



# Blue Coat Church of England Academy

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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.

## Eid ul-Adha

We hope that all of our families celebrating Eid ul-Adha will enjoy the celebrations over the coming days. Where celebrations coincide with school days, please note that one day's absence for religious observation will be authorised, provided the absence is reported to the school in the usual way.

## 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.

## 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.

## Satchelone

We are in the process of developing our use of Satchelone and in the longer term this will provide valuable information to parents/carers. At the moment, we are not recording attendance in Satchelone which means that there is a delay while information transfers from our school information management system into Satchelone. We will inform you when Satchelone is fully up and running and provide more details on how parents/carers can use the platform.



### **Lost Property**

We have a large amount of lost property which has accumulated over the course of the year. On **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**, the lost property will be displayed under the walkway between the main building and the Tonks' Building for students to claim. 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 Friday will be recycled or donated to charity.

### **Diversity Day**

Our third Diversity Day will take place on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024**. 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 Dhol drumming, steel pans, 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. 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.

### **School Catering**

I have previously advised that the prices for school meals will need to rise to cover increasing costs. We have agreed with our caterers that no prices will be made this term, but there will be new, increased prices from September onwards.

### **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://haf.walsall.gov.uk/registration>

### **Important Dates:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> July - New Intake Parents/Carers Information Evening
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July - New Intake Induction Days
- 5<sup>th</sup> July - Diversity Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July - Sixth Form Induction Days
- 11<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Prize Evening
- 19<sup>th</sup> July - End of Term

Yours sincerely



D. Smith  
Principal