



# Blue Coat Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the Easter break, I wanted to take the opportunity to outline the arrangements for the end of term. We will be operating some special events at the end of term focussed on Year 11 and Year 13, which will impact on the timings for the end of term.

On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022**, students will return to forms after period 3 and then there will be a phased dismissal from 12.00p.m. onwards, for Years 7 - 12. The normal canteen service will be available at breaktime. Year 13 will remain in school for the rest of the school day for their Road to Success event. As this is the last day of term for most students, it will be a fundraising non-uniform day, with a minimum donation of £1 per pupil. All monies raised will be divided between our Lent charity *Helping Harry Helping Others* and *Atta Welfare Foundation*.

On **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022** only Year 11 will attend school. The Road to Success event will run from 8.40a.m. until 12.30p.m. Students will need to attend school in their P.E. uniform.

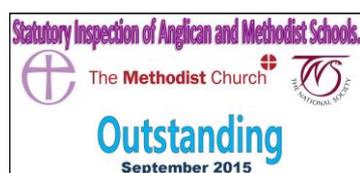
We will return to school at the normal time on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022**. Please note that students will not attend school on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** (May Day Bank Holiday) or **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** (Staff Training Day).

## Rights Respecting School

Blue Coat Church of England Academy is a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture. As part of our commitment to students we are working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK. We achieved the Bronze award in 2021 and hope to achieve the silver award this year. Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential. We help our pupils learn about their rights by putting them into practice every single day.

## Uniform

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 Easter break, please ensure they are plain black with no logos and definitely no training shoes or plimsolls. Please refer to the information below regarding uniform expectations and I would draw particular attention to the expectations regarding hoodies, track suit tops, piercings and hair styles. More details are available on the school website: <https://www.bluecoatacademy.org/parents-carers/school-uniform>



Students must be properly dressed in school uniform at all times. A smart, tidy appearance is expected of all students. All students should wear:

- A navy blue blazer with embroidered Academy badge sewn to the front pocket
- An Academy tie.
- A white shirt.
- A plain v-necked black pullover (optional).
- Sweatshirts are not part of our uniform and should not be worn.
- Plain mid-grey or black trousers, or a skirt. Trousers should be tailored, not fitted or 'skin-tight'. Skirts should be A-line, straight or pleated and of modest length, but not so long as to be dangerous when moving around school.
- Plain grey or black socks, or tights. Please note that students who choose to wear a skirt may wear socks or tights; they are not permitted to wear both, i.e. socks over tights.
- Black shoes. Please note that trainers, high-heeled and canvas shoes are not permitted. Students wishing to wear a hijab must ensure that this is plain navy blue. All headscarves should be tucked into shirts to ensure that the Academy tie is visible.

#### **PE Uniform**

- Academy trackpants or leggings, t-shirt and mid-layer (available to purchase from the school)
- Trainers
- Blue sports hijabs can be purchased from the school

#### **Outdoor Clothing**

- All Students should wear a plain coat in dark navy blue or black.
- Hooded tops, 'bomber jackets' and leather, plastic or denim materials are not permitted. Coats should be logo-free; they should not contain lettering or decoration.

#### **Hair, Make-up and Jewellery**

- Hair is to be kept tidy and extremes of hairstyle (e.g. sculpturing, hair dyed bright colours) are not permitted. Make-up or nail varnish should not be worn.
- Students with pierced ears are permitted to wear one small stud in each ear.
- Nose studs and other facial piercings are not to be worn. (clear nose stud/retainer are acceptable)
- Students may wear wrist watches but other jewellery should not be worn, except where it has been considered and approved by the Principal/Associate Principal.

We suggest that all garments are clearly named.

I would again like to express my gratitude to you, parents and carers, for the support you have given to your children over this term. We are very keen to ensure that we continue to build effective working relationships with families to ensure that all pupils continue to thrive and fulfil their potential as we come to terms with living with COVID-19.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D J Smith  
Principal