

2019



The Blue Coat School



YEAR 11

OPTIONS EVENING



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An introduction to our Sixth Form

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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 170 students in Year 12 and 170 students in Year 13. Our students can choose freely from 17 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. We provide a wealth of opportunities for sixth formers 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 2018, they achieved amongst the school's highest ever proportion of A* to B grades 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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What do others think of The Blue Coat School?



'The sixth form is outstanding'

'Blue Coat is an outstanding school in which students thrive and flourish'

'The A and AS level examination results are well above the national average'

'All groups of students make outstanding progress'

'Teachers' expectations are exceptionally high. They have excellent knowledge of their own subjects'

'There are high quality lessons'

'The subjects students take are matched closely to their needs and interests'

'North West state secondary school of the year 2017'

'The Blue Coat School returns to the national top 20'

'The Blue Coat School ranks 18th across the 2,000 highest achieving schools in the UK'

'State secondary school of the year 2015'

'The Blue Coat School is the first school in the north of England to be named State Secondary School of the Year'

'Students' performance propelled the school up our league tables to 25th in the country'

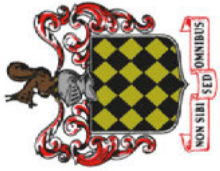
'The Blue Coat School is the best performing school in Merseyside'

'Liverpool's prestigious Blue Coat School earned itself a spot in the top 20 UK schools'

'The Blue Coat came 18th in the UK thanks to an A level grade A*-B rate of 86%'

'The over-subscribed grammar school also came out on top in last years guide'

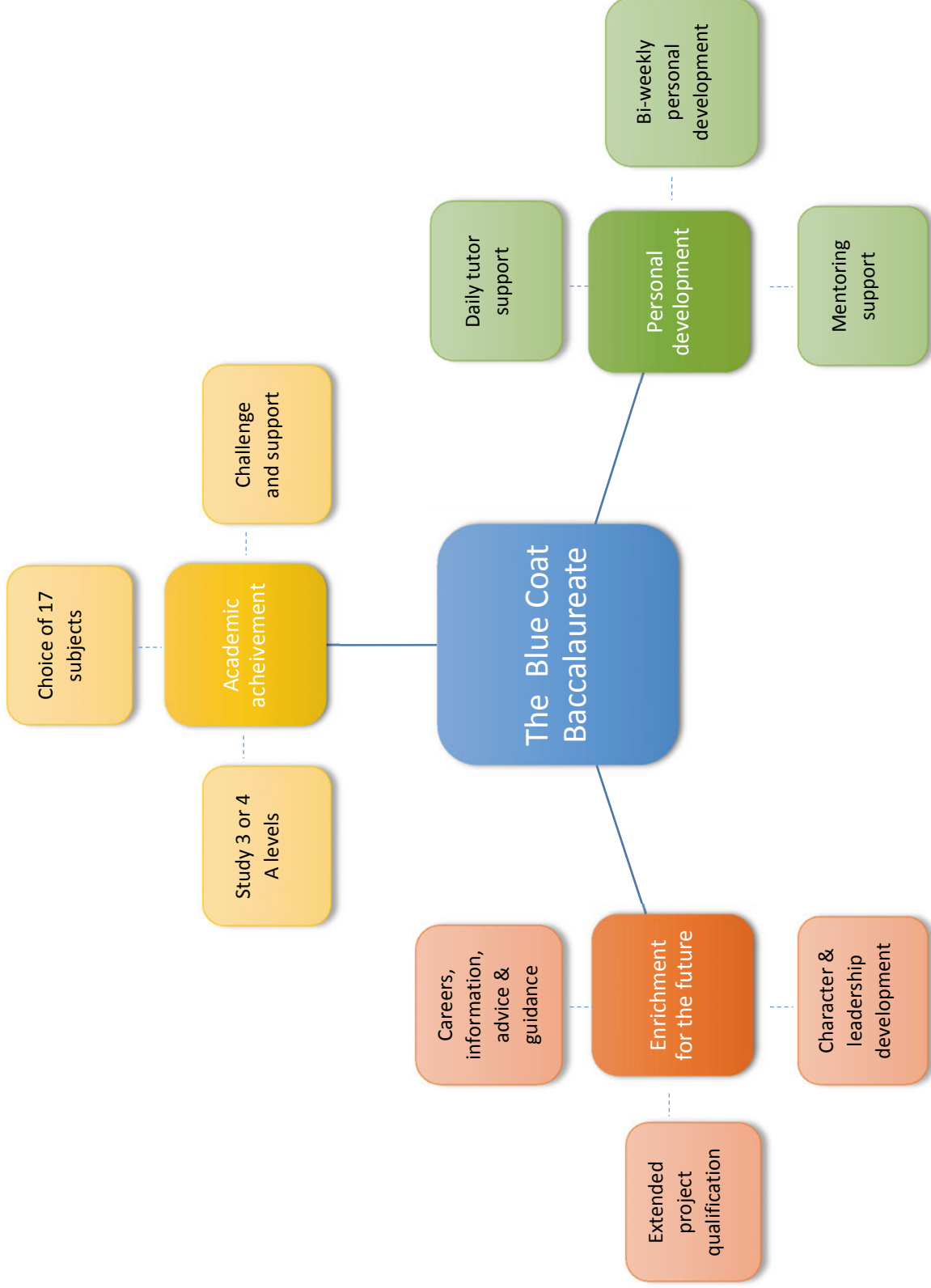
'The school is often listed among the best performing schools in the country'

