

1 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to my previous letter to your child, I now have pleasure in enclosing a Welcome Booklet, which contains all sorts of information about being a student at The Bourne Academy, which I hope you will enjoy reading.

Also enclosed is a Student Information Record for you to complete together with a Modern Foreign Language Form and Biometrics form, which will need to be completed and handed in by your child no later than Wednesday 30th June. (Transition Day).

Year 6 Transition Day – Wednesday 30th June

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child to The Bourne Academy on **Wednesday 30th June** for their Transition Day. It will be a very informative day and will give your child an insight into life as a Bourne Academy student.

Your child will be greeted by the Leadership Team and the Heads of House at 9:00am so it is important that they arrive in good time and wearing their primary school uniform. The day will finish at 2:30pm.

Your child will need:

- Their P.E. kit
- A pen, pencil, ruler and rubber
- To bring in money if they wish to buy snacks at break time, with an additional £2 to pay for their lunch, this will be a set meal for this day only.

Please note that if your child is in receipt of FSM then lunch will be provided. Alternatively, you may provide your child with your own snacks and refreshments.

Students will be told which House they will be joining and later the same day you will be able to meet with your child's Head of House.

Parent/Carer Transition Evening – Wednesday 30th June

Doors for the evening event will open at 5.30pm and talks are as follows:

- Students assigned to Anvil, Calshot and Hurst will have their talk at 6:00pm
- Students assigned to Kingswear, Portland and Trinity will have their talk at 6:30pm

Steps to ASPIRE

Our '**Steps to ASPIRE**' journey will assist your child prepare for their transition to the Academy. Our Academy purpose is to develop literate, numerate global citizens who are Ambitious, Self-Confident, Physically Literate, Independent Learners, Resilient and Emotionally Literate.

Between now and Transition Day, your child will receive six tasks: one for each ASPIRE competency. Tasks will be sent out on a postcard to your child and each postcard will have the details of how to complete

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and submit the task. Tasks one to five will be sent to you, by post, the first one enclosed with this letter. The 6th task will be distributed on Transition Day. We will recognise all students who have taken 'Steps to ASPIRE' through their transition and we will celebrate your achievements on Transition Day and Evening.

You should strongly encourage your child to partake in all the tasks, as this will develop their engagement, strengthen their readiness and widen their knowledge of the Academy. This will be their first opportunity to partake in a house competition, as each task completed will result in house points accumulating. The 'Steps to ASPIRE' house points will be available to view on Transition Evening. Please find enclosed task 1, which is focused on ASPIRE competency 'AMBITIOUS'. We very much look forward to receiving your completed task. See the postcard for further details about the 'AMBITIOUS' task.

Transition video

We are excited to launch our transition video, which can be found on the Academy website (link below). The video will assist your child prepare for transition, virtually meet staff who will become their 'key adults' during their time at the Academy and assist in completing some Steps to ASPIRE tasks. Please do encourage your child to view this using the link below.

<https://www.thebourneacademy.com/page/?title=Confirmed+Place+at+The+Bourne+Academy&pid=85>

Uniform

Please see our Welcome Booklet for uniform information. A reminder that everyone should purchase a house tie and a house blazer; in addition, all girls joining the Academy, wishing to wear a skirt, are required to wear the regulation skirt which is purchased from CJI Clothing Ltd, 886 Wimborne Road, Moordown, Bournemouth, BH9 2DR (Tel: 01202 513387) our retail outlet. Shoes must be black leather/leather look – as per the Welcome Booklet description.

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, a uniform voucher will then be available for you to collect on Wednesday 30th June at our Transition Evening.

Biometric Catering

The Academy runs a cashless catering and payment system - please see the information sheet and consent form enclosed. More details on accessing the online payment system will be provided on the Transition Evening. In order for your child to purchase food at the Academy we would like them to use our biometric system.

SEN Surgeries for children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability

Our SENDCo, Mrs Betteridge, will be offering the below dates for parents with children with SEND to meet and discuss your child's needs and current provision, via MS TEAMS. Please note, the meetings are strictly no longer than 10 minutes in duration. If your child has SEND and you would like to discuss this in further depth, please email Hayley.Betteridge@thebourneacademy.com stating you child's name, current primary setting, perceived and/or known needs, current SEND provision at primary and finally, your preferred date (from the below) to meet. Please be reassured that the primary schools will also be providing the Academy with information about your child. The dates and times available to meet (remotely) with Mrs Betteridge are:

Thursday 6th May 14.15 – 15.30

Tuesday 18th May 16.00 – 17.15

Thursday 10th June 11.45 – 13.00

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In the meantime, should you have any questions in relation to your child's transition to The Bourne Academy please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hayley Betteridge who will be only too happy to assist.

I look forward to meeting you on **Wednesday 30th June** for what I am sure will be a memorable day for you and your child.

Yours faithfully,



Mr M Avoth
Principal

All Documents to be returned to the Academy by/on Wednesday 30 June

- Student Information Record
- Biometrics Permission Form
- Ambition Letter (to be returned by Friday 23 April)

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