

FULLNESS!

"Living life in all its fullness."
John 10:10



Blue Coat
Church of England School
& Music College

This is the Christmas edition of *Fullness!*, our regular newsletter bringing you all of the latest news from Blue Coat School. We wish you a very happy Christmas.

MRS SHELLEY'S REFLECTION

It has been another busy term and whilst a long one in many ways, it seems as if the Christmas holidays are suddenly upon us! I always enjoy reading our 'Fullness' Newsletter and reflecting on what a talented student body we have. In particular in this edition, Owain's planned walk for the Alzheimer's society really touched me on a personal level as I remember my own grandmother struggling with this disease. I would encourage you to support him as he plans to walk and raise money for this charity. I also loved reading about our students' achievements outside of school and how they have continued to demonstrate our school values in other areas of their lives.

Another Christmas will soon be here with changes due to COVID. We have certainly missed our opportunities to celebrate and worship together in the Cathedral and are hopeful that we can soon return. In the meantime, please join us in watching the remote service which has been shared with the students this morning and can be found [here](#). We also have our wonderfully talented Gospel Choir singing Joy to the World which can be found [here](#) and our staff song which can be found [here](#).

Our staff prayer and worship group met this morning as we do every Friday and came together to pray for our school community. We were led by Mr Phipps and reflected on the words of Isaiah in chapter 9 and how the people 'lived in a dark land, but a light has shined on them'; this light is Jesus. As we enter the Christmas period, all of us will experience this time in different ways. Many of us with family, some of us alone, others with challenges of empty seats at our tables and memories of things that we have lost or endured this year. Yet we do have an amazing God who is above all things. The Bible tells us, 'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' My prayer for our school community this Christmas is that you find the God that you need at this time. Have a peaceful Christmas.



BLUE COAT'S CHRISTMAS CARD

Our fantastically talented students have been creating some beautiful designs for this year's competition to design the 2021 Blue Coat Christmas card. The theme was 'Jesus is the hope of the world'.

To view all of the entries on the Weduc Newsfeed, please click [here](#) to view them on Twitter.

Year 13 student, Max Wilson's design was chosen as the one to feature on the front of the card. Max is pictured here with Mrs Hathaway with his card.

Two designs were featured on the back of the card and these were created by Angela Koukou (Year 9) and Emily Roberts, pictured next to Mrs Hathaway below. (Year 7).



Zoë Hall, above, left (Year 7) and Kelly Zheng, right, (Year 12) were presented with prizes by Mrs Hathaway for not only their Christmas card designs, but also for creations which have been much appreciated by the school. Both Zoë and Kelly are pictured above with Mrs Hathaway who is holding Angel's card design.

Thank you to every student who entered the competition this year - you will be given achievement points in Class Charts.

"But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High."

Luke 1: 30-32

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POETRY WORKSHOP

Blue Coat students were invited to take part in a multi-faith poetry workshop that centred around the theme of love, hope, and faith. The workshop, at Coventry Methodist Central Hall, was led by Coventry Poet Laureate, Emilie Lauren Jones, and involved members of the public and Southam College. Before the event students wrote their own poem, inspired by the theme, and read those aloud during the workshop. Miss Clemo, Head of RE, said she was delighted with the standard of poetry. Well done to you all!



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THANK YOU SO MUCH!

You will probably remember our recent fundraiser where we were raising funds to support The Uzimatele Education Centre in Gituamba, Kenya. On behalf of Dan Chalke from the People Charity, we would like to say a HUGE "Thank you" to everyone who helped raise £1,047 through the Black History Month campaign.

Thank You!

Dan said "We are so grateful for your continued support and generosity. For every £10 you donated, we can keep a child in school for a whole month - a month that will create opportunities, new possibilities and ensure our shared future is more hopeful than our history. To find out more about the work that you have made possible, head to people.org.uk.

On behalf of all the lives you have touched, thank you!"

CARE

REPORTING ABSENCE

If you need to report your child's absence, please let us know **each day** they are to be away from school.

The easiest way to report your child's absence is to use the 'Report Absence' button in Weduc. This allows you to provide relevant information including medical letters and images.

Alternatively you could email Mrs Hartup, the Attendance Officer - s.hartup@bluecoatschool.com.

A third option is to call 02476 223542 and press Option 2.

REPORT ABSENCE

WE REMEMBERED THEM

On Thursday 11th November, students and staff at Blue Coat School fell silent to remember those who gave their lives in the two World Wars and other conflicts.



