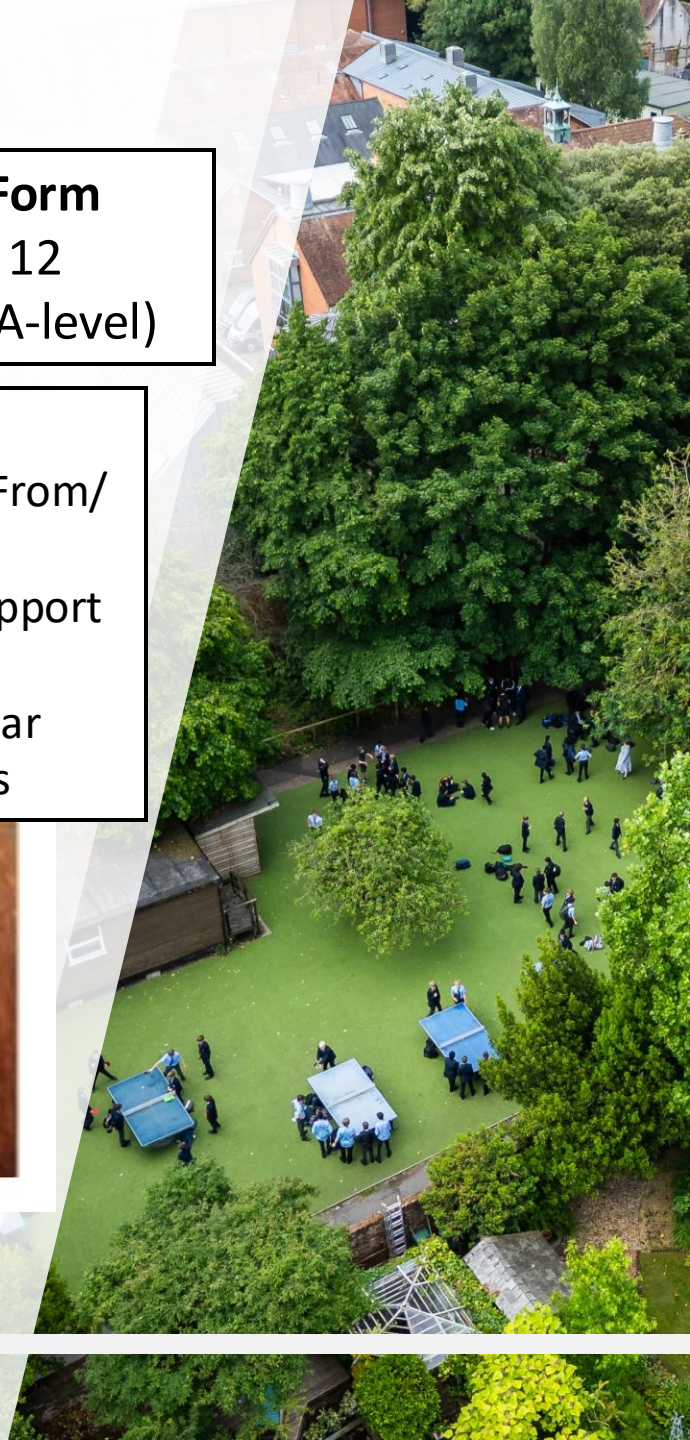
Poore

Blue



Ward

Purple



BWS and the knowledge rich curriculum

Core Curriculum	Periods per fortnight (60-minute lessons)
English (Language + Literature)	7
Mathematics	5
Biology	5
Chemistry	5
Physics	5
Modern Foreign Languages	5
Religious Studies	4
Games	3
Personal Social Health Education	1
Core Curriculum:	40 periods
Options: (5 periods per choice)	10
	50 periods per fortnight



BWS and the knowledge rich curriculum

Session	On site from 08:00
Tutor time/assembly	09:00 – 09:30
Period 1	09:30 – 10:30
Break time	10:30 – 10:50
Period 2	10:50 – 11:50
Change over	11:50 – 11:55
Period 3	11:55 – 12:55
Lunch	12:55 – 13:45
Period 4	13:45 – 14:45
Change over	14:45 – 14:50
Period 5	14:50 – 15:50



Catering - this will be set up as part of the induction but will need funds for the following day.

