

# Bourne End Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome to the summer term at Bourne End Academy.

I hope you enjoyed the most recent newsletter which was shared at the end of last term (click here). On behalf of all staff at Bourne End Academy we look forward to welcoming your child back for the summer term. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Harriet Bellamy as Deputy Headteacer. Harriet brings with her a huge amount of experience leading the curriculum development and quality of teaching and learning at Marine Academy, Plymouth. Ms Bellamy is an outstanding English teacher, qualified SENDCo and is a highly experienced senior leader. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming her to the BEA community and wish her every success.

I am also very pleased to announce that Ms Maryam will be Head of Year 8 starting immediately. Ms Maryam has been working at Bourne End for the past 6 years and has built a very strong relationship with the current Year 8 students when she supported them during their transition to BEA and throughout Year 7. Ms Maryam will continue to work with Year 8 next year as they move into Year 9.

## Assessments and exams this term

This term will see assessments for all students. For our Year 11, 12 and 13 students, this will involve the first set of public examinations for three years. This can be an anxious time; but my message to the students is to trust the process; following the learning routines each day, both in school and at home having observed them last term I can see how hard all our students are working and I have absolutely not doubt they are ready to do their very best. We will be providing further information to each Year group with reminders of the key dates for the term.

## We need your help!

We are incredibly short of exam invigilators for the summer exam series. If we are not able to recruit invigilators this will impact on the operations of the academy as we may need to use teachers to invigilate exams or our learning support teams to support with our access arrangements. If you know anybody that might be interested in the role please do share the details of the positions we have available (click here).

In respect of Covid-19, the government guidelines have changed and a short update on these is included in the most recent newsletter.

11<sup>th</sup> May GCSE Exams commence

6<sup>th</sup> June Extra bank holiday for staff to celebrate the Queen's Platinum jubilee as the actal bank

holiday falls within half term.

1<sup>st</sup> July INSET day

## The Academy site

This Easter the final classrooms have been upgraded with new whiteboards and projectors. Our N block has also been upgraded with inspiring artwork linking to our investment in careers, apprenticeships, university and our bespoke 'Speak like a Leader' curriculum. Every learning floor of the academy has live screens allowing us to celebrate our students success and share key reminders and routines.









We are working hard to secure a new performance space in the main hall including a new sound system and permanented performance lighting. We are committed to having this in place ready for the new academic year.

Finally, I wanted to share some questions I have had from parents about the term ahead that I felt would be useful to share:

## Will my child start their new timetable for 2022-23 after May half term like last year?

Last year we moved our timetable forward for the 2021-22 academic year after the summer half term. We had the capacity to make this change because of the cancellation of external summer exams. This year all students will follow the same timetable and remain in their year groups until the end of the summer term. However, heads of year will begin to work with their new year groups for the 2022-23 academic year this term.

## Where can I find out what my child is learning this term?

Our website, under Academy Life, has a dedicated space for each year group that details the focus for term ahead and specific topics and curriculum outlines for all subjects.

Your feedback and support are important to the success of all our students and the academy, please do not hesitate to get in contact using our contact us form on our website and will be in touch.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Mrs Louise Cowley Headteacher



