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Dear Parents and Carers

New Expectations for September 2026: Supporting Excellence at The Blue Coat School

As we prepare for the new academic year, I am writing to share several important updates to our school expectations and routines that will take effect from September.

These expectations are designed to support our continued commitment to creating a calm, purposeful and ambitious learning environment where every student can thrive academically, socially and personally.

At The Blue Coat School, we believe that strong communities are built on shared values, a sense of belonging and high expectations. By working together, we can ensure that every student is ready to learn and proud to be part of our school community.

Gate-to-Gate Mobile Phone Policy

In line with the new requirements introduced through the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026, The Blue Coat School will become a gate-to-gate mobile phone-free environment.

Students may continue to bring a mobile phone to school for use on their journey to and from school; however:

- Mobile phones must be switched off before entering the school gates.
- Phones must remain switched off and out of sight.
- Phones may only be switched back on once students have left the school site at the end of the day.

This expectation also applies to:

- smart watches;
- AirPods and earphones;
- any smart device capable of receiving notifications, messages or internet access.

Our message to students is simple:

We should not see it or hear it on the school site or during school visits.

Students with an agreed medical need requiring the use of a smart device will continue to be supported through their individual healthcare plan, and Sixth Form will follow the same policy unless they are in a designated area (Sixth Form Centre) which allows device use at break and lunchtimes.

Any device that is confiscated will result in an after-school detention, and it must be collected from the School Office at the end of the day.



Attendance and Punctuality

Being in school every day and arriving on time are fundamental to success.

Excellent attendance allows students to maximise learning opportunities, maintain positive relationships with staff and peers, and fully engage in school life. We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends regularly and arrives punctually each day.

Uniform Standards

Our uniform is an important part of our identity as a school community and reflects the pride students take in belonging to The Blue Coat School.

Students are expected to wear full school uniform correctly at all times, including:

- plain black, polishable school shoes;
- no visible logos, branding or coloured markings on footwear;
- no decorative features or patterns on shoes;
- no piercings allowed (sixth form students are permitted to wear a single stud earring in each ear);
- hair must of natural colour.

Please see the link [here](#) to the School Uniform Expectations document found on the school website.

New Year Group Ties

From September 2026, students will no longer wear house ties. Instead, each year group will have its own designated year group tie.

To ensure students are ready for the new academic year, every student will be issued with their new year group tie during this week. Students should take their new tie home, keep it safe over the summer holiday and return to school in September wearing their new year group tie. School ties are expected to be worn with pride. This means the top button of the school shirt should be fastened, the tie professionally knotted and covering the top button.

Equipment Expectations

Being prepared for learning is one of the simplest and most effective ways students can achieve success.

Students should arrive each day with:

- a suitable school bag;
- a pencil case;
- blue or black pen (plus spare);
- pencil (plus spare);
- ruler;
- rubber;
- green pen;



- calculator;
- mini-whiteboard pen;
- PE kit when required.

From September 2026, students will be expected to place their pencil case on their desk at the beginning of every non-practical lesson as a visible sign that they are ready to learn.

Personal Items and Drinks

To avoid loss or damage, students should not bring valuable personal belongings into school unless absolutely necessary.

In addition, from September:

- fizzy drinks are prohibited for year 7 to 11 students, with an after-school detention issued if a fizzy drink is confiscated. In sixth form fizzy drinks are only to be consumed in the sixth form centre;
- students are encouraged to bring water bottles to remain hydrated throughout the day.

Working Together

These expectations are not simply rules; they are part of our wider commitment to creating a school culture where students feel safe, supported and able to achieve their very best.

We know that where community exists, members share an identity, and that identity creates belonging, security and shared values. By maintaining high standards together, we strengthen our community and create the best possible environment for learning and personal growth.

We appreciate your support in discussing these expectations with your child before the start of the new academic year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of The Blue Coat School.

Kind regards



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