



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now approaching the end of an extremely busy term. Year 11 pupils have studied hard for their mock examinations. I am sure that they will use the experience they have gained during this examination process in the external examinations next summer to further improve their results. Please note that the examination boards have introduced a contingency day for the summer examination series, which is 24th June 2020. Anyone taking external examinations in summer 2020 will need to be available on this date. A contingency date is a day specifically set aside, should sustained national or local disruption arise during the June 2020 examination series. If disruption happens, the GCSE and/or GCE (A Level) examinations would be taken either for the first time or again on that day.

The school canteen will be serving Christmas lunch to pupils and staff on Thursday 12th December 2019.

School ends for all pupils on Friday 20th December 2019, which will also be a non-uniform day. All pupils are asked to make a £1 contribution to support a fundraising appeal in aid of the Anthony Nolan charity. Contributions will be collected during form time on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December 2019.

Dismissal on the last day of term will be at approximately 12.45pm. A lunch service will be available as normal but at an earlier time on the last day of term.

Blue Coat Academy re-opens for pupils at 8.40am on **Tuesday 7th January 2020**
Monday 6th January 2020 is a staff training day

Thank you for your support this term to ensure that your child looks smart each day. If you are getting new school shoes for your child over the Christmas break please ensure they are plain black leather with no logos and definitely no training shoes or plimsolls. With the winter weather, it is also important that your child is warm. I would ask that if you are buying a new school outer coat, it is in line with the Academy's uniform policy and should be a plain dark colour, without patterns or logos. Students are also not allowed to wear hoodies or jumpers with logos in school. Finally, to ensure high standards of uniform, students will have items that do not meet the uniform code confiscated until the end of the school day. If a student repeatedly breaks the uniform code, including having their mobile phone out, it will be necessary to ask parents to attend the school to collect the items. Uniform policy is available on the school website.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to you for the support you have given to your children over the first term of this academic year. On behalf of Blue Coat's governors and staff, I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Yours faithfully,

Ms V Owen
Associate Principal

