



# Blue Coat Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your support over the last few days with the unusually hot weather. While it has been challenging, we have remained committed to keeping the school running as normal as possible as we know that routine is best for the students, we are also appreciative of the challenges which sudden school closures can present to parents/carers.

The weather forecast for next week is returning to more normal temperatures for this time of year. With this in mind, our normal uniform expectations will be reinstated. We will, of course, keep this under review if there is a return to warmer weather.

## Sports Day

Our rearranged Sports Day is planned for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July. This year we will be running Sports Day at the school fields at Delves Green Road. It would be helpful if forms could wear a T-shirt in their team colours:

Red – Team Simmonds – 7CPG, 8TES, 9MSP, 10VIK, 12MCR

Green – Team Gillingham – 7LAG, 8KLA, 9APB, 10DET, 12ZHU

Blue – Team Unitt – 7BPB, 8SCB, 9LKC, 10KAA/JMA, MB

Black – Team Kinsella – 7DHI, 8LES, 9TDS, 10JBA, EAL

White – Team Uddin – 7REA, 8JMB, 9JHO, 10TKV, FC

Yellow – Team Matt – 7UUL, 8DJY, 9REM, 10SBH, 12MAL

## Diversity Day

Diversity Day is a celebration of the diversity which makes Blue Coat Church of England Academy such a unique and special place. Each summer we dedicate a day to celebrating the rich diversity of the Blue Coat Family. This year's event is taking place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. We are planning a range of activities for the day, which will culminate in a whole school assembly in St. Matthew's Church. All students are invited to attend on the day in cultural dress.

## Dates for the Diary

29<sup>th</sup> June – New Intake Induction Evening (for Parents/Carers of students joining Year 7 in September 2026)

30<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July – Induction Days (for students joining Year 7 in September 2026)

9<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Prize Evening (St. Matthew's Church)

10<sup>th</sup> July – Diversity Day

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July – Induction Days (for students joining Sixth Form in September 2026)

20<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

21<sup>st</sup> July – End of Summer Term



## **September Return**

The academy re-opens for students next term on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026. 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 are allowed to leave the site at lunchtime.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Students in Year 7, 12 and 13 return to school

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Students in Year 11 return to school, along with Year 7, 12 and 13.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September – All Year groups in school at normal time. Church Assembly will run as normal – all students should attend in full school uniform.

## **Term Dates**

### **2026/27 academic year**

Autumn term 2026

Term starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026

BCA Half term holiday: Monday 19 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Term ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring term 2027

Term starts: Monday 4 January 2027

Half term holiday: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027

Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer term 2027

Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027

Half term holiday: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

Term ends: Thursday 22 July 2027

### **2027/28 academic year**

Autumn term 2027

Term starts: Wednesday 1 September 2027

BCA Half term holiday: Monday 18 October 2027 to Friday 29 October 2027

Term ends: Friday 17 December 2027

Spring term 2028

Term starts: Tuesday 4 January 2028

Half term holiday: Monday 14 February 2028 to Friday 18 February 2028

Term ends: Friday 7 April 2028

Summer term 2028

Term starts: Monday 24 April 2028

Half term holiday: Monday 29 May 2028 to Friday 2 June 2028

Term ends: Friday 21 July 2028

We look forward to an exciting and busy end to the school year.

Yours sincerely



D. Smith  
Principal