



The Blue Coat School

An Academy 'Leaders in Science and Mathematics'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: The Blue Coat School Admission arrangements 2018

You may recall that the Blue Coat School [consulted](#) about proposed changes to its admissions arrangements for 6 weeks from 4th November to 19th December 2016. The proposed changes included:

- new arrangements to support better access for high ability children from disadvantaged backgrounds (for September 2018 admissions)
- reflecting national changes to GCSE grades in the school's requirements for entry in to the sixth form (for September 2017 admissions).

The Governing Body's Admission committee met on Monday 30 January 2017 to consider the responses to the consultation. Following careful and diligent consideration, governors unanimously approved the adoption of the proposed changes to the school's admission arrangements. You can view the school's updated admissions policy [here](#).

Though we only received a very small number of responses during the consultation, we took the time to carefully reflect on all stated views and then share a detailed response through a list of frequently asked questions. For your assistance, you can view the questions and responses [here](#).

As a selective school with a long history of support for disadvantaged children, we are extremely positive about this opportunity. Our admissions process will continue to identify high ability students who will make a positive contribution to the culture and ethos of The Blue Coat School and thrive as a result.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher