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Dear Parent/Carer,

The remainder of this half term will, as always, be an exceptionally busy one in school. As the external examination season is coming to an end, the preparations for September begin, with a range of induction events for the new Year 7 cohort as well as for those who will be joining the sixth form.

Parent Governor Election

Following the recent election, Kym Jones has been appointed as a Parent Governor for a four-year term.

Exam Results

Details on the process for collecting external examination results is available on the school website:

<https://www.bluecoatacademy.org/exam-results-2025/>

Sports Day

Sports Day is taking place on Monday 23rd June 2025. Students are expected to arrive at school at 8:40 as normal in their full Blue Coat Academy PE Kit, either PE tracksuit bottoms or shorts weather dependent. Your child will be allocated a house for sports day with an assigned colour; we would like students to wear a t-shirt of that colour if possible. If you do not own one, we would like your child to wear their PE top, and they will be given a bib to wear when competing. Students will be travelling to the stadium by coach for this all-day event. We aim to return to school by approximately 3:00pm, in time for the end of the school day. If your child is expected to arrive later than planned, we have a prepared message ready to notify parents and guardians accordingly.

We expect all students to represent the school positively. Usual school rules apply, and excellent behaviour, good sportsmanship, and mutual respect are expected throughout the day. Staff will be present at all times to ensure student safety and welfare.

Given the weather forecast please ensure that your child has water to drink and sun cream with them. Sixth Form students will be selling refreshments and offering face painting as a fundraiser during the day – your child will need a small amount of money with them if they want to buy refreshments or to have their face painted.

Arbor

Thank you to those parents who have recently responded to the invitation to register for the Arbor Parent App. Everyone who registered by the deadline was entered into a draw – the winner of the voucher has been contacted.

Progress reports will be sent to parents/carers by email and through the Arbor app. If you would like a paper copy, please email bcacomms@bluecoatacademy.org



The Arbor Parent Portal and App is designed to be user-friendly and accessible on both iOS and Android devices. A welcome email was sent to all primary guardians just before Easter. If you have any questions or need assistance with the app please don't hesitate to contact the Academy via email – bcacomms@bluecoatacademy.org.

Examinations

Over the course of the coming weeks, Year 10 will complete their internal examinations in R.E. and some of their option subjects. Examinations in English, mathematics and science were completed before the main external exam season started.

We will also be providing an exam experience for Year 9 in English, mathematics and science. The main purpose of these examinations is to ensure that students are familiar with the way in which examinations are operated, to get used to the experience of completing an examination in a larger hall and to work under time pressure as they will in external examinations. The biggest priority is to provide a realistic examination experience and to use the assessments to support students to improve as they move into Year 10.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property which has accumulated over the course of the year. Lost property will be displayed under the walkway between the main building and the Tonks' Building for students to claim at selected times over the next few weeks. If your child has lost anything in school over the last few months, please encourage them to see whether they can reclaim it. Any items not collected by the end of lunchtime on Thursday 10th July will be recycled or donated to charity.

Diversity Day

Our fourth Diversity Day will take place on **Friday 4th July 2025**. The day is a special celebration of the diversity which makes Blue Coat such a unique community. Students will be engaging in a range of activities during the day including drumming, dancing from different cultures and a range of activities to raise awareness and promote diversity. Students are encouraged to attend on the day in dress which is culturally significant to them or in colours of a country's flag which they most closely associate with. The day culminates with a special celebration assembly in St. Matthew's Church and students will be dismissed from church at the end of the school day.

Year 11 and 13 students will receive an invitation to attend if they wish but they must sign up individually to reserve a place. Students must not turn up on the day without registering.

Increasing Costs & Prices

The on-going pressures on costs means that the prices for school meals will need to rise in September. We have agreed with our caterers that no price changes will be made this term, but there will be new, increased prices from September onwards.

The cost of P.E. uniform has also increased on stock which we have recently received. Any purchases made and collected before the end of term will be charged at the current prices, with the new prices coming into effect from 1st September 2025.

Details of school uniform can be found at: www.bluecoatacademy.org/school-uniform

Recycling School Uniform

If you have any items of school or P.E. uniform which your child has grown out of but is still in good and usable condition, we would welcome donations which we can then redistribute to students, who need it, this can include, shoes, P.E. Kit and blazers. If you have any, these can be dropped off at reception, or students can drop it straight into the Success Centre.

Summer Holiday Activities Programmes

A range of Summer Holiday programmes are running over the summer holidays. Parents/carers are encouraged to sign-up as soon as possible:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf/register-haf-2025>

BBC Bitesize Series – Transition

Earlier this year some of our students were filmed for a series of short videos for BBC Bitesize. The series was released on Bitesize this week, here are the links to the films:

The whole series can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/study-support>

Links to the individual films featuring students from all schools can be found here:

What to expect starting a new school - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbj3xg8>

How to make friends at school - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zgqb6rd>

How to overcome worries at school - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4qb6rd>

How to fit in at school - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6y7rmn>

What is the best thing about school? - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zpbx9ty>

Important Dates:

- 23rd June – Sports Day
- 30th June - New Intake Parents/Carers Information Evening
- 1st & 2nd July - New Intake Induction Days
- 4th July - Diversity Day
- 7th & 8th July - Sixth Form Induction Days
- 10th July - Summer Prize Evening
- 17th July - End of Term (normal school time)

Yours sincerely



D. Smith
Principal