



# Bluecoat Wollaton

believe in yourself, in others, in God



## Year 7 Transition Booklet

*This transition booklet will help prepare you to join us at Bluecoat Wollaton Academy, as well as let your teachers know a little bit about you. Please make sure you have it with you on your first day.*

**Name:**

**Form:**











# Welcome!

Here at Bluecoat Wollaton Academy, we offer a caring, nurturing environment to ensure every member of our 'family' can be the best they can be in all that they do. We are a relatively small school, and this means that in no time at all, everyone will know you, and you will make plenty of new friends.

We expect all students to work hard; show respect, and you are joining a school that has high aspirations for all. We are extremely proud of our reputation for excellence, and we look forward to watching you grow and develop both personally and socially and leave us thoroughly prepared to become well-rounded and successful in 5 years time. To support this ambition, our extra-curricular or 'enrichment' programme provides opportunities in STEM, music, sport, drama and many other areas.

You are joining a World Class School. We make no apologies for the unequivocally high standards that we have here at Bluecoat Wollaton Academy; we expect students to have excellent behaviour, attendance and attitudes to learning. We also expect our teachers to be excellent too, by delivering inspirational lessons that ignite a love of learning and instil a belief that anything is possible. Belief is central to all we do as a church school: we believe "in ourselves, in each other and in God" and it is this belief that ensures Bluecoat Wollaton Academy continues to offer the best educational experiences possible.

I very much look forward to meeting you soon.

**Mr Anderson**

*Principal, Bluecoat Wollaton Academy*



# The History of Bluecoat

Bluecoat is the second oldest school in Nottingham. Bluecoat Wollaton Academy takes students from over 50 primary schools.

The Bluecoat School was set up by the people of Nottingham in 1706. Generous donations were given to provide a free education for poor boys and girls in the city. The original school was set up under the archway of the porch at St Mary's Church in the Lace Market. The uniform of the schools was originally grey but later the bluecoats given to the students gave the schools their name.

The Bluecoat schools are founded on important Christian values and are linked to three ancient parish churches in Nottingham:

*Church of St Mary the Virgin; St Peter's Church; and St Nicholas' Church*

Bluecoat Wollaton Academy is directly linked with St Mary's Wollaton Park and also works with St Leonard's Church in Wollaton Village.



The six Houses within Bluecoat Wollaton Academy are named after the benefactors:

**Braithwaite**

**Fenton**

**Inglis**

**Mellors**

**Rippon**

**Thorpe**

The Bluecoat schools have grown under the umbrella of The Archway Learning Trust—a reminder of the roots of the schools at St Mary's Church.

The Bluecoat family has grown and from 2021 there will be 8 secondary schools, one primary school and an alternative provision unit. Bluecoat Trent is the newest school of the family opening in 2021.





# Who can help me in school?

Every member of staff at Bluecoat Wollaton Academy is friendly and happy to help, but below are some of the key members of staff you will get to know over your first few weeks!

## Principal

*Mr Anderson*



## Head of Year

*Miss McGraw*



## Braithwaite

*Mr Mosley*



## Fenton

*Miss Holmes*



## Inglis

*Miss Atkin*



## Mellors

*Miss Drechsler*



## Rippon

*Ms Watkins*



## Thorpe

*Mrs Gunn*





On your journey to starting year 7 in our school, mark out some key life events that you would like to share with us.  
What events have been important to you?

## Year 1 in Primary school

*Use the road markers  
to write about some  
life events*



Starting Year 7





# BUILD PROGRAMME

## B U I L D

### Brave

I AM LOOKING FORWARD  
TO MY NEW SCHOOL  
I WILL ASK QUESTIONS  
I WON'T BE AFRAID TO  
MAKE MISTAKES

### Unique

I WILL BE MYSELF  
I WILL CELEBRATE OTHERS

### Independent

I WILL WAKE UP ON TIME  
AND BE PUNCTUAL TO  
SCHOOL  
I WILL PACK MY BAG THE  
NIGHT BEFORE  
I WILL ENSURE I WEAR  
CORRECT  
UNIFORM/DINNER CARD

### Love for learning

I WILL HAVE A POSITIVE  
ATTITUDE  
I WILL GRAB NEW  
OPPORTUNITIES  
I WILL HELP OTHERS

### Desire

I WANT TO BE SUCCESSFUL  
I WON'T GIVE UP  
I WILL DO MY BEST

Our BUILD programme is designed to prepare our students for life in their new school. We want students to have an idea of what will be expected from them once they start their exciting journey with us.

