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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Consultation about admission arrangements

Last year, The Blue Coat School announced its plans to increase the number of students admitted to Year 7 from 150 to 180. This will first apply to Year 7's starting in September 2017.

At the time, we shared with you that these plans were part of our firm commitment to make a stronger contribution to social mobility in the local area by offering more places to high ability children from disadvantaged backgrounds. During the last year, the Governing Body has carefully considered our first steps to that commitment and today we are able to share the detail of our plans. You can read more on our website [here](#).

It is a statutory requirement that schools must consult widely when proposing changes to their admission arrangements and this includes consultation with parents. Today, The Blue Coat School begins a six week consultation which provides an opportunity for interested parties to submit comments about the proposed admission arrangements for Governors' consideration.

For your assistance, this consultation is comprised of two elements:

- Changes to Year 7 admission arrangements to support The Blue Coat School's commitment to better social mobility. This is the main focus of our consultation.
- Changes to Year 12 minimum entry requirements as a response to national changes to GCSE grades. While, in the interests of good communication and preparation for sixth form admission these changes have already been shared with students and parents in Year 11, it is still a requirement to consult about these proposed changes because they affect future external applicants to the Sixth form.

We warmly welcome any comments you might have. If you would like to submit any comments to this consultation, please can you do so through:

schoolconsultation@bluecoatschool.org.uk

Many thanks in anticipation of your considered opinion.

Yours sincerely

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