Above, you can see members of DOR8B paying their own respects to the fallen, accompanied by Peter Raistrick, Year 13, who played The Last Post.

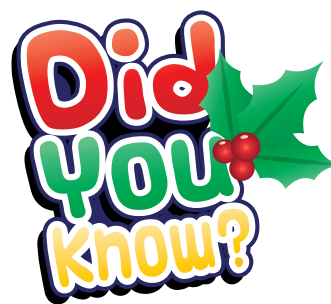


FATHER FORGIVE

The next morning they read the Litany of Reconciliation. The Litany is also read aloud at Coventry Cathedral each Friday. We remembered those who lost their lives 81 years ago in the Coventry Blitz.

To watch the videos, please click on each of the images.

RESPECT



US scientists calculated that Santa visits 822 homes a second to deliver all the world's presents on Christmas Eve, travelling at 650 miles a second!

PARENTS' EVENING DATES

Year 7 – Wednesday 16th February 2022

Year 8 – Tuesday 16th March 2022

Year 9 – Wednesday 11th May 2022

Year 10 – Tuesday 25th January 2022

All parents' evenings take place virtually on our parents' evening app called School Cloud. Login codes and invites will be sent to parents a week in advance of the parents' evening.

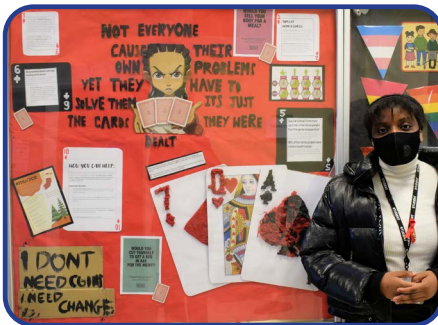
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Parents Evening

HOMELESSNESS AT CHRISTMAS

As we prepare to break for the Christmas holidays where we look forward to spending time with family and friends, and to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we hope everyone will take time to think of those less fortunate than ourselves, such as the homeless in our society who haven't got a family to spend time with, or a nice, warm bed to wake up in on Christmas morning.

With that in mind, students who attend our Social Justice Group wanted to focus on 'homelessness' this half-term, in the lead up to the festive season.

One member of the group created a powerful and emotive display in Bardsley corridor about homelessness in the hope of engaging students from across the school to consider what we can all do to improve the situation both within our own city and the wider society. Pictured above is Year 12 student, Ruth, with her lovely display designed to make us think about homelessness.



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GIVING TO OTHERS AT CHRISTMAS

As the bible tells us, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." This thought endures in our hearts and minds especially during Advent.

Over the past few weeks our Sixth Formers have been donating items to create Christmas gift bags for the EMBRACE charity. They have provided chocolate treats, sanitary products, hand-made jewellery and personal Christmas cards with messages of hope and joy. The bags will be distributed to vulnerable women across the city over the Christmas period.



Mrs Hathaway said "Jesus reminds us to walk alongside all of God's children with a tender heart and put our faith into action. Our Sixth Formers are committed to social justice and fairness for all." Here you can see a representative from the Embrace Charity with Mrs Hathaway, Mrs Suana and Ruth Uwadiae, from our Sixth Form Social Justice group.

HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

Continuing the theme of 'homelessness', Mrs Hathaway and a group of Year 7 students visited the Langar Aid Centre during the last week of term where they helped to prepare food packages that will be distributed to the homeless and others in need over the Christmas period. Our school's vision and values call us to be courageous and 'Christ-like' and in His own particular way, Jesus was born, lived and died as a homeless person, the brother and friend of all homeless people and of all refugees and asylum seekers.

Servanthood is a school value that encourages and motivates us to understand the role we all have in helping those less fortunate and reinforces the sense of community and family within our school and local links.

Nzumbu really embraced the opportunity to help others and said "It got me thinking about people who don't have food and it was good to do something to help them." Nzumbu is pictured helping a Langar Aid volunteer pour rice into food bags.

Praise, who is pictured putting food into carrier bags said "It felt good knowing we were helping the people." Cindy, pictured with Mrs Hathaway filling bags with food said "I'm happy to be helping someone else." Nettie helped one of the volunteers put tea bags into bags and she said "It's good to know that one small deed can help so many." Oliver, who spent time packing items into bags said "A little bit of work will help people so much." Zara said "It was nice to help people who are in need and don't have food." Eli, who kept the group supplied with carrier bags and then helped to fill them, before counting them said "We helped to fill 69 bags!"

