



4 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 Setting and Assessments

In previous years we have set students on arrival at the Academy, based on their Key stage 2 data. As students have not completed national tests for the past two years, we have amended the way students are set in the first term, at the Academy. Students have been placed into mixed ability sets for their subjects, with a targeted small group provision for students who require additional support in literacy and numeracy. Students will be differentiated for within the classroom to ensure all students are challenged to make the best progress across the curriculum.

Students who attended summer school will have completed CAT tests. These are tests that assess ability and aptitude for learning. Students who were unable to attend summer school will complete these tests this term. These tests are completed online, and students cannot prepare in advance for them. These results will be shared with teachers and will enable students to be highlighted to join our STARS group (gifted and talented program) as well as providing targeted intervention to be put in place for students who may require support.

In the week commencing 24 January, Year 7 students will complete mid-year assessments for each of the subjects they study. Staff will prepare students in lessons prior to the assessments and a support booklet will be sent home to parents/carers. The support booklet will provide information to parents, carers and students regarding the content and length of the assessment, as well as links to revision and support, to enable each student to prepare. Students will be assessed on what they have learnt in their lessons at the Academy and the knowledge organisers will be a useful revision tool to support the students.

The results of the mid-year assessments will be used to move students in to sets, for core subjects, after the half term. The results will be shared with parents via reports. The report will outline the % score your child achieved in their mid-year assessment for each subject, along with the average % score of the year group. This will allow you and your child to understand how they are performing in comparison to their peers. There will be a parents evening on 16th February to enable you to discuss the results with teachers and for staff to feedback how your child can continue to maximise their progress. In the summer, students will complete further assessments in each of their subjects and students will be re-set.

Please be reassured that staff will remind students, that while they should prepare for their assessments so they feel confident, they should not put any undue pressure on themselves. The purpose of the assessment is to ensure students are in the most appropriate teaching group, that will support them to maximise their progress.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on tracie.deane@thebourneacademy.com

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Deane

Principal: Mr Mark Avoth

The Bourne Academy, Hadow Road, Bournemouth, BH10 5HS

www.thebourneacademy.com | Tel: 01202528554 | admin@thebourneacademy.com

[@BourneAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/TheBourneAcademy) [@TheBourneAcademy](https://www.instagram.com/TheBourneAcademy)

The Bourne Academy is a charitable company registered in England under company no: 07148158