



The Blue Coat School

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Dear Parent

Re: Chair of Governors

I write to inform you that on Wednesday 10 July 2019 I was elected as the new Chair of the Governing Body.

These appointments conclude nearly a decade where the governing board has been led by Julia Shaw and it is appropriate that we place on formal record our appreciation for her unstinting commitment to the Blue Coat School (BCS). During and under her stewardship the school has made significant progress and we are happy to pay tribute to her outstanding contribution.

As we look forward to new opportunities and challenges in the coming months and years, we will seek, with your support, to address them positively and in a manner that does not detract from our primary purpose of providing a first-class education to all our students.

Now is possibly one of the very best times to be involved in the Blue Coat School.

- We are fortunate to have a consistently talented workforce at all levels, comprising senior leaders, teachers and support staff. Indeed, at this time we are also seeing a record number of applications from individuals seeking to join the workforce as and when vacancies arise or new opportunities are created.
- We are proud of our ethos and of the standards we expect from everyone.
- We have over recent years put in place a detailed financial recovery plan, based on the needs of students, and this is now bearing fruit.
- With the help and support of the Development Team and the Foundation we have been able to invest in new facilities, whilst also providing financial support for many of the initiatives that the students and staff promote
- Our examination results have over recent years been amongst the highest level ever achieved in our history and again this is a direct consequence of the leadership of the teaching staff and the application of our students.
- We are an Outstanding School (Ofsted 2012) and we will strive to retain that position.
- We have both the highest attendance and punctuality levels ever coupled with significant improvements in behaviour across all parts of the school.



- Our Safeguarding provision is excellent and ensures that the BCS is both a safe environment in which to study as well as providing the necessary support to those in need.

This list is not exhaustive but illustrates many of the positive elements of the work being delivered by leaders, staff and students working positively together.

In the immediate term we will be refreshing the membership of the Governing Board, and to that end we will soon be welcoming applications from individuals across the Blue Coat School Community.

We will also be looking to progress our application to become an Academy Sponsor, thereby allowing The Blue Coat School to be at forefront of the design of the Multi Academy Trust and in turn support the wider delivery of education.

It is of course also important that the students are supported away from school and we should like to place on record our appreciation and thanks to you as parents and guardians for your interest and the encouragement you provide.

We hope over the coming months to be able to meet with many of you at parents' evenings and other school occasions. We will also be introducing new approaches in the way in which the Governing Body relates to both Parents and staff, thereby ensuring that we are able to receive and respond better to your views on how we are performing and, where necessary, what changes and improvements we might make. We will write further on this shortly.

It is exciting to think about what we can all achieve together as part of The Blue Coat School community. I very much hope that you too share our ambitions and confidence in what the Blue Coat School is able to deliver to our students in terms of both qualifications but equally importantly their wider personal development.

In closing can I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely



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