



THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL



Welcome to Our Open Day

**We hope you enjoy your visit
around our school, meeting staff
and students.**

**Please do not hesitate to ask if you
have any questions.**

**INSPIRING
EXCELLENCE**

**SHAPING
CHARACTER**

**FORGING
FUTURES**



Dear Parent

We are pleased to welcome you and your family to our school.

We hope that visiting school today and speaking to staff and students will provide you with all the information and guidance that you need as you begin to plan the next steps in your child's educational journey.

At The Blue Coat School, we are very proud of our long history, we celebrate our current achievements, and we are excited about our future. We remain dedicated to the vision of the school and strive to provide the best quality education for children of all backgrounds, abilities and beliefs.

Our Vision focuses our work on that:

- Our aim is for each member of staff and each student to aspire to achieving excellence in all that they do.
- Our aim is for each student to develop as the unique individuals that they are and develop their own unique character.
- Our aim is to provide a rich and vibrant student experience that gives each student strong building blocks for their chosen future path.

A great school must be an outward looking school. The Blue Coat School works in partnerships locally, regionally and at national levels. Locally, we work in partnership with School Improvement Liverpool, working with secondary and primary headteachers on leadership and curriculum links. We also work closely with several organisations and charities across the country to support student wellbeing, future next steps and extra-curricular opportunities for students.

Everything that we do at The Blue Coat School rests on the strong foundation of our values and ethos that we believe all members of our community should have. These values underpin all that we do at The Blue Coat School.

Our rich and exciting curriculum stimulates student interest and offers a broad and balanced education for all. The achievement, progress, happiness and well-being of our students is at the centre of our vision and actions. By working in partnership with all of our students and their families, we strive to ensure that the children in our care benefit from the high-quality education that they truly deserve.

Our wide range of curricular, extra-curricular and super-curricular activities demonstrates the high standard of educational provision that our students receive and is a testament to The Blue Coat School's commitment of enhancing the life opportunities of all of our students. It is through this foundation of success at school that students will truly experience 'Life in all its fullness', in education and beyond.

We hope that you enjoy your visit and find the information provided today useful. Please enjoy visiting our departments and meeting our staff and students, who make the school the success it is.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Sexton
Headteacher



Y7 Guidance about the admissions process for September 2025

Applying to sit the entrance test

The Blue Coat School uses an Entrance Test to select its students.

Parents who wish their child to undertake the Entrance Test so that they may be considered for admission must submit an application to the Blue Coat School.

The Blue Coat School uses an online application form which can be accessed from the school website from Monday 1 July 2024. Applications must be received by the school by 4.00pm on Monday 2 September 2024.

The application form provides parents with the opportunity to inform the school of any physical disabilities, medical requirements or special educational needs which may need supporting during the admissions procedure.

Parents/carers whose children are in Year 6 are invited to submit applications to sit The Blue Coat School Entrance Test in September 2024. Parents seeking a place for their child outside the normal age group must submit supporting information as part of the online application form which will be considered by Trustees on a case by case basis. Please refer to the school's Admissions Policy for details on this.

Sitting the Entrance Test

A child may only take the test once. The Entrance Test consists of three elements: English, Maths and Creative Writing. Children are expected to show ability appropriate to the Key Stage 2 curriculum. No additional preparation is necessary. All three will be tested on one day in September and all tests will take place at The Blue Coat School. There are no 'practice papers' but a familiarisation paper is available on the website.

The Entrance Test will take place at The Blue Coat School on 21 September 2024.

Detailed arrangements for the Entrance Test will be sent to all eligible applicants whose completed application form has been received by the school.

The school will make all necessary arrangements to support any physical disabilities, medical requirements or special educational needs which it has been informed of. Information regarding this is on the online application form.

The Entrance Test is supervised by the school's senior leadership team and a team of invigilators who are assigned to look after small groups of children.

The school makes arrangements for a Reserve Test to support applicants who are eligible to sit the Entrance Test but are unable to attend because of medical, religious or other circumstances. Candidates may only be granted permission to take the Reserve Test by the Trust Board who must deem that there are extenuating circumstances.