Breakfast: Boys can grab breakfast each morning from the Grab-n-Go service in the Dining Hall between **8.00am and 8.55am**.

Break: At break time, boys can visit the **Year 7 Food Shack** on the East Lawn Astroturf, which serves sandwiches and snacks.

Lunchtime: Hot food is available in the Dining Hall at lunchtime. Boys can also go to the **Year 7 Food Shack**, where sandwiches and cold snacks are available.

Payment: To purchase food, parents will need to add money to pupils' **cashless catering accounts**. Payment can be made using a **thumbprint or a PIN**.

Boys can also bring their own **packed lunch** to school each day. Please remember that **nuts or products containing nuts are not allowed**.

Any drinks brought into school must be **non-carbonated** and should be in a **named water bottle**.

Ben, our Head Boy

'The child is the father of the man'.

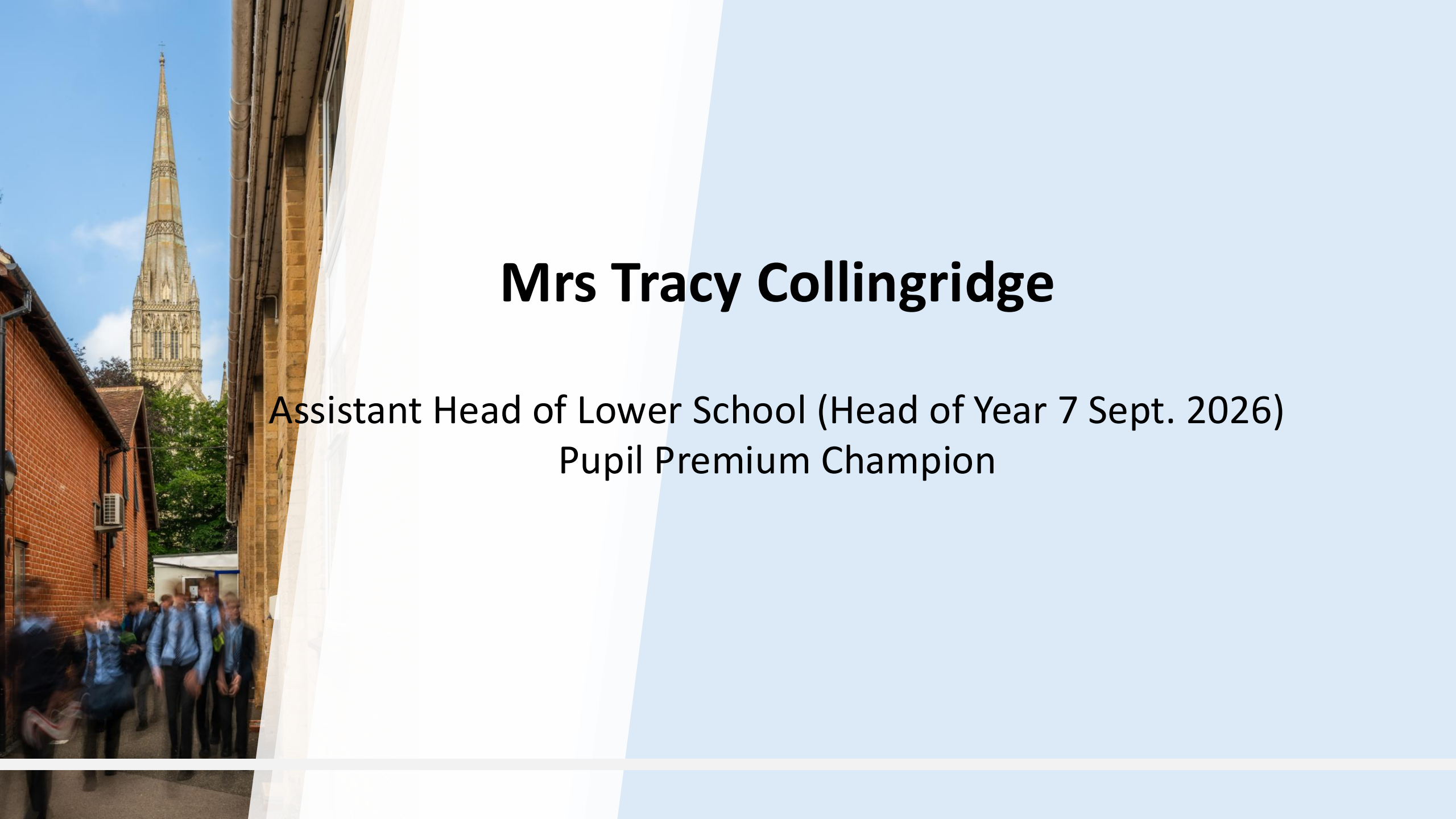
What makes a Bishop's boy?



