



# Blue Coat Church of England Academy

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13<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We will be making some changes to the Academy leadership structure in September and we look to respond to the last developments in education particularly around Academy Trusts. We are committed to ensuring that Blue Coat continues to flourish and develop. I will be continuing in my role as Principal but will be supported by Ms. Owen who will become Headteacher and responsible for the day to day operation of the school. She will in turn be supported by Mrs Devlin as Senior Assistant Headteacher and the rest of the Senior Leadership Team. These changes will ensure that Academy Trust developments and the management of the business side of the school do not distract from our primary focus on supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes and making Blue Coat the best it can be.

## Extreme Heat Warning

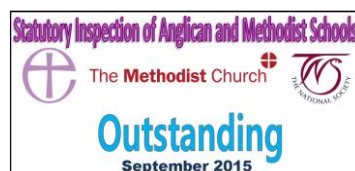
In response to the extreme heat warning which has been issued for the beginning of next week, we have decided to make some amendments to the school day on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. I appreciate that making changes is far from ideal but the decisions have been made based on meeting the health and wellbeing needs of the children.

Many areas of the school are likely to become uncomfortably hot if the temperature rises to the levels which are being forecast. We will be modifying the school day, reducing form time and running lessons 1 to 4 only which will allow students to leave at 12.30p.m. There will be an option to stay for a school lunch and then go home afterwards. We will maintain a supervised space within the small number of air-conditioned rooms we have in school for any students who need to remain in school until 3.00p.m. – **parents/carers must contact the child's Head of Year if they want your child to remain in school by 3.00p.m. on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July to allow us to plan accordingly.**

## End of Term Arrangements

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July marks the end of a challenging year where we have endeavoured to move back to more normal ways of working with the legacy of the pandemic continuing to have an impact. School will commence at 8.40a.m. and lessons will run as normal during the morning, after our weekly assembly in St. Matthew's Church. Students will return to forms after period 3, a phased dismissal will then commence from 12.15p.m. onwards. The normal canteen service will be available during an extended mid-morning break.

The last day of term will be a fundraising non-uniform day, with a minimum donation of £1 per student. All monies raised will be added to our fundraising for Muslim Aid and Save the Children.



## **Sports Summer Camp**

We are delighted that the Martin O'Connor Education and Football Academy will be based at Blue Coat from September. Martin and his team will also be running a Summer Holidays Sports Camp between 1<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August (Monday to Thursday) for children aged between 9 and 15. The camp is available at £35 per week or £10 per day. For further details or to book a place please email [lydiabail11@icloud.com](mailto:lydiabail11@icloud.com)

## **Collection of Exam Results**

Years 12 and 13 – A Level results will be available on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 8.30am.

Year 11 – GCSE results can be collected on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 9.00am.

**Please collect all results from the Tonks' Building.** Exam results can only be issued to the student themselves. If they wish to nominate a responsible adult to collect results on their behalf, then the **student** needs to email from their school email account to [dpo@bluecoatacademy.org](mailto:dpo@bluecoatacademy.org), indicating the name of the person who will collect the results. The person collecting the results will need to bring a form of I.D.

## **Uniform**

Uniform is something upon which we pride ourselves. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform, with the Blue Coat badge. If buying new shoes for your child this summer, please ensure they are plain black with no logos and definitely no training shoes. All students must be in full uniform for the start of the new term. Should you have any queries regarding the uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school before the end of term. I appreciate all of your support in ensuring students adhere to our Uniform Policy. As advised earlier in the year, there have been some slight increases to the P.E. uniform but these have been kept to an absolute minimum.

The school P.E. uniform can only be purchased from school, orders can be placed via School Gateway which you can register for and log into via the school website:

[www.bluecoatacademy.org/parents-carers/online-payments](http://www.bluecoatacademy.org/parents-carers/online-payments)

Orders can be collected from the school reception on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August between 12.00p.m. and 2.00p.m., on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August between 2.00p.m. and 4.00p.m. or on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September between 9.00a.m. and 3.00p.m.** Cash and contactless purchases of items of P.E. uniform can also be made at these times. In response to requests from students and parents/carers, we are looking to add shorts to the P.E. uniform as soon as possible.

## **Uniform Recycling**

If any families have used uniform which is still in good condition and could be redistributed. We would be grateful of any donations which can be handed in to school reception.

## **Catering**

In September, the school catering service will be run by a new company MiQuill. The new service will include an exciting new range of menus, an upgraded main canteen, as well as additional service points on the main site and in the Grove building. There will also be a newly refurbished café area for use by the Sixth Form.

## **Vaccinations**

If your child has missed their immunisation in school - HPV - DTP/MenACWY, Vaccination UK are holding vaccination sessions in the summer holidays. These will be on an appointment basis. Please contact the team on 01384 431783 to make an appointment.

## **Autumn Term**

The academy re-opens for students next term on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022. There will be a phased return to school to accommodate various induction activities which are taking place, which gives us the opportunity to settle Year 7 into the school and accommodate some focussed work with Years 11, 12 and 13, before the rest of the school return. **I would remind you that no students from Years 7 to 11 are allowed to leave the site at lunchtime.**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Students in Years 7, 12 and 13 only return to school**

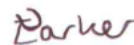
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Students in Year 11 return to school, along with Year 7, 12 and 13.**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September – All Year groups in school at normal time.**

As always, I am very much looking forward to continuing to develop good relationships with parents/carers to ensure that we are providing the best possible learning experiences for all students. I know that I, along with all of the staff and governors at Blue Coat Academy are grateful for your continued support over the past year and look forward to working with you again next year. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy, restful and peaceful summer break.



Mr D Smith  
Principal



Mrs L Parker  
Chair of Governors