We feel it is important that students are:

- not afraid to ask questions if they are worried or unsure,
- comfortable in knowing that it is always okay to make mistakes
- true to themselves and know the importance of celebrating everyone
- independent and learn new routines so that they are ready for each day

Throughout the programme students will be reassured of the excellent support they'll receive, which will further enhance their love for learning new things and their desire to be successful and never to give up.





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**Year 7**

**Journey to**

**Success**

Be KIND.  
Be RESPECTFUL.

Participate in your  
TUTOR TIME activities.

Receive 150  
POSITIVE POINTS.

Get ORGANISED.  
Get into a routine.

Develop good STUDY SKILLS -  
complete your homework on time,  
every time.

Try something new as an  
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY!

Success starts with  
ATTENDANCE.  
Aim to achieve 100% and always  
be on time!

Make an excellent FIRST  
IMPRESSION.  
Smile and be supportive to your  
peers and teachers.

Be POSITIVE. If at first, you  
don't succeed, try, try again!

**FAITH HOPE LOVE**





# What do you want people to know about you?

When you join Bluecoat Wollaton Academy you are going to have the opportunity to make lots of new friends. You will be put into a form group with other Year 7 students who you will see each morning during tutor time.

Use the space below to write down three things you could tell your new friends about yourself:

1.

2.

3.

Now think of three questions you could ask your new friends about themselves:

1.

2.

3.



# How do you feel about moving to Bluecoat Wollaton?

Moving to secondary school is a really exciting time however starting something new can also be a little daunting. Use two different colours to highlight the things you are looking forward to about moving to secondary school in one colour and the things you are worried about in another colour.

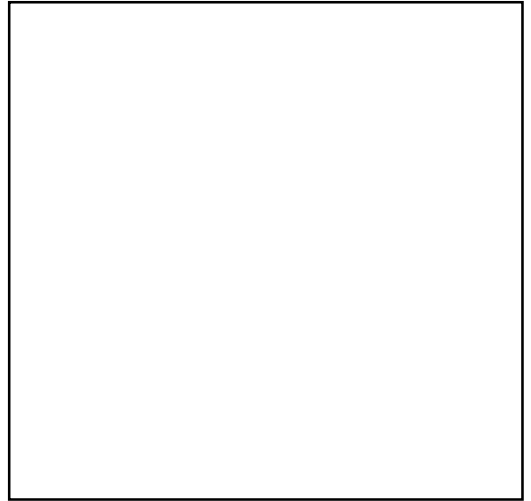
**Is there anything else you could add?**

Making new friends	Getting lost	Leaving primary school
Finding the way to lessons	New teachers	Homework
Getting to school	New school expectations	Being late
Learning new subjects	Lunch time	New uniform
Joining clubs	Being on time	Being with older students

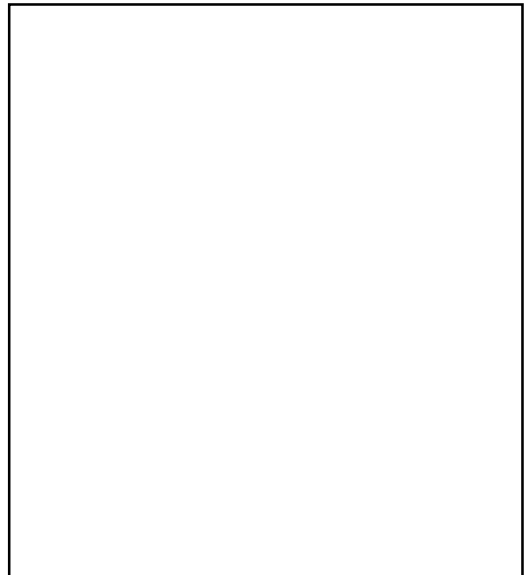


How do you feel about moving to  
Bluecoat Wollaton?

