

Vision statement 2018-25

Our overall aims

The Blue Coat School will specialise in providing an education that is tailored to the academic, personal and social needs of very able children from all social, economic and cultural backgrounds. Our students will be the very best scholars of English and mathematics with a passion to be highly literate in sciences, humanities, languages, technology and the arts. They will be socially and globally aware through their interactions with each other and the opportunities provided by the school's curriculum. Students will get an educational experience that exceeds those provided to students of similar ability in any other establishment.

The school will be recognised as student centred, forward thinking and innovative. It will inspire the confidence of all members of its community and its strengths will be seen in all accountability measures. The school will be seen by policy makers as a place of great practice that can make a significant contribution to improving educational provision.

We will achieve this by challenging ourselves to ensure that...



Achievement

Students of all age groups will aspire to achieve the very highest academic, personal and social outcomes. Boys and girls from every different background will make exceptional academic progress from their starting points. Every student will build on their individual characteristics to develop sophisticated personal and social skills that ready them to pursue any future of their choice. They will be equipped to be the next generation of leaders capable of having the most positive influence on society.



Teaching and learning

Teaching will always promote the joy of learning. Teachers will be experts at planning and adapting pedagogy to meet the needs of able students. Throughout the school and at all age groups, teachers will excite students with innovative approaches that develop resilience, problem solving, creativity and independence. Teachers' expert subject knowledge and creative teaching strategies will inspire all students to learn about themselves whilst mastering their subjects. Teaching will challenge students to develop the courage to learn by taking risks.



Wider provision

Provision will be planned specifically to meet able students intellectual, personal and social development needs. The formal curriculum will provide a balanced menu of wide-ranging opportunities for students to develop, apply and evaluate new knowledge, understanding and skills. Exciting extra-curricular activities will complement and enrich students' experience at all stages of their education. Students future opportunities will be limitless because they are confidently equipped for and expertly guided about the next stage of their educational and development.



Staff growth

Leaders at every level will inspire others by role modelling exceptional standards and practice. They will promote a culture of evaluation, research and development where evidence based decision making informs improvements to policy, practices and outcomes. Staff development will always be centred on improving students' learning and be informed by innovation in education and other sectors, both nationally and internationally. A well-resourced professional development programme will support all teachers and support staff to deliver outstanding provision and acquire new knowledge, understanding and skills. The school's reputation for outstanding provision will attract ambitious applicants to join the school and contribute to securing further improvements.



Community

The Blue Coat School will be a vibrant, purposeful, confident organisation that engages positively with all sections of its community. Explicit values will be shared across the community and shape the vision, strategy, policies and practices of all stakeholders. A commitment to mutual support and challenge will underpin the relationships across all stakeholder groups. The community will know, understand and meet the needs of each other allowing all students and staff to flourish and reach new potentials. The needs of the students will be at the heart of all decision making.



Partnerships

The Blue Coat School will seek partnerships that benefit its students more than if the school worked alone. As a renowned provider for very able students, the school will forge local, national and international educational partnerships that add value to all involved. Partnership activity will support able children in other schools, especially those who are socially or economically disadvantaged. In keeping with the aims of our founders, the school will work in partnership with others who share its desire to improve social mobility locally and nationally.