



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Friday 19th July marks the end of a busy year for everyone in school. On the last day of term, school will commence at the normal time and lessons will run as normal during the morning. Students will return to forms after period 3, a phased dismissal will then commence from 12.00p.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 contribute to our fundraising for Diversity Day activities in 2025. It is important that students come properly prepared for school with a bag and equipment as normal. Lessons will operate as normal.

Parent/Carer Survey

As we approach the end of the school year, we are keen to gather the views of parents/carers and would be grateful if you could complete a short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCAParentSurvey24>

Deadline: Friday 19th July 2024

School Meals

Starting from September 2024, there will be an increase in the price of our school meals. This increase is a necessary adjustment to cover current food and increased labour costs. We understand the financial concerns this may raise for some families and want to reassure you that this decision was made after careful consideration and has been limited to the minimum increase to cover rising costs.

The meal deal price will increase to £2.67 (main meal, pasta, sandwich or jacket plus a pudding or tray cake or water). We hope you agree that this is still excellent value for money when compared with other meal deals on the High Street. Our school meal service remains committed to providing nutritional menus, catering to various dietary preferences, while also ensuring value for money.

As a reminder, if your circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to free school meals. Check this out by visiting:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

If you are unable to complete the form online, please let your child's Head of Year know so that we can provide you with the necessary support. Please be assured that your application will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and it will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.

A newsletter from Miquills is available on the school website:

<https://www.bluecoatacademy.org/miquill-catering-service/>

Collection of Exam Results

Years 12 and 13 – A Level results will be available on Thursday 15th August 2024 between 8.30a.m. and 11.30a.m.
Year 11 – GCSE results can be collected on Thursday 22nd August 2024 between 8.30a.m. and 11.30a.m.

Please collect all results from the Tonks' Building.



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. It is important that students are equipped for learning every day. All students should have basic equipment including a pen, pencil, ruler and scientific calculator. 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.

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

Orders can be collected from the school reception between 2.00p.m. – 3.00p.m. each day during term time.

Please make sure that orders are placed as soon as possible if you want items of P.E. uniform before the end of term. Orders should be placed and paid for online using School Gateway:

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

There will also be an opportunity to collect orders or purchase P.E. uniform between 12.00p.m. and 2.00p.m on Thursday 22nd August 2024.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 13th September 2024. All students will need to attend in full school uniform on that day.

Autumn Term

The academy re-opens for students next term on Wednesday 4th September 2024. 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 4th September – Students in Years 7, 12 and 13 only return to school

Thursday 5th September – Students in Year 11 return to school, along with Year 7, 12 and 13.

Friday 6th September – All Year groups in school at normal time. Church Assembly will run as normal – all students should attend in full school uniform.

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.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Smith
Principal