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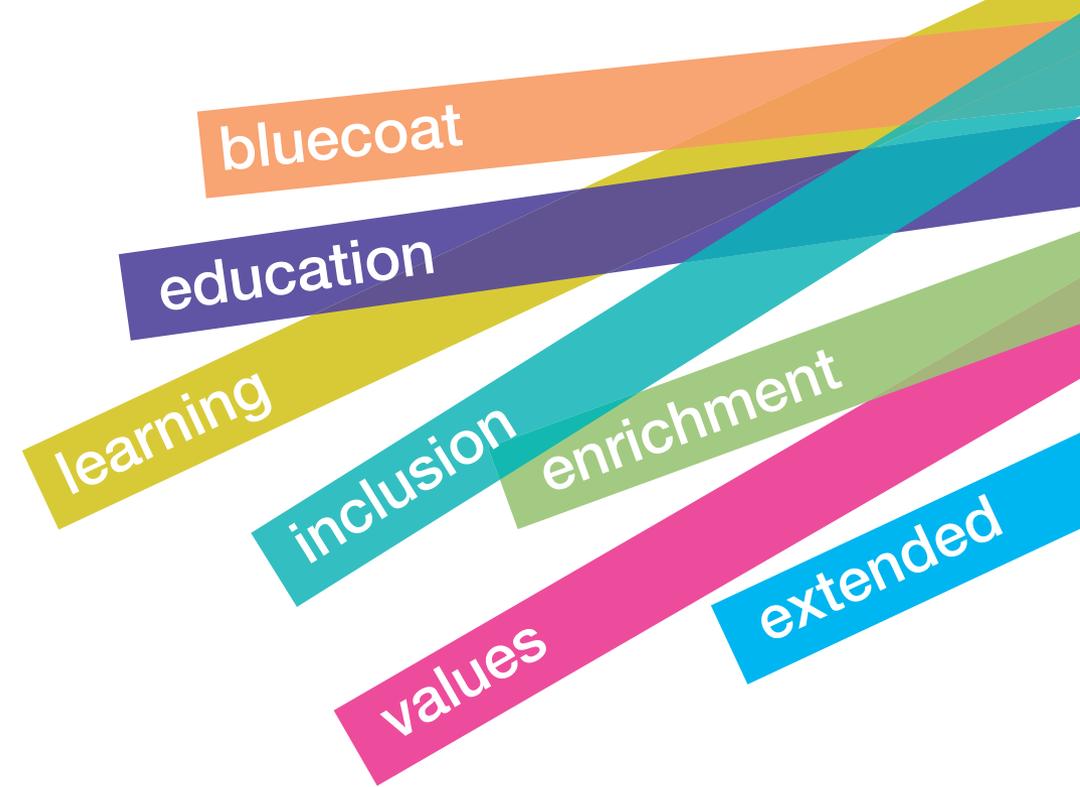
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# believe

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At the heart of our Academy is our belief in the value of each person, caring for one another and our trust and faith in God.

A young boy in a school uniform is focused on painting a picture. He is using a brush to apply yellow paint to the sky and blue paint to the water. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and what appears to be a display of art or a classroom setting.

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### bluecoat

Bluecoat Academy began as The Nottingham Bluecoat School. It was founded as the first charity school in Nottingham in 1706 situated in St Mary's Gate.

Today the Academy is a vibrant, diverse community of almost 2,000 learners. The Academy is founded on the principle of a Christian faith education for all. Our mission is to provide the best possible education in a supportive and disciplined environment where each student is seen as an individual "fearfully and wonderfully made".

In April 2014 the Bluecoat family expanded as Bluecoat Beechdale Academy became part of Bluecoat Academies Trust. We are delighted to be able to build on the successes we have enjoyed as Bluecoat Academy to reach out and improve the education of yet more young people in the heart of Nottingham City.

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## **education**

Preparation for lifelong learning and skills lie at the heart of our educational vision. Each learner is seen as an individual and their education moulded around their strengths and areas for development. With strengths in technology, science, ICT, arts, numeracy and literacy we offer a broad and balanced curriculum divided into pathways to enable learners to progress at their own pace on relevant courses. We are constantly evaluating our entitlement for our learners so that new courses such as creative & media, childcare and business studies complement more traditional subject choices such as modern foreign languages and humanities.



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### learning

Effective learning takes a multitude of forms. Some of this happens in traditional classrooms with familiar methods but we believe in constantly looking for new ways to promote learning.

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These include taking learning beyond the classroom and our many international links with South Africa, Italy, France, Germany and Jamaica allow students to explore unfamiliar places and enrich knowledge and understanding.



## inclusion

### **inclusion**

Bluecoat is proud of its diversity. It places great emphasis on its unique and varied community of learners. Everyone regardless of faith, ability, ethnicity or background is valued and nurtured. Bluecoat has a local and national reputation for its work with young people with special needs. Inclusion for all and of all is central to what we are about.



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enrichment

### enrichment

Bluecoat is passionate about taking learning beyond the confines of the classroom. Enrichment is not just an add-on extra for some - it is integral to the rich and diverse experience we want for all our students. Every week all Year 7 and Year 8 students take part in an afternoon of wonderful enrichment opportunities available for all. Students can choose from a wide range of activities such as go-karting, street dancing, kick boxing, horse-riding, cooking, drama and many, many more. In addition there are lunchtime clubs, activities before and after the Academy day not to mention our sports teams and many Academy drama productions.



## values

The Christian ethos permeates all aspects of Academy life making it a harmonious and caring community. Every student is important and the curriculum and pastoral support structures of the Academy are designed to encourage every student to believe in the person they can be. Regular Acts of Worship, often led by students, emphasise the Christian values we expect and live by. Every faith is respected and the Academy is underpinned by its belief in love and compassion.

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## extended learning

As a modern Academy we pride ourselves on using the most up to date equipment to enhance and develop learning. Students are given opportunities to improve and complete work in our study resource centres. They also have access to a virtual learning environment in order to complete homework and extend school learning. Our team of academic coaches and learning mentors also support students in achieving the best results they can. Students from Year 7 are equipped with the skills to become independent thinkers and self-motivated learners.



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