BWS Adventure

- Independence
- Mental and physical challenge
- To be at home with adventure-based environments
- To have awareness, responsibility and affinity with the outdoors
- Years 7-8:
 - Events:
 - Team Building Day
 - Great Yews Camp Out 1 night
 - Plas Pencelli Residential Trip 5 days
 - Skills:
 - Group-based problem-solving
 - Fire-lighting and tending, open-fire cooking
 - Guided overnight expedition with basic camp craft
 - Lightweight 10km hike; route-planning and navigation
- Year 9, 10 and 12: Duke of Edinburgh Award; Ten Tors



The background of the slide features a photograph of a narrow street in a school setting. On the left, there is a red brick building. In the center, a group of students in blue school uniforms are walking along the path. In the background, a tall, ornate church spire rises against a clear blue sky. The right side of the slide is overlaid with a light blue and white geometric design.

Mrs Tracy Collingridge

Assistant Head of Lower School (Head of Year 7 Sept. 2026)
Pupil Premium Champion

An aerial photograph of a school courtyard. A large group of students in blue and white uniforms are walking along a paved path between two brick buildings. The building on the left has a distinctive circular glass extension. The courtyard is surrounded by green trees and shrubs.

Pastoral Care

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

Pastoral Aims:

- To provide education in a supportive environment, in which they can learn, grow and develop both academically and pastorally.
- To prepare pupils to contribute positively to society, make good choices, and handle themselves and others with courage, care, resilience and responsibility; in short, to lead fulfilled and healthy lives.

Pastoral Team & Areas Of Support



Mr Joyce
Head of Lower School

Our aim is to see your boys achieve success, not just academically, but also in wider school life.



Mrs Collingridge
Assistant Head of Lower School

We monitor academics, behaviour and social aspects of their time here and provide support when needed, working with families to achieve the best possible outcomes.



Mrs Bazire-Smith
Pastoral Support Officer



Mrs Jacobs
Pastoral Support Officer

We, along with everyone in the school, are responsible for their safeguarding.

What can you do to support transition?

Go on a park run- the boys run to the field as part of their warm-up for PE and Games.