Co-ordination between the Blue Coat School and Local Authorities

Parents of children starting Year 6 in September 2024 will receive guidance from their primary schools about how to apply for secondary school places. This includes information about how parents may wish to complete their home Local Authority common application form.

Parents of children from a local authority other than Liverpool are advised to check with their home Local Authority about the arrangements and dates for secondary school applications.

The Blue Coat School works closely with Local Authority admission arrangements.

For a child to be considered for admission to The Blue Coat School, their parents must:

- Ensure they have applied to The Blue Coat School to sit the Entrance Test by Monday 2 September 2024.
- Ensure they have completed and returned the common application form to their home Local Authority by Thursday 31 October 2024.

Parents do not need to complete their home Local Authority common application form until they have been notified of the outcome of The Blue Coat School Entrance Test.

Admission to The Blue Coat School

The Blue Coat School will admit 180 students in September 2025.

Candidates will be tested in English and Maths and Creative Writing. The English and Maths elements are marked by computer and age-standardised. All students with an eligible score from those two elements have their creative writing element assessed.

In order to be eligible for admission to the school, candidates must achieve an 'eligible score' which includes minimum standards in each element of the test. This is not a pre-defined pass mark, but reflects a candidate's position in the rank order of standardised scores in the Math and English elements, once a minimum standard for Creative Writing has been achieved. The Admissions Committee will determine, by reference to performance in the tests, an appropriate eligible score and a rank order of children who should be offered a place. Parents who apply for testing on time will receive notification if their child is placed on the eligible list as soon as possible. The Blue Coat School will post the results of tests securely online to parents in advance of the Common Application date (31st October 2025).

As part of The Blue Coat School's commitment to social mobility, places will be allocated according to the following criteria:-

- Up to 27 places will be available to the highest scoring applicants who are eligible for free school meals and who achieve the eligible score.
- The remaining places will be available to all other highest scoring applicants who meet the eligible score.

Parents should be guided by the following information:-

- The Blue Coat School will provide parents with the outcome of the Entrance Test so that they have the information they need to complete the common application form of their home Local Authority in the way they deem most suitable.
- The Blue Coat School places applicants in groups according to the outcome of the entrance test.
- If your child is in GROUP A and you wish your child to be admitted to The Blue Coat School, you should consider placing The Blue Coat School as one of your preferences. If your child is in GROUP B and you wish your child to still be considered for admission to The Blue Coat School you should consider placing The Blue Coat School as one of your preferences. However, please be aware that candidates in GROUP B are not guaranteed a place at The Blue Coat School.
- If your child is in GROUP C you should not consider placing The Blue Coat School as one of your preferences.
- The Blue Coat School does not release test papers.

The outcome of the Entrance Test will be sent to the email address included on the application form. Parents that have not heard from the school by Friday 25 October 2024 should contact the school.

The Local Authority will notify parents of school placements on Saturday 1 March 2025 in accordance with their admission arrangements.

Appeals

Parents have the right to an independent appeal if they are dis-satisfied with an admission decision. You will need to contact The Blue Coat School to request information on appeals. Appeals must be submitted by 31 March 2025. All appeals will be acknowledged, and you should contact the school if you do not receive an acknowledgement within two weeks of submission. Independent appeals will be heard by the end of June 2025.

Further information

If you have any questions about the admissions procedure, please contact the School office through admissions2025@bluecoatschool.org.uk. Please note that The Blue Coat School does not offer advice about the Entrance Test or offer any opinion about the suitability of applications.



The Blue Coat School

Open Day 2024 – What’s on?

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We hope this brief overview tells you what’s on, where it’s happening, what you can see and who you can talk to...



Art in rooms C23 & C24 Subject Coordinator: Mr Cain

Come and visit Art and speak to staff and students about what we do. See a range of exciting work from students of all ages and have a go at some of our practical workshops.



Biology in rooms N15 & N16 Head of Biology: Mrs Bruce

Enjoy interacting with a range of Biology practical work, participating in competitions and games and speaking to our student Biologists.



Business Studies & Economics in room W21 Head of SMSC: Mr Farrell

Come and see our budding entrepreneurs in action as they run a range of businesses.



