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**THE BISHOP OF
WINCHESTER
SCHOOL**

Dear Parents and Carers

Exciting years lay ahead for young people in Bournemouth as the Local Authority takes advantage of considerable Government funding to transform secondary schools making them fit for the 21st Century. The intention is that the Building Schools for the Future Programme will radically improve the experience that young people have at school, driving up standards and making school buildings a focus for the community, driving up the standards of achievement for all members of the community.

Buildings alone however, will not achieve the improvements required and therefore the opportunity to reorganise the way that some secondary schools are managed and led is being taken. At our school, outcomes for young people have seen a strong improvement but we believe there is potential for a far greater improvement through the Academy Programme.

With this in mind, I am pleased to be able to bring proposals to you for the transformation of The Bishop of Winchester School into an Academy within the Bournemouth Building Schools for the Future programme. These proposals will allow a new Academy to develop utilising the considerable experience of the lead sponsors, The Diocese of Winchester and partner sponsors The University of Winchester, Bournemouth School and Bournemouth School for Girls in raising young people's aspirations and preparing them for successful lives.

The new Academy will be an essential part of the family of schools in Bournemouth, with plans to expand over future years to include post-16 provision focusing on outstanding education and wider services to the local community.

You are invited to read the information pack, discuss it with your family and friends and let us know what you think of our proposals using the response form. You are also invited to the public meeting at which there will be an opportunity to ask further questions and give us your thoughts.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

**Reverend Kevin Arkell
Chair of Governors**