

THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL



**Sixth Form Information Booklet
Admission 2024**

AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR SIXTH FORM



Thank you for your interest in the Sixth Form at The Blue Coat School.

Our Sixth Form is one of the largest in the city, with an average 175 students taking up places each year. Our students can choose freely from 18 A level courses to achieve nearly any subject combination of their choice. They enjoy the highest quality teaching from subject specialist teachers who challenge and stretch them in an environment where everybody supports each other's learning.

Academic development is just one part of life at Blue Coat. Our curriculum includes built in opportunities for enrichment and personal development so that all of students achieve and grow into impressive young adults. Our pastoral system complements these opportunities by meeting the needs of each of our sixth formers through individually tailored care, guidance and support.

The Sixth Form at Blue Coat provides a wealth of other opportunities. Sixth Formers enjoy a wide range of trips which enhance their academic knowledge and understanding and their personal development. Sixth Formers to have opportunities to lead and get involved in extra-curricular societies and fundraising projects. Students step up to the challenge of giving leadership and support to the younger year groups. They act as great role models by planning, organising and leading activities for younger members of the school community.

Our students achieve great outcomes year on year. In 2023 they achieved some of our best outcomes ever and the great majority went on to the destination of their choice. You can read more about our students' achievements and their next steps in this booklet.

We are extremely proud of our students and the ambition, commitment, initiative and creativity they show. We hope that this brief introduction to the Sixth Form at The Blue Coat School helps you shape your future to be as successful as theirs.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form.

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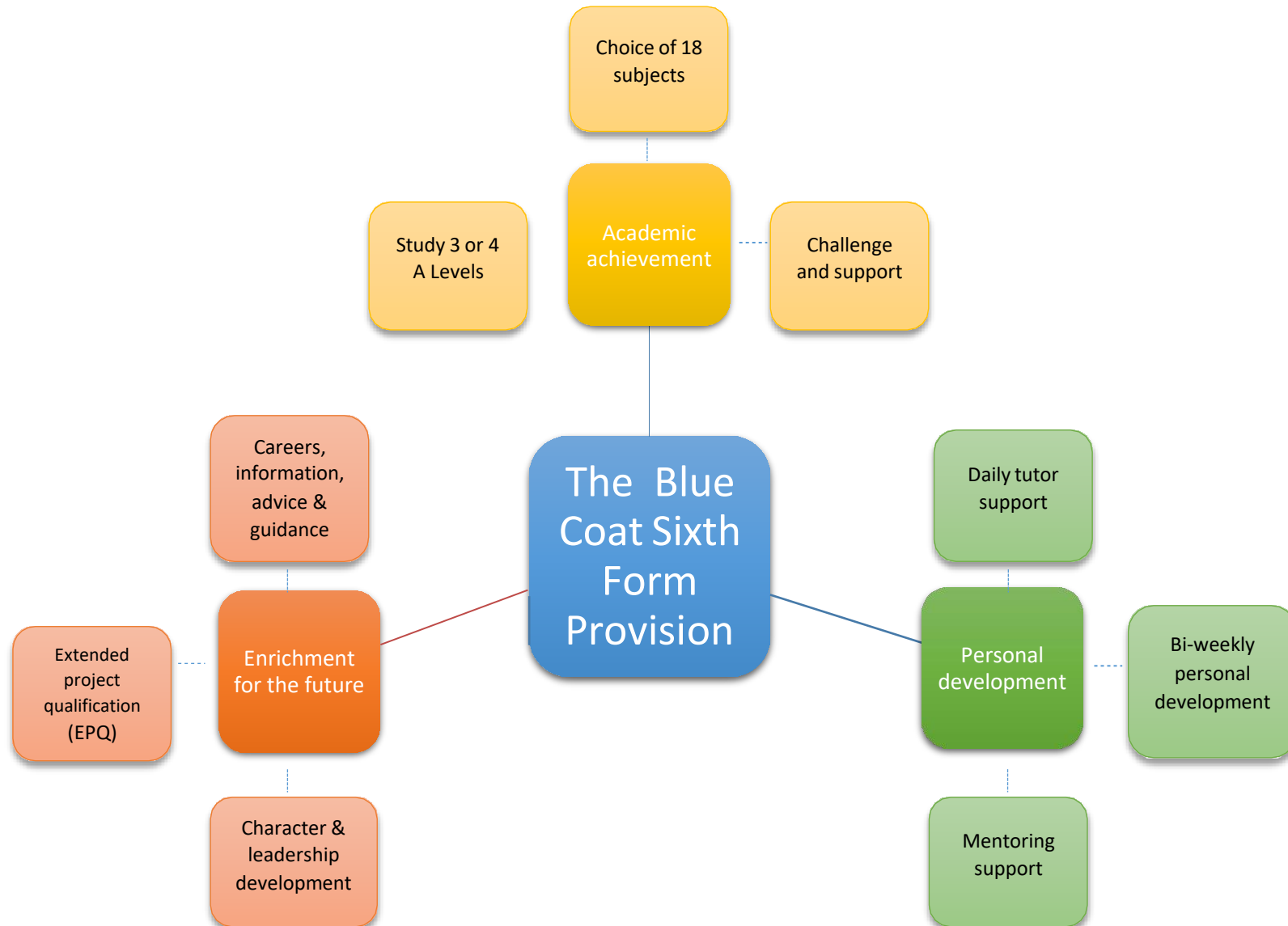
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Our enriching curriculum





