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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of this term, I want to take the opportunity to reflect on what has been a truly successful start to the academic year. Despite the challenges we all continue to face, it has been heartening to see so many positive moments and achievements across our school community.

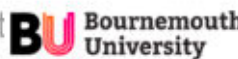
One of the highlights of this term has been the wonderful enrichment opportunities our students have enjoyed. From the excitement of trips to the Theatre and Water Parks, to the festive spirit of the Bournemouth Christmas Markets and the fun of Colour Runs, it has been a term full of experiences that have enriched our students' lives beyond the classroom. We are always keen to provide these opportunities to broaden horizons and help our young people grow in confidence and creativity.

At the same time, we've remained firmly focused on our core aim of improving outcomes for all our students. I have been particularly impressed by the engagement in the **Year 11 Learning Labs**, where students have been making the most of the additional support and resources on offer to help them prepare for their exams. It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm and commitment, and we are incredibly proud of their dedication.

Our efforts to improve numeracy across the school have also been met with great success. The **Sparx Online Maths Program** has seen good engagement, with students from all year groups taking part and demonstrating impressive progress. This initiative is just one example of how we're using innovative tools to support learning and ensure that every student has the chance to succeed.

Another area that continues to show strong progress is our **Attendance Initiative**. I am thrilled to report that a good number of students have achieved unbroken attendance streaks, and we've had the pleasure of celebrating these achievements with them. Consistent attendance remains one of the most important factors in student success, and we are proud of the students who have shown such commitment to being in school and fully engaged in their learning.

Looking ahead to the New Year, I would like to remind you of some exciting new changes within our leadership team. After Christmas, we will be welcoming **Mrs. Biddle**, who will be joining us as Vice Principal of Standards, **Ms. Ives** as Assistant Principal of Curriculum, and **Miss Brook** as Lead Practitioner of Maths. These new colleagues bring a wealth of experience and energy, and I know they will play a key role in helping us maintain our high standards and support every student to achieve their very best potential.





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As always, I would like to extend my gratitude to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support. The partnership between home and school is essential to our success, and we are deeply appreciative of the role you play in helping us provide the best possible education for our students.

Looking ahead to next term, I want to thank you all once again for your continued support. A reminder that Monday 6th January is an inset day and Tuesday 7th January is the first day back for all pupils. If any safeguarding matters arise during the holidays please follow the link on the 'contact us' section of the Academy website: [Safeguarding Contact US](#)

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable holiday, and I look forward to welcoming students back in the New Year for another exciting term ahead.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Heppell  
Principal