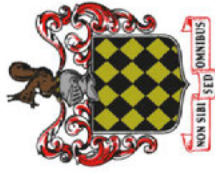


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Our enriching curriculum

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Choosing your pathway

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Year 11

GCSE's

Year 12

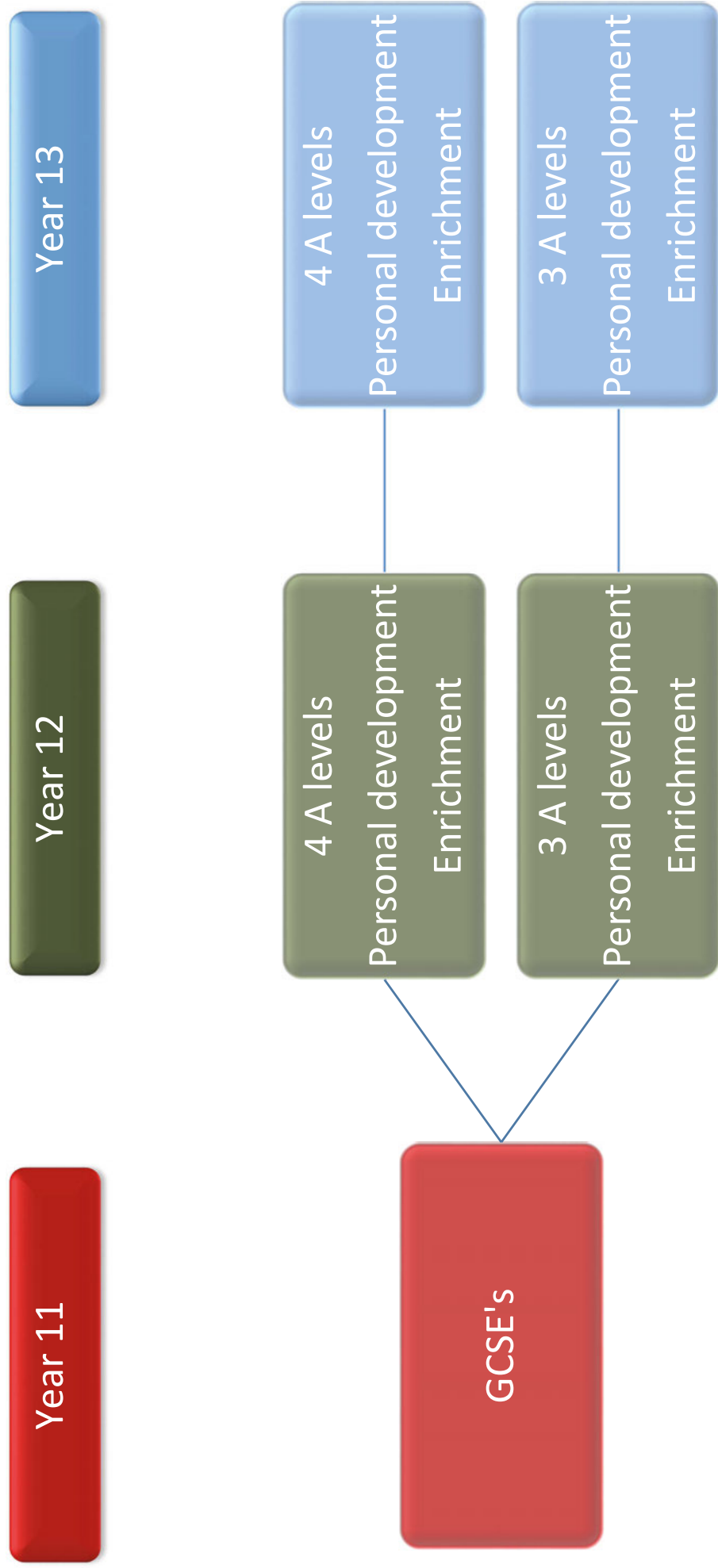
4 A levels
Personal development
Enrichment

