



Bluecoat Academy
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Dear Parents,

It has been an extremely positive start to the new academic year and we are delighted to welcome our students back after their summer break. Students at our campus are fully settled and ready for the year ahead. I am also delighted to announce another year of impressive examination performance as Bluecoat Academy students, at both GCSE and A level, continue to achieve outstanding examination outcomes; results are above national expectation and these should inspire and motivate all of our students to be the best they can be throughout the year. This is especially true at Wollaton Park where we have had some truly amazing outcomes thanks to the hard work of students, parents and staff.

I am writing to remind you of the Academy **early closure for some students on Thursday 15th September** which enables us to prepare for our **Open Evening for prospective Year 6 parents on Thursday 22nd September**, the following week. All students will be dismissed at 2.00pm. Many of our students are involved in the evening helping in different subject areas and they will be informed directly by members of staff what time they need to return to the Academy.

There are also a number of events coming up for our Year 7 students in particular. Our **Year 7 Activity Days (27th and 28th September)** are a wonderful way for students to build lasting friendships and get to know staff so I would encourage you to ensure your child has signed up for these days if they have not already done so.

In addition, we look forward to meeting our Year 7 parents who are warmly invited to our **'Year 7 Welcome Party' on Friday 16th September**, beginning at 7pm. This is a very informal evening in which students, parents and staff can get to know each other. There will be refreshments, games and another opportunity to meet tutors and key staff at the Academy.

For parents of our Year 11 students, our **Sixth Form open evenings are on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th October**. Students and parents are warmly invited to meet teachers, discuss courses for Year 12 and visit our newly-completed, multi-million pound Sixth Form centre which provides fantastic resources and learning spaces for our Sixth Form students and the wider Academy community.

Our 'Go4Schools' system allows parents and pupils to access live details on attendance, behaviour and achievement, and we encourage parents to log-on regularly to see how their child is progressing. This will give parents more knowledge and understanding about your child's schooling and will further improve communication between home and school.

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It is also worth highlighting some recent changes to the leadership of subjects here at Wollaton Park. As part of improving further the quality of leadership, Mr Fiddimore has joined Wollaton Park from the Bluecoat Academy Trust and is helping to drive forward our development of student leadership. Mr Mansell has also been promoted to Director of Achievement for KS4. Whilst your child's class teacher is the first person to contact, the following staff will lead these areas: **Maths:** Mrs Elder; **English:** Miss Fox; **Science:** Mr Robinson; **Languages:** Mr Parker; **Physical Education:** Mr Hutchinson; **Humanities:** Mrs Rowe; **Arts:** Mrs Stark; **Design and Technology:** Mrs Wraithmell; **SEN:** Mrs Cassidy; and **Computer Science:** Mrs Higson.

I would also like to thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that our students continue to maintain the very high standards and expectations that we set here at the Academy, particularly around attendance, conduct, uniform and punctuality. Uniform is an essential way of preparing our students for adult life and encourages students to take pride and a sense of belonging to Bluecoat Academy. To view our uniform policy you can refer to our Parent Handbook that can be found on the Academy website. Our system of same day sanctions continues and we are grateful for your support in ensuring that it is effective; we are committed to high standards and we know from your feedback that you are keen to see us do this. This system continues to apply to mobile phones and other electronic devices which are not permitted to be used or seen at any time on campus at Wollaton Park.

Finally, I look forward to working with you over the course of the year and getting to know you as parents, as we learn more about your children and watch them grow, develop and achieve success here at Bluecoat Academy. This will be especially true as we continue our literacy focus this year and the development of student oracy across Wollaton Park.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Anderson
Principal

Key dates

15 th September	Early closure
16 th September	Year 7 Welcome Party
22 nd September	Year 6 Open Evening at Wollaton Park
27 th -28 th September	Year 7 Activity Days Wollaton Park Campus
26 th , 29 th and 30 th September	Year 6 Open Mornings at Wollaton Park
12 th October	Sixth Form Open Evening
13 th October	Sixth Form Open Evening
21 st October	INSET DAY - students should not attend.