Once the group had finished, they were presented with a beautiful Langar Aid badge from the volunteers at the centre which they proudly wear on their blazers.



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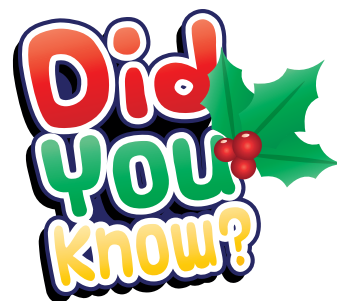
DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS?

Update
contact
details!

It is crucial we can contact all parents and carers during the school day - especially in the event of an emergency.

If you have changed your email address or phone number(s) or if you have moved house recently, and not let us know yet, please click [here](#) or on the green sticky note to email your new details to us. You could also complete a 'change of details' form in Weduc.

If you have not received emails from us, please check your email spam/junk folders to make sure they are not there as emails from us as sometimes they do end up there.



Before turkey, the traditional Christmas meal in England was a pig's head and mustard!



Recovery & Wellbeing
ACADEMY

The Recover & Wellbeing Academy is not a school, college or academy in the traditional sense of the word - you don't need to be academically minded to attend and there are no tests, exams or assessments.

The Academy offers a wide range of courses and workshops designed to empower your mental health and wellbeing provided by a number of organisations working together.

Courses are delivered face-to-face and online via Zoom. All Academy courses and workshops are completely free of charge and open to anyone over the age of 18 living in Coventry and Warwickshire who wants to better manage or understand their mental health and wellbeing.

Many of their courses are led by a tutor who has direct life experience of recovery and/or a tutor who has specialist professional skills and knowledge in that subject area. Both trainers will support students throughout.

To find out more, please click [here](#) or on the logo above.

VISITING SCHOOL SITE



Please remember that we do not allow parents/carers on to the school site to drop off lunches, PE kits, books or any other forgotten items for their child. Neither do we allow students to call parents, disturbing their day, to ask them to bring in forgotten items. Students must remember all they need for their day BEFORE they leave home each day.

We do not allow parents/carers on site to collect their child for appointments.

Appointments should be made outside of school time ideally, but if they must be made in school time, students need to know in advance so they can leave their lesson and make their way to reception to sign out. We will then allow your child to meet you at the gate, once we can see you on the CCTV cameras.

We do not have staff available deliver messages and forgotten items to students nor do we have time to collect them from classrooms for appointments - please remind your child before they leave home if they have an appointment.

OWAIN'S FUNDRAISING WALK

Owain Rhodes, Year 11, sadly lost his great-grandmother to Alzheimer's disease in May. Owain said "Alzheimer's robbed her of her best qualities, like her story telling." In her memory, and to try to raise money for the Alzheimer's UK charity, Owain will be taking part in a charity walk.

Owain said "I will be walking from my home in Coventry to my great-grandmother's old care home, Penpergwm House, in Monmouthshire, Wales. With the route I am taking it will be just under 90 miles. I am doing this to fundraise for Alzheimer's UK, with the hope of raising £1000 for them."

If anyone is able to support Owain's fundraising effort, please click [HERE](#) or on the Alzheimer's UK logo to donate.



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REMINDER OF UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

We request that all parents/carers and students take a look at our uniform information to make sure they are aware of the requirements. Correct uniform is a requirement and not optional.

To view our school uniform requirements, along with easy-to-follow images please click [HERE](#).

This information will help you to ensure that your child's uniform is compliant. In particular, we do not allow nose studs, unnatural hair colourings, trainers, hoodies or visible mobile phones/ear buds.



LULLABY CYCLING EVENT

A group of Blue Coat staff and students, led by Mr Wallington, recently took part in the live cycling event 'Lullaby', designed by artist Luke Jerram and organised by Historic Coventry Trust.

The riders formed part of a large mobile artwork which travelled slowly through residential streets in the Cheylesmore area, while another group rode a parallel event in the Longford area of Coventry – over 150 twinkling bikes in total took part.

All the bikes were decorated with lights and accompanied by an atmospheric ambient soundscape and specially tuned bike bells. Together they celebrated Coventry as a City that moves together – a City of invention and innovation. The group was led by British Cycling and a taxi which was decorated by the community with messages of light and hope to mark Diwali.

As the group cycled through the streets, families came to give the riders a warm welcome and to experience the live performance, intended to be a mobile lullaby for the local community.