3 A levels
Personal development
Enrichment

Year 13

4 A levels
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Our A level courses

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Art

Biology

Chemistry

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

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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 6	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
Economics	Mathematics: Grade 7	
English (Language & Literature)	English Language: Grade 7	
English (Literature)	English Literature: Grade 7	
French	French: Grade 7	
Further Mathematics	Mathematics: Grade 8	
Geography	Geography: Grade 6	
Government & Politics	History: Grade 6	English Language or Literature: Grade 6
History	History: Grade 6	Humanity: Grade 6
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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Blue Coat 6th Form Students will 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 skills, character and talents. Coupled with this we provide an environment where students can stretch and challenge themselves outside of the academic forum.

Personal Development

Students will participate in a fortnightly Personal Development lesson. These are studied through individual, group and discussion work. The aim is to provide an additional forum for the spiritual, personal, moral, social and cultural development of our 6th form students.



Enrichment

Additional opportunities to develop and enrich our sixth form experience include: exploring post-18 options and developing relevant skills through fortnightly CIAG lessons; being part of the student leadership team; studying a project of your choice in the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and gaining further UCAS points; being part of the strong Duke of Edinburgh scheme to gain your bronze, silver or gold award.



Welfare

The personal welfare of our students is paramount at Blue Coat. We have two strong Key Stage 5 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 as the need requires.





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A level results by subject 2018

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SUBJECT		TOTAL	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
Art	Cum %	7	42.9	57.1	85.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Biology	Cum %	63	20.6	50.8	71.4	92.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Chemistry	Cum %	82	23.2	58.5	80.5	91.5	98.8	100.0	100.0
Economics	Cum %	28	21.4	75.0	92.9	96.4	100.0	100.0	100.0
English Language + Literature	Cum %	10	0.0	10.0	90.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
English Literature	Cum %	8	12.5	50.0	75.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
French	Cum %	6	33.3	66.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Further Mathematics	Cum %	25	24.0	36.0	76.0	92.0	96.0	100.0	100.0
Geography	Cum %	24	20.8	62.5	79.2	87.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
Government + Politics	Cum %	22	22.7	59.1	86.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
History	Cum %	33	18.2	57.6	87.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Latin	Cum %	8	62.5	100.0	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Mathematics	Cum %	108	22.2	68.5	84.3	90.7	97.2	100.0	100.0
Music	Cum %	4	0.0	25.0	25.0	75.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Physical Education	Cum %	1	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Physics	Cum %	41	14.6	43.9	63.4	92.7	97.6	97.6	100.0
Psychology	Cum %	25	0.0	20.0	76.0	88.0	96.0	100.0	100.0
Religious Studies	Cum %	5	0.0	40.0	60.0	80.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Spanish	Cum %	19	26.3	47.4	63.2	89.5	100.0	100.0	100.0



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A level examination results overall 2018

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Grade	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
%	20.4	35.1	23.7	13.5	6.0	1.2	0.6

Attainment

- 56% of all grades were A* - A
- 79% of all grades were A* - B
- 39% of students achieved 3 or more A* - A grades
- 66% of students achieved 3 or more A* - B grades

On average

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

Did you know?

