

BOURNE ACADEMY

July 2021

Dear Year 4 and 5 students,

We hope that you are enjoying Term 6, just as we are too with all of our amazing students at Bourne Academy!

I am writing to you as you will now be talking to your parents/carers and thinking about which school you will be choosing to start when you finish Primary School. Usually we would plan to have two exciting Open Evenings at Bourne Academy in July and October to showcase our school to Year 4, 5 and 6 students. However, very sadly due to the current extraordinary circumstances we are unable to do this event in July. We fully expect to be able to offer a face-to-face Open Evening at Bourne Academy in October though, where we very much look forward to meeting you.

Instead of the face-to-face Open Evening in July, you are able to view our website, which contains a lot of the key information you will need including the uniform requirements; term dates; what we teach; clubs; etc. Additionally, we encourage you to look at the presentation by myself the Executive Headteacher, Mrs Lucy Conley and some of the staff who will be here to support you in Year 7, as well as some comments from our students.

Our virtual Open Evening will be available on our website from 12 July, and we are busy setting this up ready to go live:

- <https://www.bourneacademy.org>

I would also like to take the time to draw your attention to the fact that Bourne Academy remains the lead school in the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust (SLATrust). The multi academy trust was established in 2016 and has now proven that there can be successful leadership of two schools, being Bourne Academy and Spalding Academy, with all of the SLATrust Leaders being very experienced in improving secondary schools. Since September 2020, SLATrust has also been leading Giles Academy, Boston to support it's improvement, whilst maintaining the ongoing high success at Bourne Academy and Spalding Academy.

The original SLATrust school Bourne Academy in particular, is very successful. Although, due to the pandemic situation the all-important End of KS4 Progress measure is not a validated score, the high success of this school can be judged against the 2019 data, which shows the End of Key Stage 4 Progress for Bourne Academy was +0.59 in 2019, meaning that the school performs well above the national average and in the top 15% of all schools nationally and it is the top non-selective mixed secondary school in Lincolnshire

Bourne Academy significantly out-performs the vast majority of Lincolnshire Grammar Schools and this is our expectation for Spalding Academy and now our third school Giles Academy from 2021 and beyond.

The success of the SLATrust, as seen at Bourne Academy, is built on a developed sophisticated model of highly successful behaviour; safeguarding; assessment; teaching and learning systems, all of which have supported maintaining success at the school, whilst supporting our other schools on their rapid improvement journey.

For my part, as the Executive Headteacher of the SLATrust, by working with three schools, I have always seen this as being an incredible opportunity for three non-selective schools to work in a partnership in Lincolnshire. By having three schools in close proximity, our students will always experience the best teaching and learning, with many very experienced and successful staff working across the Trust.

All young people deserve to go to a school which they are proud to attend and where they can achieve well and above the national average and it is my vision that Bourne Academy will continue to provide exceptional non-selective school education for our learners. We are all very proud of our school, Bourne Academy, and with the SLATrust continuing to lead this school, it will certainly remain the school of choice in the local area. We can never guarantee a place for any student, but our advice in order to be offered a place, would be to put Bourne Academy down as your first choice in the Autumn term.

We are proud of our curriculum and our ability to offer both GCSE and BTEC qualifications to ensure that every student has an opportunity to succeed whatever their learning style. You will find that Bourne Academy is a very friendly and highly supportive school. We have some amazing teachers and a large number of highly skilled outstanding support staff. There is always someone to talk to if you have any worries or if you want to find out any information no matter what.

We strive to give our students the best facilities, which certainly can be found at Bourne Academy. Additionally, we have been fortunate enough to already have improved the school site, which will include a further significant £1 million investment. These plans include refurbished sports facilities, such as the PE changing rooms; a show-piece art block; refurbished Science rooms; additional food stations; new mini-buses and a new gym for students and staff to benefit from even out of school hours ... and much more to come!

Our school prides itself on fantastic facilities; great teaching; small class sizes and lots of pastoral support ... the students say that Bourne Academy has a family feel!

This will be a very, very exciting time to be at Bourne Academy!

Both the staff and I very much hope that you will choose Bourne Academy for the next step of your journey.

If you have any questions please email:

- openevening@bourneacademy.org

Kind regards,



Mrs Lucy Conley

SLATrust Executive Headteacher