Isla Watson, Elizabeth Ralph, Henry Jones, Amanveer Singh, Charlie Flowers-Morgan, Esther Ridout, Joseph Hall, Erin Gray, Julia Bartczak, Libby Blunt and Deborah Theophilus all took part in the event and Mr Wallington said they represented Blue Coat brilliantly!



"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests.'"

Luke 2: 13-14

SMSC CHALLENGES

Each month, Mrs Hathaway, one of our Assistant Headteachers, sets our students a set of SMSC Challenges. SMSC stands for Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural.

Mrs Hathaway said "Our SMSC challenges are planned to give students a breadth of cultural awareness. We get some fantastic entries each month from our wonderfully creative students!"

Take a look at this fantastic cake made by Jacob Woodrow to symbolise the festival of the 'Day of the Dead' that is celebrated globally in November. Mrs Hathaway loved the cake saying "This is such a brilliant effort, Jacob - and a very tasty cake too! Thank you and well done!"

Mrs Hathaway was as equally impressed with Zoë Hall's fantastic efforts for both the November and December SMSC Challenges.

For Anti-bullying week, in November, Zoë baked these lovely biscuits with positive words stamped on them. Mrs Hathaway said "Not only were these biscuits very tasty, Zoë, but the positive messages were lovely. Well done!"

One of the December SMSC Challenges was to 'Make your own decoration for the school Christmas tree - linked to our CHRIST values'. Zoë didn't just make *one* decoration, she made *six*! Mrs Hathaway met with Zoë to thank her for her efforts and to show her where her lovely decorations were placed on the school's Christmas tree in reception.

If you haven't had a go at the challenges, why not try?! The next challenge is just around the corner!



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Is it ok to ask if we can we learn about other faiths?

Absolutely, and we do! During Year 7, 8 and 9 all Blue Coat students will study the six largest world faiths of Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Hindu traditions and Buddhist traditions.

At GCSE level, students also complete an in-depth study of Islam. There are lots of different faiths that you can learn about in your own time if this interests you!

A good place to start is www.britannica.com where you can use the search function.

We recently created a Microsoft Form for Blue Coat students which is a safe place where you can ask any questions you have regarding ALL aspects of diversity and inclusion.

Lots of students have used the form and we have had some very mature, thoughtful questions asked. On these pages you can see the questions and the answers.

Some of the answers are given by staff who have a responsibility to oversee a certain area of the school and its curriculum, whilst other questions were answered by the school's Social Justice group.

You might want to ask questions about other religions, cultures and beliefs. You might be wondering about some of the things you hear about in school related to gender and identity. You might be confused about people with disabilities and don't like to ask about it. Use this form to ask ANYTHING you want to know the answer to. IT IS OK TO ASK! No question is off limits - nothing is too silly to ask, nothing is too embarrassing to question. There will be many other students wishing to know the same answer as you, so by asking the question, you will help them too. To ask a question, just click [HERE](#) or on the image (right) and yes, it IS ok to ask it!

#ISITOK?

Is it ok to ask if we can have a culture day?

This is something we will bear in mind for the future! Sixth Form recently had a culture day, you can see the photos in the previous school newsletter. Keep an eye out for a cultural advent calendar we will be sharing next December!

#ISITOK?

Is it ok to ask why are people biphobic and homophobic?

Homophobia and biphobia can stem from ignorance, fear and, in many cases, immaturity. Homophobia and biphobia isn't always obvious either. If you are ignored or not treated with the same respect as a heterosexual person this is still homophobia and biphobia.

Cultural homophobia and biphobia refers to homophobia/biphobia that is transmitted through popular culture in the form of norms and social standards that reinforce the idea that all individuals should have a heterosexual orientation. For example, television shows, magazine ads, and movies tend to portray mostly heterosexual characters and models.

Is it ok to ask if other religions celebrate Christmas?

It is important to remember that Christmas is celebrated to remember the birth of Jesus, who is the founder of Christianity and the son of God.

However, Christmas is celebrated by other religions and even atheists. This may be because, as a holiday, it has grown to focus on gift-giving and spending time with people you care about. It is ok to ask people of other religions if they celebrate Christmas, just make sure you phrase it like this "Is it ok if I ask you a personal question about your faith?".

Is it ok to ask what happens in a detention?

Students are taken to the Hall by their subject teacher or a member of the pastoral staff.

Students sit in rows behind single desks in their year group.

Students are expected to bring a reading book or work to do during the detention.