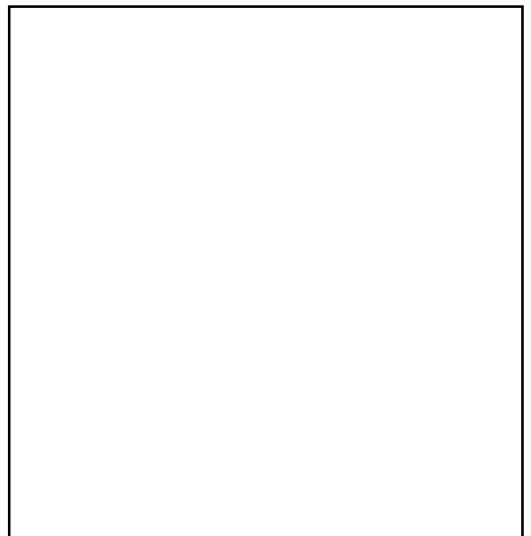
**Nervous**



**Excited**



**Not sure**





ALL are welcome  
HERE



Do you know what these words mean?  
Write down what you think they mean.



# How will secondary school be different?

At primary school, your teacher did most of the organising for you, making sure you got to where you needed to be. At secondary school, all of this will be your responsibility. Don't worry you will get the hang of it.

## School bells:

Bells in school will let you know when you need to make your way to the next lesson. Unlike primary school, you will move around after each lesson to a new room. In the morning and at the end of lunch then bells ring twice. The first bell is the movement bell – this means you need to start making your way to your class. The second bell – means you need to be ready in or by your class, so you are ready to learn.

## Timetable:

On your first day you will be given a timetable. This timetable shows you, your lesson for the full week. Your timetable will tell you what the lesson is, the teacher initials and which room. Don't worry you will soon get the hang of any new lessons and which room you need to be in. Teachers and other students will happily help you.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
T	Tp AJH SC02W	Tp AJH SC02W	Tp AJH TE04W	Tp AJH HU02W	Tp AJH SC02W
1	Re AW IT01W	Ma AM1 IT01W	Cm KS IT03W	Dr DH2 AR03W	En LG IT01W
2	En LG IT01W	Re AW SC04W	Cm KS IT03W	Dr DH2 AR03W	Sc AR IT01W
3	Fr NM IT01W	Ma AM1 IT01W	Fr AR3 TE01W	Sc AR HU03W	Ma AM1 IT02W
4	Pe BW GTRM	Sc EB IT01W	Fr AR3 TE01W	Sc EB HU03W	En LG IT01W
5	En LG SC01W	Cm KS IT02W	Ma AM1 TE02W		Sc WA2 IT01W

Teacher	Subject	Room
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Question: Which day would you need to take your PE kit?

Which books would you need to take on Monday?

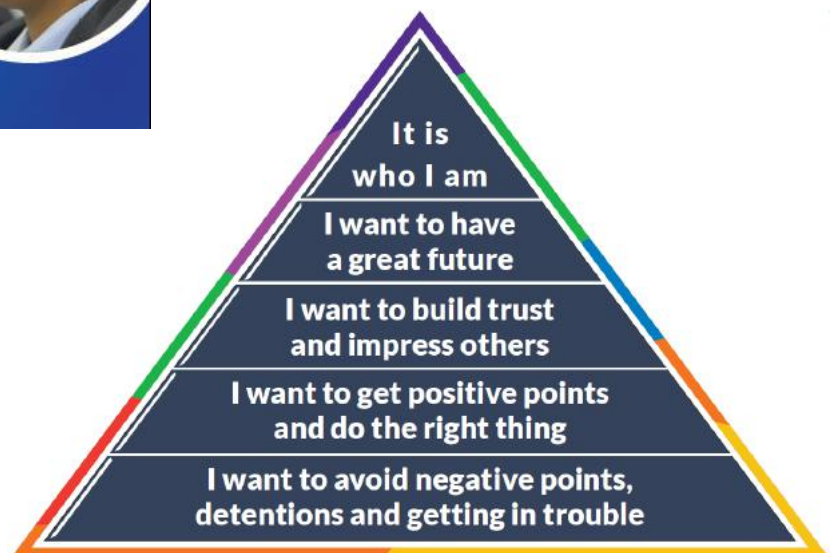




At Bluecoat Wollaton Academy we believe all learners should “Work hard; show respect” and we have taken clear steps to develop this ethos amongst both staff and students.

