



A Message from the Lead Sponsor

In the five years since The Bishop of Winchester School became a Church of England Secondary School, theirs has been a challenging and exciting journey. By any measurable standards, the school had not been offering an acceptable education to the young people in its care. However, the school has now come through the period of Special Measures and has moved from being a 'satisfactory' to a 'good' school in the latest OfSTED inspection.

This improvement has been achieved by the sheer hard work and commitment of the staff, governors, parents and, most importantly, the students. The Diocese of Winchester knew that the students and their families deserved the very best education that could be delivered and vigorously set about realising that goal. The result can be seen in the latest Inspection Report of June 2009.

The Diocese of Winchester believes that now is the time to take the next big step towards achieving an outstanding education for the students and families of The Bishop of Winchester School. That is why, with the support of the University of Winchester (a University with a Church of England Foundation), Bournemouth School and Bournemouth School for Girls, we are proposing to establish a Church of England Academy.

The Church of England has been at the forefront of education for over 200 years. The Diocese of Winchester is involved with two Academies in Southampton and, through its partnership with Portsmouth Church of England Diocese, Charter Academy in the City of Portsmouth. The University has been at the heart of education in the south of England since the 1840s and the two Grammar Schools bring their experience and passion at the heart of education in Bournemouth to this proposal.

Together with you, we want to make sure that we achieve the next big improvement in opportunities available to our community at The Bishop of Winchester School. We want to make our commitment to life-long learning in the 21st century a reality.

We believe that every young person should be able to reach his or her God-given potential. It is our belief that an inclusive Academy infused with Christian values, that welcomes all into its community to explore the great questions of life, is the very best for our children and young people.

We invite you to work with us in building this exciting future for our children and young people.

Tony Blackshaw,

(Director of Education, on behalf of the Lead Sponsor, The Diocese of Winchester)

Co-sponsors: The University of Winchester, Bournemouth School and Bournemouth School for Girls.



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To find out more about the proposed Academy and for the dates of the consultation events please go to our website: www.proposedbishopofwinchesteracademy.org

A newsletter about the Academy will be distributed for further information, by 13 July 2009.