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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome our students to the second year of The Bishop of Winchester Academy. In particular a warm welcome to our new Year 7 students. I hope that the information you received from the academy before the summer break has given you a clear indication of our mission and values. We are humbled by the trust you place in us to ensure the successful education of your children. We take this very seriously and, as you know, have extremely high expectations and standards that we insist all students adhere to.

### **Results**

I am pleased to report to parents that we have sustained the improvement of recent years in our headline figures. We are confident of achieving similar figures next academic year. The following years we are expecting a significant improvement in results. All Year 11 students who attended the academy last academic year passed a number of GCSEs. 96% of students gained 5 GCSEs including English and Maths. We are very proud of their achievements. Well done to the outgoing Year 11.

### **New Build**

We are very excited that the process of planning the new buildings is well under way. We have already had a number of staff consultations. We will be involving students and parents in consultation meetings during this term. The likely start date for diggers to be on site is May 2012. The building programme will last approximately 18 months. I look forward to your involvement in building our academy for our children's futures.

### **Uniform**

Students have arrived at the academy looking absolutely fantastic in their academy uniform today. I will expect this to be maintained throughout the year. Any students not complying with the academy uniform requirements will not be permitted into the academy. Can I ask for your continued support in ensuring your children always wear all of the correct uniform.

### **Equipment**

Students are expected to bring the academy bag to school every day and to be fully equipped and prepared for learning. Some students may have found Rickards the uniform supplier to have run out of academy bags. Rickards has an alternative bag to be used by students unable to buy an academy bag before the stock ran out. This alternative bag can be swapped at half term once the new stock has arrived. Again can I ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives ready for learning each day. Failure to arrive in a state of readiness for learning will damage your child's education. Students who do not have the correct equipment will need to return home to collect equipment so that they are ready for learning.

### **Student Planner**

We place particular emphasis on the importance of student planners. Please check and sign your child's planner on a regular basis to ensure they are complying with all the necessary homework requirements.

### **Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones are permitted in school but should never be on display or in use during lesson time. The only time students are permitted to use mobile phones is during recreation time. Please do not call or text your child during lesson times. Phones that are used during lessons will be confiscated and placed in the school safe. Parents will then need to arrange to collect the phone from the academy.

### **Term Dates**

**12/9** Year 7 Literacy Assessments

**16/9** Year 8 Literacy Assessments

**26/9** Year 7 and Year 9 school photos

**5/10** Academy Open Evening 5:30-8:30pm

**Please note students will finish at 1:30pm on 5/10 for Open Evening preparations.**

**13/10** Year 11 Parents Evening 4:30-7:30pm

**14/10** Year 11 Mock Employer Interviews

**18/10** Year 7 'settling in' Parents Evening 4:30-6:00pm

**21/10** Staff INSET- the Academy will be closed to students on this day

**24/10 - 28/10 inclusive** Half Term

**31/10** Term starts at 8:30am for all students

### **Christian Atmosphere**

The academy recognises its responsibility to foster a Christian atmosphere, to equip young students in our care to face the adult world with confidence and to play a responsible part in a society which is rapidly changing and holds a variety of different standards. This confidence is shaped through a deep understanding of the relationship between faith and culture. Students are encouraged to further their faith journey. To this end Religious Education, House assemblies, Mentor sessions, Residential Experiences and Community Service are all important aspects in the life of the academy.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and prayers.



Paul McKeown  
**Principal**