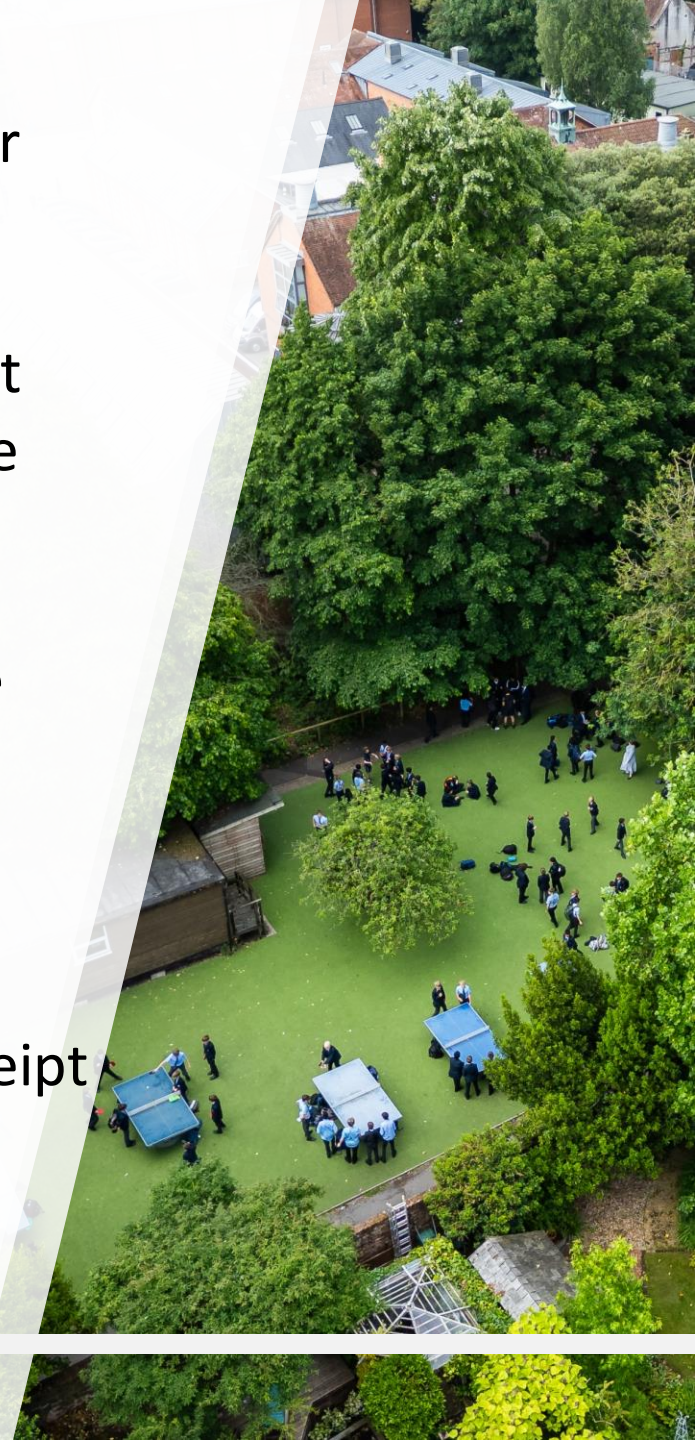
Road and cycling safety. Salisbury is perfectly safe to cycle in, but it not the most set up for it. Please ensure your child is aware of how to cycle safely, wearing high vis and a helmet.

Plan their journey. Do they know their way? How long will it take? Are they confident crossing the road alone?

Labelling. Lost property-finding...

Points of contact. Is the information still correct? If your child is in receipt of free school meals, please register with the checking service.

Trust us and communicate! The earlier we know, the less likely little problems become big ones.



Induction and Transition

Transition support - providing guidance and pastoral support to help students settle into their new school environment with confidence. This includes attendance.

Mobile phone usage – responsible phone use and offering advice on safe and respectful communication online.

The Anxious Generation - one of our primary issues in Year 7, after friendship problems, is anxiety. We work hard at supporting students in managing worries and developing coping strategies to build confidence and resilience.

Discipline - we have a restorative approach to discipline in the first instance.

Friendships – it's ok to take time to find friends.



LEARNING SUPPORT & ELSA



Mrs Paden
SEND Coordinator



Mrs Grayer
ELSA

SEND

A wide range and degree of support is given to pupils with special educational needs & disabilities, and medical conditions, so that they share the same entitlement of educational opportunities as others.

