

## Blue Coat Church of England Academy

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Principal: Mr D Smith

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on a number of developments and upcoming events. In response to feedback, including from parents and carers, we now have a mobile phone app that synchronises to our school website. The app will update you with important information and any key events. Setting up the app is very straightforward, here is a link explaining how to download it - <a href="https://vimeo.com/339368938/17e0c05b96">https://vimeo.com/339368938/17e0c05b96</a>.

You can go to either Google Play for Android or The App Store for iPhone and search for The Parent App. You should see the app come up in the search with the Phenix logo. Install this app and then in the search bar start to type in the name of your school and it will come up in the search results. Click on the name of your school in the results list to download the app to your phone.

Can I also please recommend visiting our updated school website and social media accounts which highlights student achievements and the wide range of activities that take place within school.

This term we have also changed our rewards system. A wider range of rewards is now in place, which are designed to acknowledge academic achievement and progress, positive behaviour and contribution to the life of the school. The new Carrot Reward System allows students to gain positive reward points in lessons and then use them to purchase items from the school online shop. All students have individual access to their own rewards portal and this will allow parents to see the rewards they have gained within school.

Important dates for this half term:

Prize Evening – Thursday 21st November 2019
Sixth Form Parents Evening – Thursday 28th November 2019
Teacher Training Day – Friday 29th November 2019
Year 11 into 12 Options Event – Thursday 5th December 2019
OAP Christmas Party / Coffee & Carols – Monday 9th December 2019
Rewards Trip – Friday 13th December 2019
End of Term – Friday 20th December 2019
Teacher Training Day – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Yours faithfully

Ms V Owen (Associate Principal)







