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Dear Parent/Carer

### Re: Improving our accommodation and resources

As you know I wrote to you in December to announce that from **September 2017**, The Blue Coat School will admit 180 students into Year 7. In readiness for this we have already begun to consider ways that we can increase the amount of space for students to learn, socialise and enjoy their lunch in. I write to you today to share some great news about a significant step in preparing our school estate for the upcoming increase in students.

Over the last 3 months, we have been working closely with the Trustees of The Blue Coat School Foundation, our long standing and extremely supportive charitable arm of the School. Together we have explored the options available to the School to support our increase in students with suitable accommodation. I am delighted to share with you that as a result of our discussions, The Blue Coat School will take full responsibility for all parts of the School estate from 1 January 2017 and consequently, we will be able to make daily use of the clock tower entrance and connected spaces on a daily basis to support the education of our students.

As we look to the future, the acquisition of this additional space is critical to our plans to provide the best accommodation and resources we can for our students. As a result of this extremely positive development, we will soon be able to begin an exciting phase of re-development and re-modelling of this and other parts of the School. The Blue Coat School Foundation have also resolved to support this work by donating a significant sum of money to the School to undertake remedial, redevelopment and refurbishment work to key parts of the school including Shirley Hall. These works will mark the start of an ambitious programme to redevelop other areas of School so that all of our accommodation and resources meet the need of the high quality curriculum, teaching and learning we are already so proud of.

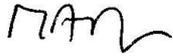
I am sure you will be excited by this great news and the impact it will have on the students' Blue Coat education and experience. I want to take this opportunity to share my gratitude for the incredible support that the Trustees of The Blue Coat School Foundation have shown to



the School. I know that all of us greatly value the foresight, generosity and care demonstrated by our Trustees' recent decisions.

I am delighted to share this extremely positive news with you and look forward to keeping you informed of further developments to The Blue Coat School.

Yours sincerely



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