20th June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Training Day – Monday 1st July 2019

Over the course of the year, we have been working with a National Leader of Education as part of a Department for Education initiative, to continue to explore ways to further enhance the provision for all pupils at Blue Coat Church of England Academy. As part of this programme, we have identified the need to undertake some additional training with staff. Governors have agreed that the best option is to accommodate all of the training on one day, which means that the school will not be open to pupils on Monday 1st July. I apologise for the late notice but the timing of the training day has been dictated by the availability of the external trainer around existing events and activities in school. The New Intake Parents'/Carers' evening, for pupils joining year 7 in September, scheduled for Monday 1st July will take place as planned.

In light of the closure on this date, it was decided to delay the Leavers' Assembly for Year 11 which will now take place at the beginning of the training day. The assembly will begin at 8.45a.m. in St. Matthew's Church on Monday 1st July 2019 and is expected to be concluded by 9.30a.m.. A number of pupils had expressed the desire for a wider range of staff to attend than we are normally able to accommodate on a normal school day, but which we can now accommodate at the beginning of the training day. Staff will also welcome the opportunity to say their goodbyes and celebrate the Year 11 pupil's final assembly.

I apologise of any inconvenience caused but the training does need to take place before the end of the academic year.

Yours faithfully,

David Smith
Principal