We use SHINE in every lesson. This is a key habit that will help you succeed in school and in life.

When we use SHINE we are signalling to you to learn more, remember more, develop more self-control and demonstrate that you are a polite person who shows respect to their teachers and their classmates, essential skills for the wider world. Bluecoat Wollaton is built on mutual respect.





# Tutor Group Rules

As a tutor group, design some shared Tutor Group Rules:





# School Uniform

## Boys



## Girls



Hair accessories should be plain black or navy blue (no bandanas, large head bands, coloured accessories allowed).

Hair styles should not be excessively long, dyed or multi-coloured. Excessive styles are not permitted. Hair styles should be the students' own natural hair colour only, without lines, shaved sections, patterns or wedges.

No make-up, jewellery, body piercings, nail polish, false/acrylic nails, fashion badges/bracelets are allowed. Any 'ear-piercing' must be done in the long summer holiday as no ear jewellery can be worn in the academy. Inexpensive watches are acceptable but watches, such as the Apple Watch etc., which can carry data and allow communication are not permitted under any circumstance to fall in line with our policy on electronic devices at Bluecoat Wollaton.

A formal outdoor coat (no hoodies, tracksuit tops, denim jackets allowed).



# PE Kit

## Boys

### Indoor Games Lessons

Bluecoat badged navy blue polo shirt  
Navy blue PE shorts  
Two-tone blue sock or white socks  
Sports trainers

### Indoor Gym/Dance Lesson

Bluecoat badged navy blue polo shirt  
Navy blue PE shorts  
Sports trainers

### Outdoor

Bluecoat badged navy blue polo shirt  
Navy blue jersey  
Navy blue PE shorts  
Plain blue tracksuit bottoms and plain blue sport leggings are acceptable for all PE lessons  
Two-tone blue socks  
White socks (Summer Term)  
Football boots  
Sports trainers  
Navy school fleece (optional)  
Shin pads



## Girls

### Indoor Games Lessons

Bluecoat badged navy blue polo shirt  
Navy cycling shorts  
Navy PE skirt or navy PE skort  
Two-tone blue socks or white socks  
Sports trainers

### Indoor Gym/Dance Lessons

Bluecoat badged navy blue polo shirt  
Navy cycling shorts  
White socks  
Sports trainers

### Outdoor

Bluecoat badged navy blue polo shirt  
Navy school fleece (optional)  
Navy PE cycling shorts  
Navy PE skirt  
Plain blue tracksuit bottoms and plain blue sport leggings are acceptable for all PE lessons.  
Two-tone blue socks  
White socks  
Football boots  
Sports trainers  
Shin pads





# School Ready Checklist

For school each day I need:

- ☐ School bag
- ☐ Pencil case
- ☐ Colouring pens/felt tips pens
- ☐ Calculator
- ☐ School planner
- ☐ Lunchbox or dinner money card
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Reading book/Library book
- ☐ P.E kit
- ☐ Any other equipment (food technology, instruments etc.)
- ☐ Any letters to take back to school?



## Lunchtime at school:

Lunchtime at secondary school will be different to primary school. You will still be able to take a packed lunch with you if you prefer. There will be space in the Great Room and outside for you to be able to eat your lunch.

There are four places where you can buy hot or cold food for your lunch. The canteen is open before school, at break times and lunchtimes. The cost of lunch will vary depending on your options. We have a cashless system where you, your parents or the school will load money onto an account for you to pay for any food or drink from the canteen. You can top up your account in school, using the top up machine in the Great Room, or your parents can top up your card online via parent mail.

## Can you find the answers to the following questions?

1. What time does the school day start and end?
2. Does the school have houses? If so, what are they called?
3. What is the name of the Principal at the school?
4. What is the name of your Year Leader at the school?



# THE ACADEMY PRAYER

**Thank you God, for this day.**

**Help us to believe in ourselves,  
as you believe in us.**

**In all of the challenges that we face,  
may we take our courage from you.**

**Let us show kindness to all people,  
in our thoughts, words and actions.**

**May we continue to grow in faith,  
dedicating our work to you today  
and recognising you in all that we do.**

**Amen**



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FAITH

HOPE

LOVE



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