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Dear Parent/Carer

As the end of term approaches I would like to thank you for all your support throughout this very busy term; as always, it is greatly appreciated. It has been amazing to meet with people again and host a variety of events, trips and activities for the students and parents/carers including, Year 7 and 11 team building trips to Longridge, hosting boyband 'Here at Last', our unique society offer, student consultation evening in Year 10 and Year 11 and welcoming Amanda Kirby who spoke to parents about Neurodiversity, as well as our Year 10 and Year 11 Spanish students experiencing a traditional Spanish cuisine. In addition all students who met the rewards and attendance criteria were rewarded this term with a trip to the Windsor Winter Wonderland and ice skating.

This term we have really focused on our reading and literacy strategy. All lessons include the introduction of a tier two word. A tier two word is a word not used in common language but is transferable across academic subjects and will improve the quality of pupils written responses. I am so proud to share that Bourne End Academy has been recognised as one of the top performing schools in the country for progress being made and engagement in Bedrock.

Students engagement in Timetables Rockstars this term has also been exceptional. On the 6th December we topped the number of correct questions answered in one day at over 46,000 completed questions. This is truly exceptional.

Please remember that we are here to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child achieves their potential. Should you need a conversation about any matter concerning your child, do please get in touch. You can find our [contact form](#) on our website. I would also like to say a massive thank you to all families who have donated food or toys to the MAD (Making a Difference) society. These will be donated to local families and will make a huge impact at this time of year. Thank you.

We share as much information as we can on our website www.bourneendacademy.e-act.org.uk please do check on a regular basis under our information for current parents as well as our year group pages found under the Academy Life section.

Due to the Government advising all schools to undertake lateral flow tests for students upon their return in January, there will therefore be a staggered return as follows*:

Year group	Testing day – anytime between 10am-1pm (student leave school after testing is completed)	Return to school
7	Wednesday 5th January	Thursday 6th January
8	Wednesday 5th January	Thursday 6th January
9	Wednesday 5th January	Thursday 6th January
10**	Wednesday 5th January	Thursday 6th January
11	Tuesday 4th January	Wednesday 5th January
12**	Wednesday 5th January	Thursday 6th January
13	Tuesday 4th January	Wednesday 5th January

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**If you would like siblings to test on the same day this is not a problem. Please come on the day most suitable for you.*

***A selection of students in Y10 and Y12 who has exams in the Spring term will be invited to test on 4th January and return to lessons on Wednesday 5th January. These students will be invited by a letter handed to students before the end of term.*

As always, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the following:

- Holidays should not be taken during term time and permission will not be given unless there are exceptional circumstances, regardless of levels of attendance.
- The appearance of our students and their uniform is important in the academy. Many of our students are a credit to the academy in their appearance and how well they follow our uniform policy.

Dates for you diary for next term:

- Apprenticeship virtual parent engagement evening – **5.30pm 13th January**
- Year 9 Student Development Consultation Evening – **27th January**
- Year 8 Student Development Consultation Evening – **10th February**
- Funded trip to Thailand – **10th – 18th February**
- Half Term – **21st February – 25th February**
- Inset day – **28th February**
- Y11 & Y13 Mocks – **1st March – 11th March**
- Y7-10 and Y12 termly assessments – **7th March – 11th March**
- Year 7 Student Development Consultation Evening – **24th March**
- World of work day – **18th March**
- Careers week - **21st March – 24th March**
- Inset day – **25th March**
- Easter holidays – **11th April – 22nd April**

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy family time at Christmas and look forward to the students returning in 2022!

Yours sincerely



Mrs Louise Cowley
Headteacher