ELSA

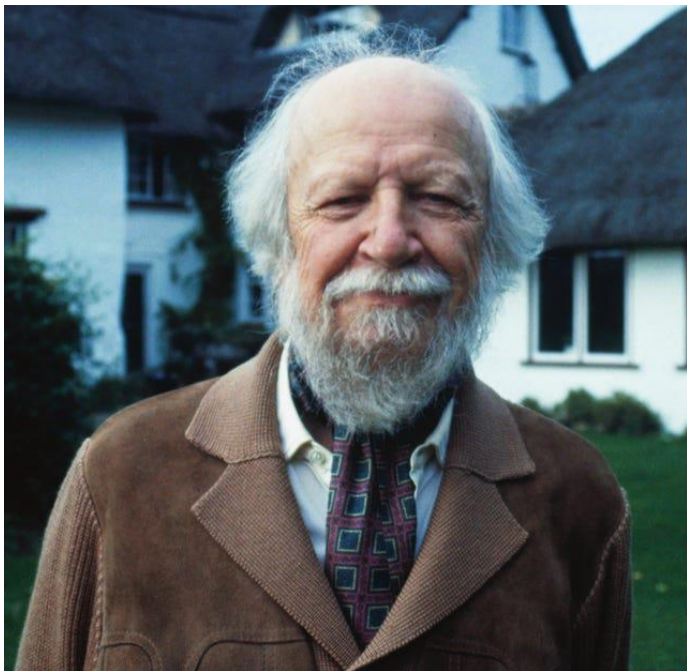
Emotional Literacy Support Assistance can be offered to pupils to support their emotional development and wellbeing in a variety of situations, e.g. bereavement, social interactions, self-regulation etc. where these may affect their ability to thrive in various areas of the school.





ALUMNI RELATIONS AND FUNDRAISING AT BISHOP WORDSWORTH'S

CAROLINE POPHAM





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WINTER 2026

The Wordsworthian

The newsletter for the Wordsworthian Community - alumni, parents past and present, former and current staff and governors, and friends of the school.



Watercolour 'Number 11 The Close in Winter' by Bill Toop RI MSCD AOI

Message from the Head Master

I hope you enjoy another exciting and fascinating edition of The Wordsworthian. As you will see there has been much going on this past term not just for current Wordsworthians who are knuckling down to their studies, but also those of previous generations, and even those marooned on distant islands! It is always a pleasure to meet former students and staff and I am hugely grateful to all our readers who engage so positively with their stories, photographs, time and generosity – please do keep all of them coming.



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SPRING 2026

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Photograph: Founder's Day 2026, photograph by year 12 student James G

Message from the Head Master

What strikes me most in reading this edition of The Wordsworthian is the remarkable breadth of the Bishop's story. Stretching as it does across generations, continents and fields of endeavour, I cannot help but marvel at what former students and staff have achieved. One of the risks of a publication like this is that it becomes a catalogue of success. Exam results, university destinations, impressive careers. All important but not, in themselves, distinctive. What is striking in this edition is something more interesting: the type of impact Bishop's seems to produce.

Within these pages, we see the story unfold in different ways. There are Old Wordsworthians shaping the world far beyond Salisbury: reporting from the front lines of global events, building international businesses, and contributing to cultural and public life. There are quieter but no less profound legacies too—such as Kathleen Drew-Baker's scientific work, which continues to influence lives across the world decades on. As a huge fan of all things sushi, it was a great pleasure to be able to propose her name for the initials of our new teaching sets.



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ENO

BWS Alumni only event

INVITATION to Alumni Drinks and an exclusive tour of The London Coliseum, home of English National Opera 6.30pm, Tuesday 20 May 2025

Please join Dr Smallwood and the Bishop Wordsworth's Alumni Relations team for evening drinks and networking at The London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2N 4ES. Your first drink is on us!

Exclusive behind-the-scenes Tour

Old Wordsworthian and ENO Director, Bob Holland, will also be giving us an exclusive and unmissable behind the scenes tour of the London Coliseum, the largest theatre in London's West End, during the evening.

