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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, which will impact on the timings for the end of term.

Thursday 30th March 2023 will be the last day of term for all year groups except Year 11. The school day will run as normal until 3.00p.m. 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 donated this year's Lent charity, *NOAD*. *NOAD* is a non-profit, non-governmental network operating in Pakistan, supporting people to improve their livelihoods and overall socio-economic situation working mainly with family farms, rural groups, and unskilled landless labourers.

On **Friday 31st March 2023** 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 17th April 2023**. Please note that students will not attend school on **Friday 21st April** (Staff Training Day to coincide with Eid al Fitr), **Monday 1st May** (May Day Bank Holiday) or **Monday 8th May** (Additional Bank Holiday to mark the coronation of King Charles III).

Uniform

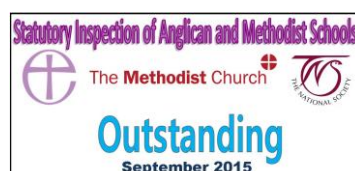
Thank you for your support this term to ensure that your child looks smart each day. If you are getting new school shoes for your child over the Easter break, please ensure they are plain black with no logos and definitely no training shoes or plimsolls. Please refer to the information below regarding 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/school-uniform/>

Selco Six4Schools

I am delighted to inform you that Blue Coat Church of England Academy has signed up for a new initiative to support families and schools called Selco Six4Schools introduced by the Birmingham Bears.

Six4Schools is an initiative by Birmingham Bears which offers adult tickets for only £15 (normally £25) for their T20 matches this summer when using a discount code unique to the school. U5s are always free and 5-15 year olds £5.



Our school will benefit because for every adult ticket sold, the school will receive £6 back. As an example, if we sell 200 adult tickets, we will receive £1200! This is meant to be used to reinvest in the education of the pupils (for e.g., for: computer equipment, playground equipment, or cricket coaching sessions).

It's a great opportunity for the school and hopefully a chance for you to enjoy the incredible T20 atmosphere at Edgbaston this summer.

To purchase your tickets, follow the instructions below:

1. visit: [Tickets.Edgbaston.com](https://tickets.edgbaston.com)
 2. At the top of the page enter this promotional code: BCA23
 3. Select the Birmingham Bears fixture you would like to attend this summer (please note the discount does not apply for the match vs. Worcestershire Rapids on 23rd June 2023 and Blast Off). If you did not enter the promotional code before this can also be done here on the right-hand side of the page.
 4. Select the stand in which you would like to purchase your tickets. U16s must be accompanied by an adult and for every 1 adult ticket sold, 5 U16 tickets may be selected.
 5. Make your payment using your credit/debit card
- You will receive your tickets via email.

As an added bonus, schools that sell over 20 tickets will be entered into a prize draw to win £1000 worth of building supplies from Selco Builders Warehouse. It would be fantastic to see as many parents as possible take advantage of this offer to head to Edgbaston this summer to watch some exciting cricket.

Community Event for the Coronation

As part of the celebrations for the coronation of King Charles III in May, there is a national project called The Big Help Out. To mark this special occasion we are looking at options to run our own project on Friday 5th May which will be designed to have a positive impact on the area local to the school. More details will be shared once arrangements have been finalised.



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 appreciate that many students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will be preparing for examinations during the summer term and that Easter represents an important time in their preparations.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D J Smith'.

Mr D J Smith
Principal

Easter Services – St. Matthew’s Church



All services take place in Church unless otherwise stated

Palm Sunday

Sunday 2nd April

- 8:45am Book of Common Prayer
- 10:45am All Age Worship
- 6:30pm The Evening Service (Church Centre)

Holy Week

Monday 3rd April – Friday 7th April

7pm Holy Week Service

A short, 30 minute service reflecting on the events of Holy Week (with Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday)

Good Friday

Friday 7th April

- 10:30am Walk of Witness (Town Centre)
- 12pm – 3pm Church open for private prayer and reflection at the cross
- 7pm Holy Week Service

Easter Sunday

Sunday 9th April

- 8:45am Holy Communion
- 10:45am All Age Communion
- 6:30pm The Evening Service (Church Centre)