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## THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL

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### A Specialist School in Science and Mathematics

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are now at the end of a busy yet successful Autumn Term and I would like to update you with some important information for the forthcoming year and to thank you all for the support given at the School's Annual Prizegiving and Christmas Carol Service.

#### **Remembrance Services**

On Friday 11 November 2011, the School held Remembrance Services in both Chapel and Shirley Hall for all the students and staff. The services went very well and the conduct of the students in both venues was excellent.

On Sunday 13 November 2011, the School was represented at the Remembrance Service at St George's Hall by the Headteacher, the Head Boy, Tom McKenna and Head Girl, Beth Currie.

#### **Christmas Carol Service and Festive Music**

The evening began with carols from the School Choir and readings in the Chapel directed by Mr Emery, festive music then continued in Shirley Hall. The evening was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you for your continued support. The retiring collection was in aid of The Royal Institute for the Blind

#### **Annual Prizegiving**

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Prizegiving in St George's Hall. All of the students were excellent ambassadors for the school. It was a very successful evening and thanks have been passed to the Deputy Lord Councillor Sharon Sullivan and the guest speaker, Mr David Rowlands.

#### **Parents' Association Christmas Raffle**

The Christmas Raffle has been drawn this week and winners have been informed. The iPad2 Draw for students has also taken place and the lucky winner is Helena Doyle, 8 Graham. On behalf of the PA and the School we would like to thank everyone for the support in selling the raffle tickets. The PA have raised in the region of £3000 which is fantastic.

#### **Student Successes**

##### **Global Enterprise Competition**

On Friday 18 November a team of Blue Coat students; Canaan Binns, Luke Sinclair, Liam Dean, Jack Seasman, Steven Lennon and John Ogundele, attended Liverpool Football Club to take part in the Global Enterprise Congress Competition. The team successfully made it to the semi-final round in which they will compete against 9 local schools. Students were required to develop a business idea that was creative, innovative, imaginative, sustainable and eco-friendly. As a result the team developed 'Plant-it Blue', a business that grows plants and produces its own compost to make eco-friendly arrangements for the winter, spring and summer seasons. The team pitched their idea to a panel of 3 judges who were most impressed with their Business Plan and as a result, provided the team with funds to develop their business.



## Senior Maths Challenge

The Senior Maths Team of Christopher Lam, John Ogundele, Richard Pan, Gwen Parry, Daniel Murphy Joshua Bannister and Jonathan Woodward, who, against very strong opposition, finished 2nd in the regional final of the UKMT Senior Maths Team Competition on Wednesday 9 November. Jonathan Woodward also qualified for The British Mathematical Olympiad and Joshua Banister qualified for the Senior Kangaroo. In total Blue Coat received 5 Gold, 20 Silver and 33 Bronze certificates.

## Creative Writing

Lara Rimmer, Olivia Sung and Meta Wright are amongst the eight finalists in this prestigious writing competition. There were 61 entries and 7 entries from Blue Coat. Olivia, Lara and Meta will attend an award ceremony in February, when the winner of the prize, £1,000, will be announced. The winner's School will also receive a cheque for £1,000 for the school library.

**Imogen Cooper** is a runner up in a poetry competition with Young Writers and will receive a cheque as her prize.

**34 Key Stage 3 students** have had their poems selected for publication with Young Writers.

## Bible Story Writing Competition

Amy Wray, Yr9, won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the Christian Projects Schools Bible Story Writing Competition. The presentation was at the Houses of Parliament and Amy received some books and £500 for the School from Baroness Cox.

## FACT Young Persons Film Competition

Blue Coat School were successful in gaining 1<sup>st</sup> place in the FACT Young Persons Film Night recently. There were 52 films entered into the competition, 9 were shortlisted and out these were 4 films made by Blue Coat students.

## Top of the Bench Chemistry Competition

4 Blue Coat students, Kaylyn Chan, Connor McKenzie, Stephen Chen and James Doughty represented the School recently in the **Top of the Bench Chemistry Competition**. The students were accompanied by Mr Steven Smith and they were successful in gaining a place in the National Final.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### INSET DAY

In Spring Term 2012 there will be an INSET day on **Tuesday 3 January** and students return to School on **Wednesday 4 January**.

## Sixth Form and Year 11 Examinations

In January, there are some public exams between Monday 9 January and Wednesday 1 February, There is no exam leave as normal teaching will continue for all students. Please ensure that your son/daughter maintains their very good attendance during this time.

## School Production – Beauty and the Beast

The School Production, Beauty and the Beast, will take place during the week of Monday 6 February 2012. A letter will be circulated in the spring term to all parents regarding times and ticket information. We look forward to seeing many Parents, friends and students at what will be a very exciting performance

## Parking on Church Road

Spring and summer Term are always busy with Options Evenings, Parents' Evenings and other school events. In view of this, may I please remind Parents/Carers about parking considerably. During events and at the end of the school day, Church Road is very busy with parked cars. Whilst the School cannot be responsible for where cars are parked, we would like to minimise any inconvenience to the nearby residents and ask that you park so as to try and not obstruct residents' driveways or paths.

## Christmas Gifts - Student Reminder

It may be that many students will be receiving electronic gadgets as presents (e.g. I-pods & MP3 players). May I remind students and parents that these should not be brought into School, as we cannot guarantee their safety.



## DIARY DATES

### JANUARY

Monday		Bank Holiday – School closed to students and staff
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Tuesday	3	<b>INSET DAY</b> – School closed to students
Wednesday	4	<b>Students return to School</b>
Monday	9	External Exams Commence
Friday	13	UCAS external Final Deadline
Tuesday	17	Sixth Form Information Evening
Wednesday	25	Yr8 Parents' Evening
Friday	27	Yr11 Full Reports Issued
Tuesday	31	Yr11 Options Evening

### FEBRUARY

Wednesday	1	Yr10 English Theatre Trip, Yr8 Visit to Catalyst Museum, External Exams finish
Thursday	2	Intermediate Maths Challenge, Yr11 English Theatre Trip, PA Yr7&8 Disco
Monday	6	Week of School Show (Beauty & the Beast)
Friday	10	Yr9 Holocaust Cross Curricular Day, Yr12 Trip to Chester Zoo

### **School closes for Half Term (Ski trip departs) Mon 13 – Fri 17**

### HALF TERM

Monday	20	GCSE & A-level Art Coursework deadline, Yr9 Assessment Week
		Yr12 Student Subject Review Week
Wednesday	22	Yr11 Parents' Evening
Monday	27	Joint BCS/Parklands Poetry Event
Tuesday	28	Yr8 Options Evening

### MARCH

Thursday	8	Exam Module Results
Friday	9	Yr9 Progress Reports Issued
Monday	12	Yr7& Yr8 Assessment Week, Intermediate Maths Olympiad
Tuesday	13	Yr12 Parents' Evening
Friday	16	Yr10 Full Reports Issued
Monday	19	Yr13 Finance Evening (during this week)
Thursday	22	Team Maths Challenge
Monday	26	YR8 Girls HPV Vaccine
Thursday	29	Spring Concert
Friday	30	Yr7, Yr8 & Yr12 Progress Reports Issued, Yr13 Full Reports Issued

### **School finishes for Spring Break**

May I take this opportunity to wish all the Blue Coat families a Happy Christmas and a restful break. I forward to seeing the students on Wednesday 4 January 2012.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs D A Silcock**

Headteacher