Chemistry in rooms N10 & N11 Head of Chemistry: Mrs Maskell

See our exciting demonstrations and try some experiments for yourself.



Computer Science in room S03 Subject Coordinator: Mr Stokes

Come and find out how we are developing the Computer Scientists of tomorrow. You can meet our students and have a go at block coding.



Design & Technology in rooms N04, N05, E01 & E02 Head of Design & Technology: Mr Ainsworth

Come and try some edible delights in Food Technology. Visit our brand new 'state of the art' Ultimaker 3D printer in action and visit the display of work set up within the workshop (N05).



English in rooms W05, W06 & W07 Head of English: Mr Brittain

Join us in English where you can explore captivating stories, dive into a variety of quizzes and contests, and unleash your creativity with engaging writing activities. Get inspired by a showcase of remarkable student work and meet our dedicated staff and vibrant students, who will share their passion and insights about life in the English classroom.



Languages in rooms C14, W13 and W15 Head of Languages: Mr Adamson

Compete in our Languages games (with prizes!), discover the wide range of exciting trips abroad that you can take part in and chat to our prefects about why students love Languages at The Blue Coat School!



Geography in room C21 Head of Geography: Mr Jones

Come along and enjoy a range of interactive challenges.



Student Support in the Student Support Hub SENDco: Mrs Cobain

Come and meet the team; find out what Student Support is all about and engage in some mindful activities and relation. We will be able to share the many ways we can offer help to students with additional needs and facing a range of challenges.



History & Politics in rooms C13 Head of History & Politics: Dr P Wainwright

Come and see how the past informs the present! Find out about some of the good work that students have completed over the course of the year, take part in our history quizzes and have your say in some of our historical debates!



Mathematics in room CO4 Head of Mathematics and Computing: Miss Lunney

Come and try some interactive maths puzzles; talk to students and see our resources.



Music in rooms N17 and N18 Director of Music: Mr Emery

Come and chat to our teachers and students about all things musical including enrichment activities and ensembles. Information performances will take place throughout the day. Take the opportunity to learn the keyboard and other instruments with our talented students.



Physical Education in Sports Hall & Dance Studio: Head of Physical Education: Mr Phelan

Come along and see our displays and demonstrations of sports available at Blue Coat; Basketball and Netball in the Sports hall and table tennis in our Dance Studio.



Personal Development and Wellbeing in the Library: Miss Nock and Ms Cobain

Come and discuss our Personal Development curriculum, meet our Mentors in Violence Prevention and try a range of activities to boost your wellbeing.



Physics in rooms N02 & N03 Head of Physics: Mr Doherty

Interact with a range of exciting and intriguing Physics experiments which will be demonstrated by members of the Physics Society.



Psychology in room W01 Subject Coordinator: Ms Murphy

Enjoy our interactive puzzles and challenges which explore the diversity of Psychology. This year the interactive games have a fairground theme. Try your luck whilst learning about how Psychology explains the fairground.



Religious Studies in room W02 Subject Coordinator: Mrs Treharne

Come and explore the diversity, relevance and challenge of the Religious Studies curriculum and resources.



Parents' Association in Dining hall Chair of Parents' Association: Dianne Sheerin

Come along and speak to members of our PA about the great support they provide to school events and the opportunities they provide for students.



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Admissions Timetable

Date	Time
Monday 1 July 2024	9.30am Application can be made online
Monday 2 September 2024	4.00pm Closing date for applications
Thursday 6 September 2024	6.00pm Trustee Board review of applications for Entrance Test
Saturday 21 September 2024	8.45am Entrance Test
Thursday 26 September 2024	5.30pm Trustee Board review of requests for Reserve Entrance Test
Tuesday 1 October 2024	8.45am Reserve Entrance Test
Friday 18 October 2024	5.30pm Trustee Board review the outcome of the Entrance Test
Friday 25 October 2024	Entrance Test outcome sent to parents
Thursday 31 October 2024	Closing date for submission of Local Authority common application form
Saturday 1 March 2025	Local Authority allocation letter sent to parents
Monday 3 March 2025	Notice of Appeal forms available
Monday 31 March 2025	Closing date for receipt of Notice of Appeal Forms
June 2025	Appeal Hearings

