

JHY/SHY

8th July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to write to you to provide you with some key information regarding the start of the new academic year for your child. The start of the new academic year is especially exciting for you and your child, as it is the start of your journey at The Blue Coat School. We are busy making preparations for your child to ensure they start their journey with us fully supported and with all of the necessary information.

Start of the new academic year September 2025

- Wednesday 3rd September and Thursday 4th September

These are staff INSET days and *no students are expected in school* for these days

- Friday 5th September

This will be the start of the new term for **New yr 7** and **yr 11** students **only**.

In a bid to provide effective transition, the arrival of students will be staggered as set out below.

Friday 5th September

8-8.40am	New Yr 7 arrive (front or back gate)	Gather in the dining room
8.40 am start of day	New Yr 7 arrive (front or back gate)	Meet in the main hall
	Induction, Tutor time followed by lesson 5 and 6	

11.05am	Yr 11 arrive (front or back gate)	Meet in tutor base- see website
	Tutor time followed by lesson 5 and 6	

Inevitably children will arrive before the official start time of 8.40am . If your child decides to arrive before 8.40am, please can we ask that, on their first day they gather in the dining room.

New Year 7 will receive a thorough induction into school during their first day.

New Year 7 will receive their new timetable in the morning session.

New Yr 7 will attend their timetabled lessons in P5 and P6 on this day.

Please can we ask New year 7 to bring your full PE kit as they may have PE on their first day.



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➤ Monday 8th September

This will be the start of the new term for yr 8, 9 and 10 students and day 2 for New yr 7 and 11

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8.40am start of school day	Yr 7 8,9,10 and 11 arrive	Meet in tutor base- see website
	Tutor time, PSHE followed by lessons 3,4,5 & 6	

There will continue to be planned induction activities for all students in the morning. All students will start lessons from period 3 that day.

Expectations

It is essential that all students come fully prepared for the new academic year. Please can we seek your support in ensuring your child comes with all of the necessary school stationary ready to be an active part in lessons, e.g. a well-stocked pencil case.

I have previously written to you about the importance we place on uniform standards. In order to commit to our ethos of community and equity, please can I remind you to review our uniform policy and ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the start of the year.

Developments

Construction of our new student support centre is underway. Phase one of the new provision involves clearing the old library fixtures and fittings and 'making ready' for the newly designed student focussed spaces. The planned completion date is 1st September.

Work is also underway to replace our existing toilets in the Portsmouth block. The current traditional 'Boys' and 'Girls' toilets will be replaced with individual, open planned floor to ceiling cubicle toilets allocated to both boys and girls. The planned completion date is mid to late September.

We will also be relocating our medical room to a more central position. This will aid the triage of medical provision and will enable additional support to be more easily accessed for students and parents. The planned completion date is late September.

Lastly, I wish you a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to seeing you and your child at the start of what I am sure will be an exciting new academic year.

Yours sincerely



Miss J Halsey
Headteacher