



# Bourne End Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

Enclosed with this, my final letter of half term, parents will find the Autumn Term Buzz Magazine. The Magazine contains articles, stories and pictures from the activities students have been involved in during the last seven weeks. It has been a remarkable first half term, with new faces, new teams, new year groups and joining a new larger national Trust, E-ACT.

When schools approach the end of a term, it often means we say goodbye to staff. I am sure many parents know that Mr Jack Cooper, Geography Teacher, is leaving Bourne End for a new challenge in a different school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Cooper for his time and dedication to the students at Bourne End Academy. In addition to being a Geography Teacher, Mr Cooper has also led, coordinated and managed the DofE for the school (you can read an article from Mr Cooper in the Buzz Magazine). I know I speak on behalf of all of the staff, students and parents when I wish Mr Cooper the best for his future career in teaching and hope that he will stay in touch.

As teachers, we know that the best way to achieve the best results and outcomes for our students is through quality first teaching and learning. As such, teachers also need regular in-service training and development opportunities. E-ACT has a national INSET day for all of its teachers on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November and we will be closing the school to students on this date to enable the staff to participate in the training. As this date is only two weeks away, if this causes challenges by way of child care, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will look to support parents. Further additional dates for Regional INSET for E-ACT staff are Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019. These dates will be published on the calendar when our new website goes live shortly after the half term break.

I would like to finish my final letter of this half term in the way that I began one of my first letters, with a huge thank you to all members of the community, staff, parents and especially the students, for the warm welcome I have experienced.

May I wish you all a safe and relaxing half term break.

Yours sincerely

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