Contact Caroline Popham, Head of Alumni Relations to register for the event



Fundraising at Bishop's

**Above &
Beyond Apeal**

Campaigns

**Grant
Applications**

**1890 Society
Legacy Giving**

Events

**BWS Business
Partnership
Scheme**

BWS Business Partnership Scheme

Together, we mean Business



RATHBONES



Bishop Wordsworth's
& friends present

FAURÉ Requiem

St. Mary & St. Nicholas' Church, Wilton
7pm, Friday 9 May 2025

OLIVIA KERR Soprano
GIANPIERO GREATOREX Baritone
LEWIS EDNEY Conductor

with the choirs of
Bishop Wordsworth's School
Godolphin School
The Farrant Singers

Raising funds for the
Bishop Wordsworth's Music Department

Wilsons Solicitors

The poster for the FAURÉ Requiem concert features a background image of red poppies. It includes the Bishop Wordsworth's School crest, the names of the performers and conductor, the venue and time, and a QR code for more information.



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, HE and Careers conference, and visiting external speakers.



STEM

Specialist equipment, Technicians and resources for experiments, STEM Club, and practicals for all years.



Music

Extracurricular opportunities including bands, choirs, Music Theory and Orchestra clubs.



Building Futures

Improvements to our buildings, facilities and grounds.

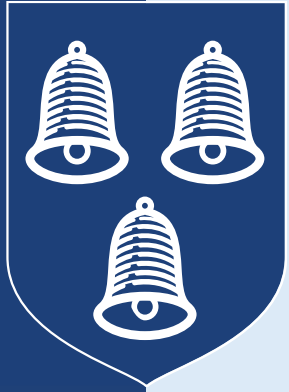


ABOVE AND BEYOND



Bishop Wordsworth's School Parents' Association

Tom James Chair



Why the BWSPA exists

To raise funds for non-budgeted items that will benefit the lives of the BWS students

To provide a social framework for the parent body

It is a charity, managed by a board of Trustees, supported by a wider group of parents involved in various fundraising initiatives

**Each year we
raise around**

£15,000

for the school

bwspa.org.uk

Registered Charity Number: 1081166



What the BWSPA does

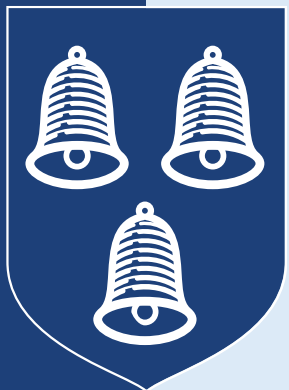
- Our fundraising is guided by requests from the school, but we prefer to **support objectives that will be used by most, or all, of the pupils**
- In the past two years we have provided funds for a new minibus, a heavy roller-mower for Britford Lane and other equipment for the PE Department
- This year, we are providing around £25,000 towards a canopy for the dining hall

How can you help?

- As a parent of a BWS student, you are automatically a member of the BWSPA - there is no need to join, and no membership to pay.



Here's **4** ways
you can help



1

Donate



Join the 1000 Club for as little as £1 per month

Each pound gives you an entry into a monthly draw with cash prizes AND helps support your child at school.

Set up a standing order for £1 (or more) per month

Sort code: 30-97-08 / Account: 01020352

Reference: Your name

Email info@bwspa.org.uk with your name and how much the standing order is for



2

Support

Use our Secondhand Uniform Shop

Buy uniform for a fraction of the new price and donate any outgrown uniform back to the BWSPA... WIN-WIN!



3

Participate

Come to our events

Starting tomorrow (3th July)
with our summer
outdoor theatre event
“The Pickwick Papers”.

Buy tickets at
bwspa.org.uk/rain-or-shine-event



4

Volunteer

We are always looking for more help with events.

The more volunteers we have, the more we can do for your child. Even helping run a bar a few times a year would be great.



Year 7 Bowling Nights

25 Sep
Jewell - 7J

26 Sep
Martival - 7M

2 Oct
Osmund - 7O

3 Oct
Poore - 7P

9 Oct
Ward - 7W

- bwspa.org.uk/bowling



Feedback

New Parents Information Evening

