



Governing body update

September 2019

We think it is very important that you know and understand as much as possible about our work as a Governing Body. This summary will be published every month to give you an overview of the things that we are considering at our meetings and what our current priorities are.

Summary of our main agenda items:		Insight into our current priorities:	
Admissions	We are now well advanced in the arrangements for our Entrance Test and currently have about 1200 applicants to join Year 7 in September 2020.	As part of our ongoing desire to continually support staff workload, well-being and welfare , we have recently commissioned a workforce survey. This is a very important piece of work as it will give Governors and Senior Leaders a clear insight into matters which directly affect the whole workforce. Over the coming months, we will be working with staff to ensure that the results of the survey inform ongoing refinements and improvements to our existing approaches and practices.	
Teaching, learning and outcomes	We were extremely pleased to note the excellent GCSE and A level results. This is a testimony to both the students themselves but importantly the professionalism and skill of our teachers and support staff. Our thanks and congratulations go to them all.	We are looking to recruit new governors to The Blue Coat School and keen to ensure that our governing body properly reflects the wider Bluecoat community. Importantly we look forward to receiving nominations from parents to join the governing body. To manage governor recruitment better, we are soon to conclude some changes to our Articles of Association which will involve the appointment of a new Members Group who will be responsible for the selection and de-selection of governors at The Blue Coat School.	
Students behaviour, attendance and welfare	Governors received their termly update on Students Attendance, Welfare and Behaviours. We noted a number of very positive outcomes and gained a detailed understanding on those areas where school leaders want to do even more for the students.	We remain eager to further develop consultation with Students, Staff and Parents and this summary is just one example of those efforts. Over the coming months governors will also be attending various school events to ensure that parents and others have an opportunity to meet with us and discuss matters of mutual interest. Any further ideas as to how we can improve consultation and communication are always welcome.	
Strategic governance	The final version of the School Improvement Plan has been approved by governors. This guides the work of the school throughout the year and is reported upon at all our governing body meetings.	Finally, we remain in contact with the Regional School Commissioner about our intention to become an academy sponsor . Alongside this, we are exploring other opportunities for The Blue Coat School to provide professional support to other schools.	
		If you would like to find out more about any of these items or if you have any questions you would like to ask the governing body, please email us through: parentquestions@bluecoatschool.org.uk	