



Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Bishop Otter Academy Trust

The trustees of Bishop Otter Academy Trust are delighted that both the Diocesan Board of Education and Department of Education have given approval for St Nicolas & St Mary's and St Andrew's to join the trust. This means that both schools are likely to join BOAT before the summer break.

Bishop Otter Academy Trust is aspirational for every child to achieve their potential and be equipped with 'wisdom for life'.

Our vision is rooted in Christian values which inspire and underpin our community life together as the foundation of all of our educational and pastoral efforts. Whilst we seek to be a distinctive trust, we will also be fully inclusive, valuing and respecting each other. Together we will always aim to be a mutually supportive community where we strive for transformational educational excellence through effective partnerships within and beyond the Trust.

As a trust we will aim to:

- Encourage the school senior leadership with the support of governors and trustees to continue to improve your child's education, by sharing ideas and expertise with each other
- Help our local communities thrive by giving children the best opportunities to learn inside and outside the classroom
- Provide back-office support such as for HR, finance and compliance.
- Maintain and further develop our Christian distinctiveness, working in partnership with the church and wider community.

We are delighted that two pioneering schools, St Nicolas & St Mary's and St Andrew's, are leading the way to make BOAT a success. As the first two schools to join the trust, there will be opportunities to shape the trust as we collaborate.

We will keep in regular touch about future developments in due course. Don't forget you can find out more about BOAT from our website: <https://www.boat.academy/>

If you do have any suggestions or questions, please talk to Mr Lincoln (Acting Headteacher, St Nic's & St Mary's), Mrs Wise (Head of School, St Andrew's) or Mr David Etherton (Executive Head) or be in contact with myself via office@boat.academy

We look forward to working in partnership as we launch BOAT together.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Barnard-Langston

Chair of Trustees

Bishop Otter Academy Trust – 'Wisdom for Life'

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