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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic Autumn term with students and staff working incredibly hard towards wonderful events both on and offsite, and new successes & achievements in all areas.

We started the new term in good spirits - our morale having been boosted by an excellent set of examination results in the summer. Provisional results have been published and I can now report that our Progress 8 is +0.06 and places the Academy in a very favourable position in the local community of schools. A score of 0.00 for Progress 8 would mean students have made the **expected progress** when compared with students of similar ability across the country. Therefore, I am delighted to say that The Bourne Academy's Progress 8 score means that our students have made more progress than expected when compared to students nationally.

At A Level, once again, we achieved an impressive set of results. However, as ever, the most pleasing statistic is that, for yet another year, **ALL** of the students who applied to university, through the UCAS system, achieved a place on their chosen course or at their chosen university. Please keep an eye out on our social media platforms for individual successes being highlighted. Congratulations to all the students and staff concerned - I am sure you are just as proud of them as I am. There is also still time to get applications in to join our Sixth Form. The Academy also had a fabulous Celebration of Success evening in November, where our ex-Year 11 and current Year 12 students came with their parents/carers to receive their GCSE certificates and lots of other subject and character specific prizes. Well done to all the worthy award winners.

Our ASPIRE curriculum is at the heart of everything we do towards our Vision: to develop literate, numerate global citizens who are Ambitious, Self-confident, Physically Literate, Independent Learners, Resilient and Emotionally Literate. Therefore, we encourage helping others less fortunate than ourselves and have, once again, supported Children in Need as one of our chosen charities. Our ASPIRE Day this term focussed on "Bourne Futures" with every year group experiencing careers sessions which were age appropriate. The whole day was a great success, and I am delighted to announce that we have been successful in being awarded the Quality in Careers Standard which fully incorporates the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks. This is an excellent achievement and recognises the quality and breadth of our outstanding careers provision. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Vicky Woodings and Mr Andrew Roberts-Wray for organising our ASPIRE Day and for providing our students a range of career learning opportunities run by or with a wide range of key stakeholders.

Once again, thank you all for your support with regards to uniform and expectations. Can I remind you that mobile phones should not be seen, heard or used in the Academy or they will be confiscated. Therefore, if your son/daughter is feeling unwell during the day then please ask them to go to first aid or pastoral in the first instance. They should not be phoning home themselves, this will be sanctioned. As we move towards much colder weather, I would urge students to bring a warm coat to school with them. Please note that coats, **but not hoodies**, may be worn to and from the Academy. Any hoodies seen will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day or week. Furthermore, in order to ensure that students are prepared for learning, and valuable time is not wasted at the start of any lesson, it is vital

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that students have the correct equipment with them at all times and a suitable bag big enough to contain all the equipment required.

Term begins for students on Wednesday 3 January, meanwhile, I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards

Mr M Avoth
Principal