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Our A Level courses

Art

Biology

Chemistry

Computer
Science

Economics

English
Literature

English
Language &
Literature

French

Geography

Government
& Politics

History

Latin

Mathematics

Further
Mathematics

Music

Physics

Psychology

Spanish



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Sixth Form entry requirements

The Blue Coat School offers students the opportunity to study 3 or 4 A Levels:

To study 3 A levels you must have a minimum of:

- ✓ GCSE Mathematics Grade 6
- ✓ GCSE English Grade 6
- ✓ 52 points from your best 8 GCSE's

To study 4 A Levels you must have a minimum of:

- ✓ GCSE Mathematics Grade 6
- ✓ GCSE English Grade 6
- ✓ 62 points from your best 8 GCSE's

You must also satisfy the minimum requirements for the subjects you choose to study:

Subject	GCSE minimum requirement	Or
Art	Art: Grade 7	Art BTEC: Distinction
Biology	Biology: Grade 7	Core/Additional/Further Science: Grades 8 7 or 7 7 7
Chemistry	Chemistry: Grade 7	Core/Additional/Further Science: Grades 8 7 or 7 7 7
Computer Science	Computer Science: Grade 7 Mathematics: Grade 7	
Economics	Mathematics: Grade 7	
English (Language & Literature)	English Language: Grade 7	
English (Literature)	English Literature: Grade 7	
French	French: Grade 7	
Further Mathematics (can only be taken as a fourth A Level)	Mathematics: Grade 8	
Geography	Geography: Grade 7	
Government & Politics	History: Grade 7	English Language or Literature: Grade 7
History	History: Grade 7	
Latin	Latin: Grade 7	
Mathematics	Mathematics: Grade 7	
Music	Music: Grade 7	ABRSM: Grade 5 Theory & Practical
Physics	Physics: Grade 7	Core/Additional/Further Science: Grades 8 7 or 7 7 7
Psychology	English Language or Literature: Grade 6	
Spanish	Spanish: Grade 7	



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Supporting you

Sixth Form Students at the Blue Coat School gain more than good A Level qualifications during their two years of study.

We take great pride in our commitment to provide opportunities for students to develop their life skills, character and talents. Coupled with this, we also provide an environment where students can stretch and challenge themselves outside of the academic forum in preparation for a successful transition to life beyond Blue Coat.

Personal Development

In Year 12, students have one Personal Development lesson a fortnight, increasing to one lesson a week in Year 13. Lessons are largely discussion-based, supporting students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The Personal Development curriculum covers PSHE (personal, social, health and economic education), citizenship, RSE (relationship and sex education), and CIAG (career information, advice and guidance). The CIAG element becomes increasingly important as students move into Year 13 and are supported with researching and applying for post-18 options.

Personal Development lessons are delivered in conjunction with Student Development afternoons; every Monday our students receive a talk from an external speaker, covering a range of topics from applying to university to supporting their mental health. Additional opportunities to be available to our Sixth Form students include the Student Leadership Team, subject prefect opportunities, mock interviews, careers appointments and studying a project of your choice through the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).



Welfare

The personal welfare of our students is paramount to us at Blue Coat.

We have two strong Key Stage Leaders who work in partnership to support both the academic progress and the personal welfare of our students. When aspiring to gain excellent A Level grades, the pressure to succeed can at times be very intense. At Blue Coat we ensure that students are supported on an individual and bespoke basis by subject teachers, form tutors and Key Stage Leaders as the need requires.





