



The Blue Coat School

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Dear Parent

Re: New school tie

One of the many strengths of The Blue Coat School is our desire to recognise our student' individual and collective identities. You will know for example, that the students really enjoy opportunities where they can use their individual skills, talents and character in support of healthy and good natured competitions across their form classes. This appreciation of the many varied and different contributions that every individual makes to their form class' identity is one of the many ways we live out our school motto: 'Not for ones-self, but for all'.

Our students have a close affinity with the identities of their form classes and we know that they enjoy every opportunity to represent their form classes with pride. Consequently, we wish to subtly reflect this in their day to day school uniform by introducing form ties to be worn from September 2017. To ensure a clear and supportive transition:

- Students may continue to wear their current tie until it needs replacing due to wear and tear
- Parents are not expected to purchase a new form tie until the current tie needs replacing
- The current tie is no longer available for purchase
- The new form ties will be available from our supplier Trutex Schoolwear from 30th May 2017
- We are not expecting any increase in the cost of a new school tie

You can find some images of the new school tie [here](#). You will notice that the tie is a subtle departure from the existing tie that we are very proud of. The new tie will continue to proudly show The Blue Coat School's crest against the same blue background that we are recognised for. You will see that we have introduced occasional thin diagonal stripes that sit in the background and reflect the colour of each form class. For your assistance, the colours of each form class are set out below:

Bingham	Blundell	Graham
Shirley	Styth	Tod

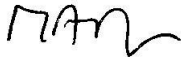
We are looking forward to this gentle and respectful enhancement of our school uniform because of the opportunities it will give to the students to proudly represent their forms at all times. I hope this letter has provided you with advance notice of all the information you need to support our efforts to further strengthen a key pillar of what gives The Blue Coat School such a great ethos.

If you do have any queries or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lisa Hayburn (Administration team leader) through:

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Thank you once again for your excellent support of The Blue Coat School.

Yours sincerely



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