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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Introducing Our New Parent's Guide to the Curriculum 2026–27

I am delighted to share with you our new *Parent's Guide to the Curriculum*, which has been developed to provide families with a clearer understanding of what students learn at The Blue Coat School, why they learn it and how their progress is assessed throughout their education.

In our recent parent survey, a number of families told us that they would welcome more detailed information about the curriculum, particularly what is taught in each subject, how learning develops as students move through the school and how assessment is used to measure progress. We have listened carefully to this feedback, and the new booklet is a direct response to those requests.

Our aim is to make our curriculum more transparent and accessible, helping parents and carers feel better informed and more confident in supporting their child's education.

What does the booklet include?

The guide provides an overview of our broad, balanced and knowledge-rich curriculum across all three Key Stages, from Year 7 through to Year 13. It explains:

- **What students learn:** An overview of each subject and how knowledge, understanding and skills develop progressively from year to year.
- **Why students learn it:** The purpose of each subject and the wider knowledge, skills and personal qualities it helps students develop.
- **How students are assessed:** An explanation of formative assessment, formal assessments and examinations, including how progress is reported at Key Stages 3, 4 and 5.
- **How feedback supports improvement:** The importance of students understanding what they have done well, identifying areas for improvement and acting upon feedback.
- **Opportunities beyond the classroom:** How enrichment activities, wider reading and independent exploration complement classroom learning.

How can parents and carers use the guide?

We encourage families to use the booklet as a practical reference throughout the school year, rather than simply reading it once. The subject pages provide a useful starting point for conversations at home about what students are studying, the knowledge and skills they are developing and how their learning builds upon previous years.

The guide also explains how to access and interpret curriculum information on our school website, enabling families to explore individual subjects in greater detail.

When discussing assessments or school reports, we would particularly encourage parents and carers to focus not simply on grades or scores, but on what their child understands, where they are making progress and what they need to do next. These conversations can make a real difference in helping students become more confident, reflective and independent learners.

Working together to support every student

At The Blue Coat School, we believe that a strong partnership between school and home is fundamental to students' success. We also recognise that parents and carers are better placed to support learning when they have clear, accessible information about what their children are being taught and how they are progressing.

We are proud of the ambitious education we provide but equally committed to listening to our school community and improving the way we communicate. This booklet is an important step in that process, and we hope it will prove a valuable resource for families throughout their child's time at Blue Coat.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our parent survey. Your feedback is important to us and has directly influenced the development of this resource.

We hope you find the guide informative and useful, and we welcome your continued feedback as we work together to provide the very best education for every student.

Yours sincerely,



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