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A Level results by subject 2023

Subject	Total student entries	Number of grades							Average Grade
		A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	
A - Art (Fine Art)	7	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	A
A - Biology	76	28	23	16	6	1	2	0	A
A - Chemistry	85	26	33	18	7	0	1	0	A
A - Computing	17	2	7	5	1	1	1	0	B+
A - Economics	29	12	10	5	0	2	0	0	A
A - English Lang. & Lit.	6	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	A-
A - English Literature	17	4	7	5	1	0	0	0	A-
A - French	8	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	A-
A - Government & Politics	28	6	10	5	7	0	0	0	A-
A - Geography	15	3	9	1	0	2	0	0	A-
A - History	34	8	14	9	3	0	0	0	A-
A - Latin	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	A*
A - Mathematics	111	38	36	17	10	6	3	1	A-
A - Maths (Further)	20	8	8	1	3	0	0	0	A
A - Music	5	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	A-
A - Physics	36	9	12	9	2	2	1	1	B+
A - Psychology	33	3	13	9	3	3	2	0	B
A - Spanish	13	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	A
Summary	546	162	196	116	43	17	10	2	A-



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A Level Examination Results 2023

Grade	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
%	29.3	35.5	21.8	8.1	3.1	1.8	0.4

Attainment

- 64.8% of all grades were A* - A
- 86.6% of all grades were A* - B
- 48.9% of students achieved 3 or more A* - A grades
- 76.7% of students achieved 3 or more A* - B grades

On average

- The average A Level grade achieved was a 'A'
- The average set of A Level grades achieved was 'A A B'

Did you know?

- 1 student achieved 5 A* grades
- 6 students achieved 4 A* grades
- 23 students achieved a full set of A* grades
- Every student taking Latin achieved A*/A
- Around half of all students (84) achieved 3 or more A*/A grades
- 4 in 5 students in Geography achieved a grade A* or A
- Around 7 in every 10 students in Economics achieved a grade A* or A
- Three quarters of students studying Spanish or Further Maths achieved a grade A*/A

“We are extremely proud of this group of students. Our students achievements are exceptional and this is reflected in the wide range of opportunities that they embrace in their futures. ”

Scilla Yates, Headteacher



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KS4 and KS5 Destinations 2023

Key Stage 4

- 84% of our Year 11 students will progress on to study A Levels at The Blue Coat School
- We supported 6 students in their applications to study A Levels at another school
- We helped 12 students gain places to study A Levels at a Sixth Form college
- We helped 1 student gain a place on an apprenticeship

Key Stage 5

- 88% our students went to university
- 91% of students achieved their first place University choice
- 21 students gained a place at Oxbridge Universities
- We have supported some of our students in a range of applications for sponsored degrees, apprenticeships and employment

Year on year trends	2019 (155 cohort)	2020 (160 cohort)	2021 (145 cohort)	2022 (174 cohort)
Students going to university	90%	91%	88%	88%

This year, at a glance					
Number of students	University	Gap year	Travel	Employment	Other education/ training pathways
174	137	18	5	11	3



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Guidance about the Admissions Process

Admissions

The admissions process for Sixth Form places for September 2024 begins on 25th January 2024.

On that date, information and guidance for The Blue Coat School Sixth Form will be available from the School website (www.bluecoatschoolliverpool.org.uk).

Expressions of interest must be completed and received by the School by 4.00pm on Thursday 14th March 2024.

Expressions of Interest

The Liverpool Blue Coat School admits 175 students into Year 12 to study GCE A level courses, with many of our Year 11 students continuing on to study A Levels at Blue Coat. There are 15-20 places available for external applicants. The number is dependent on the number of internal Y11 students progressing to Y12. As a result, our Sixth Form is heavily oversubscribed.

External applicants must complete an Expression of interest, which can be obtained via the online link. We are looking for students who will thrive at the school because of their academic aptitude and attitude to learning.

Results Day

Applicants who have submitted an Expression of interest will be asked to bring their results into school. Applicants who are unable to attend in person must make arrangements for the school to receive copies of your results. If we do not receive copies of your results on Results Day, then we cannot consider you for a place.

If you do not submit an Expression of interest but achieve the necessary GCSE results to be admitted and are still interested in joining The Blue Coat School, please contact the School on GCSE Results Day in August to register your interest.

Students who are successful in obtaining a place in the Sixth Form for September 2024 will usually be notified the day after Results day

Appeals

Applicants who are not admitted to The Blue Coat School Sixth Form are entitled to appeal the school's decision. You will need to contact The Blue Coat School on GCSE Results' Day to request information regarding appeals.

Further information

If you have any questions about the admissions procedure please email admissions2024@bluecoatschool.org.uk



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Key Dates

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 25 th January 2024		External admissions process begins
Thursday 14 th March 2024		Deadline for Expressions of Interest
Thursday 22 nd August 2024		GCSE results day
Date to be confirmed	-	Appeals
Early September	-	Year 12 Induction



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SHAPING CHARACTER
FORGING FUTURES

Our vision is simple.

All that we do is
focused on developing
exceptionally well-rounded
individuals with the skills
to thrive and positively
contribute in a rapidly
changing society.