



Admissions arrangements

6 week consultation from 4 November to 19 December 2016

In line with the School Admissions Code (DFE September 2015), it is a requirement to consult on school admission arrangements where changes are proposed or at least once every seven years. The Blue Coat School sets out below a number of proposed changes to its admission arrangements and invites comment from any interested parties.

Policy ref	Focus	Proposed change	Supporting rationale
10	Admission arrangements for Year 7 Proposed implementation From: September 2018	The Blue Coat School proposes additional criteria to support greater access for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Current admission arrangements are based solely on the outcome of the entrance test which places 180 applicants in rank order according to their overall test score. The new proposed admission arrangements will prioritise applicants who are eligible for free school meals and who achieve an overall test score of 320 or more. For clarity, the proposed wording of the new arrangement is: Eligibility for places will be based on the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 27 places will be available to the highest scoring applicants who are eligible for free school meals and who achieve an entrance test score of 320 or more The remaining places will be available to all other highest scoring applicants. 	The Blue Coat School currently has fewer disadvantaged children than seen in the local area. The Blue Coat School has an outstanding record of securing progress for high ability children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The Blue Coat School continues to select on the basis of ability. We seek to encourage more applications from high ability children who are eligible for free school meals. An overall test score of 320 or more is indicative of high ability.
22	Admission arrangements for Year 12 Proposed Implementation from: September 2017	In response to national changes to GCSE grades for first use in August 2017, The Blue Coat School proposes changes to its minimum entry requirements for Sixth Form admissions. Current admission arrangements are defined by GCSE Grades A*-U. The new proposed admission arrangements will include reference to GCSE En/Ma Grades 9-1 and move to an overall points systems based on an applicant's best 8 GCSE's. This system will support a smooth transition to August 2018 when all subjects are defined by GCSE grades 9-1. For clarity, the proposed wording of the new arrangement is: Admission is based upon GCSE grades and a demonstration of an aptitude for further academic study. The minimum entry requirements are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or English Literature 52 points from your best 8 GCSE's. Applicants must also attain the required minimum grades for their chosen A level subjects that are published and shared by The Liverpool Blue Coat School. (See linked document)	The Blue Coat School is committed to open, transparent and easy to understand arrangements for admission to the Sixth Form. The Blue Coat School has assessed the extent of national changes to GCSE grades and proposes a system that supports all foreseen changes in the years ahead. The Blue Coat School sets its minimum requirements based on the probabilities of A Level success from different GCSE starting points.

The Blue Coat School invites comments from interested parties between 4 November 2016 and 19 December 2016. You can submit comments to The Blue Coat School through:

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