- 3 in 4 students taking Economics achieved either an A* or A grade
- All of the students taking Latin achieved either an A* or A grade
- Nearly half the students taking Art achieved an A* grade
- Over two-thirds of students taking Mathematics achieved either an A* or A grade
- 14 students have accepted places at Oxford or Cambridge University

'We are so proud of our students who have achieved another great set of results this year. The combination of their talents and effort and the expert support my colleagues provide has ensured that with these outcomes, our students can look forward to the exciting futures they aspire to.'

Headteacher: Mr M A Pennington



Key stage 4

- 88% of our year 11 students will progress on to study A levels at The Blue Coat School
- We supported 11 students in their applications to study A levels at another school
- We helped 4 students gain places to study A levels at a sixth form college

Key stage 5

- Nearly all of our students gained places at university
- 14 students gained a place at Oxbridge Universities
- We have supported some of our students in their applications to overseas universities, sponsored degrees, apprenticeships and employment

Year on year trends	2016	2017	2018
Students accepted places at university	94%	92%	91%
Students admitted to their 1 st choice university	79%	75%	70%
Students admitted to their 2 nd choice university	10%	10%	9%

	This year, at a glance					
No of students	UK university	University Abroad	Sponsored Apprenticeship	Deferred/ Gap	Employed	Other
164	144	2	2	9	5	2

“We are extremely proud of our students’ efforts to successfully achieve their goals. As they go on to university or employment we know their hard work, dedication and commitment will continue to serve them well in the future.”

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Entry into the sixth form

Students currently at The Blue Coat School do not need to apply for a place in the sixth form.

Students must meet the minimum entry requirements set out by The Blue Coat School. These include an overall entry requirement and individual subject requirements.

The minimum requirements are the same for both internal and external sixth form candidates.

Providing a current Year 11 student meets the minimum requirements, they are guaranteed a place in the sixth form at The Blue Coat School.

The options process

The options process for Year 11 students who wish to take a sixth form place at The Blue Coat School begins on 2 November 2018.

Students must complete an A Level subject choices form.

The A Level subject choices form must be completed, signed by the student and parents and returned to the student's form tutor by 28 March 2019.

Building your curriculum

We design and build our Year 12 curriculum around your choices and consequently, it is very rare that students cannot study the subjects they wish to.

Please assist us by ensuring you prioritise your choices and include a reserve choice in the unlikely event that we cannot accommodate your preferred choices.

You may request changes to your choices after you have submitted your A Level subject choices form. Changes must be requested by parents in writing to Mrs G Thomas. We will endeavour to accommodate any requests for changes but cannot guarantee they can always be achieved.

Your timetable gets built during May and June. Consequently, any requests to change your choices after March can only be achieved if they are compatible with the timetable model at that time.

Confirmation of place

All students must have their sixth form place and choice of courses confirmed on GCSE results day, which this year is on Thursday 22 August 2018.

If you are unable to attend in person on that day, you should email l.hayburn@bluecoatschool.org.uk to confirm your choices.

Places are confirmed subject to you meeting the overall minimum entry requirements and the relevant individual subject minimum entry requirements. Students may not begin an A Level course until the minimum entry requirements have been met.

Alterations to subject preferences on GCSE results day will be considered. Students and parents should be aware that changes at this stage are only possible if the preferred combination is achievable within the existing timetable structure and there are places available in a class.

Appeals

Parents have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision. Further details will be provided to students and parents on GCSE results day if appropriate.

Further information

If you have any questions about the options process please contact Mrs L Hayburn:

l.hayburn@bluecoatschool.org.uk



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Key dates

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Date	Time	Event
Thursday 1 November 2018	6.00pm	Year 11 options evening
Thursday 28 March 2019	4.00pm	Option form deadline
Tuesday 25 June 2019	6.00 pm	Year 12 induction evening
Thursday 22 August 2019	9.15am	GCSE results day
w/c 26 August 2019	9.00am	Appeals



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