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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Our priorities 2016-17**

At the start of the new school year, my colleagues and I are looking forward to the challenge of providing the best experience we can for your children. We know there are many things we do at Blue Coat which serve the students tremendously well but we are not complacent and want to stretch ourselves to the best we can.

Last year we worked hard to help identify what we do well and what we can improve. We did this by talking to you at parents' evenings, listening to your child's views, reviewing our teaching and asking ourselves challenging questions about what we spend our funding on. Thank you for your contributions to our evaluations which have helped focus our aspirations for further improvement.

As a result, I am pleased to share a student and parent friendly summary of our school improvement priorities. This simple summary has been prepared to provide you and your child with a helpful overview of what all of us at Blue Coat challenge ourselves to achieve in the coming years. Over the course of the next 12 months we will take opportunities to capture yours and your children's views about how much progress we are making towards these goals.

Thank you in advance of your support and productive engagement.

Yours sincerely

Mr M A Pennington  
**Headteacher**





# Our priorities

2016/17

This simple summary of our priorities has been prepared for students and parents of The Blue Coat School.



We will **model the best leadership and management** for our students by improving:

- our leadership skills across all areas of school
- the focus of our planning, monitoring and review processes
- our communications with students, staff, parents and other stakeholders



We will ensure our students feel the **maximum impact of our resources** by:

- challenging everyone to make our funding provide as much as it can for our students
- planning for sustainable upgrades of our estates, resources and facilities
- providing enriching, balanced, challenging and affordable curricula for all age groups



We will **champion our students' personal development, behaviour and welfare** by:

- further developing and nurturing the skills and practices of our pastoral staff
- better sharing and use of information that supports our care for our students
- providing even higher quality personal development for all of our students



We will give our students **even better teaching, learning and assessment** by:

- empowering our subject teams to review, research and innovate their teaching
- helping teachers make even better use of assessment to challenge and support our students
- taking advantage of even more opportunities to develop the all aspects of our students