The member of staff who put them into the detention should come to the Hall to have a restorative justice (RJ) conversation with the student. RJ means the staff member talking to the student about how they broke a school rule which caused them to be put in detention and what the student could do in future so as not to make the same mistake again.

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Hi, School. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

* Required

1. What is your #ISITOK question? *

Enter your answer

2. You don't have to give your name but if you want to, you can below. Your name will NOT be published anywhere. The form records your email address so we know you are a Blue Coat School student.

Enter your answer

What is Buddhism?

Buddhism is the name of the religion, and its followers are known as Buddhists. Buddhism is a spiritual tradition that focuses on personal spiritual development and the attainment of a deep insight into the true nature of life.

There is no belief in a personal god. Buddhists believe that nothing is fixed or permanent and that change is always possible. The path to enlightenment is through the practice and development of morality, meditation and wisdom. Buddhists follow the teachings of the Buddha, which means 'enlightened one'.

The Buddha was a man called Siddhartha Gautama, who is said to have lived nearly 2,500 years ago in India.

#ISITOK?

Is it ok to forget things and make mistakes?

Being forgetful and making mistakes is absolutely ok – we are not perfect and making mistakes allows us to reflect and know how to improve so that we can make progress and improve. Everyone makes mistakes and sometimes they can help us with the biggest learning opportunities.

Is it ok to ask if Christians celebrate Halloween and do they celebrate All Saints Day?

It is important to understand that Halloween is mostly a western custom and it has no direct reference in the Bible. The origin and meaning of Halloween come from ancient Celtic harvest festivals, it was a Celtic celebration of the new year, called Samhain which always happened on November 1. On this day, it was believed the souls of the dead supposedly could socialise with the living.

Christians do celebrate All Saints Day, it is a yearly reminder of the Christians connections to the church, and is commemorated every November 1st. All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, or Hallowmas, is a Christian celebration in honour of all the saints from Christian history.

#ISITOK?

Is it ok to be black?

Of course it's ok to be black! There's no reason why it isn't ok. The person answering this question said "Being black is honestly one of my biggest flexes and something I am so proud to be. You get to belong to a community that is so diverse and full of different cultures and ethnicities. Another thing that makes me proud to be black is how influential black people have been over the last century, whether it's their influence in the music or fashion industry, or in the media with new trends. Black people are the blueprint. We have come so far and made such a huge impact and that makes me even prouder. Don't ever question whether it's ok to be black, because it very much is! Black is beautiful and powerful!"

Is it ok to call someone gay?

If you know the person is gay then of course it is ok to call them gay, if that is how they identify themselves and have expressed that they are happy for you to use that term. Some might suggest a better term to use is queer, this is because it incorporates all sexualities but this is all on personal preference. However, to use the word gay or queer in a negative or derogatory way is not acceptable and is homophobia.

#ISITOK?

Is it ok to ask if anyone allowed in the Hub or is it just people who have a learning difficulty or disability?

The Hub is a safe space in school and is for anyone who needs some extra help or support. It is a fully inclusive space but people only use the space by agreement with Hub staff. If you think you might need help, speak to your House team or find Mr Phipps.

#ISITOK?

Is it ok to ask what is gender, really?

Gender is used to describe the characteristics of women and men that are socially constructed, while sex refers to those that are biologically determined. People are born female or male, but learn to be girls and boys who grow into women and men. This learned behaviour makes up gender identity and determines gender roles.

A more simple definition is this. Gender is a word that is used to talk about how people express masculine (traits most people think of as male) or feminine (traits most people think of as female) traits. It is commonly used for a person's sex (male or female) but this word only means someone's biology (body parts).

Pronouns are often used by people to identify their gender. Typically, for those who identify as female, the correct pronouns are she/her, and for males, he/him. Some people use they/them if they are non-binary and gender neutral.

#ISITOK?

Is it ok to ask about other people's religions?

Yes, but make sure the person is comfortable first. People often have a very personal and significant relationship with faith. Because of that, it's important to be really sensitive when you're discussing someone else's religion. Avoid asking someone about their religion as a means to ridicule or point out flaws. If they say yes, proceed with your question as long as it is coming from a desire to be educated. If they say no, respond with something like, "I completely understand!" and do not pressure them to change their mind.

#ISITOK?

Is it ok to be nervous about something?

It is very normal to get nervous – everyone gets nervous, no matter who they are! The famous singer Adele has often talked about how nervous she gets before standing in front of others. Even the Bible is full of people who got nervous...Moses tried to tell God he wasn't good enough for what he was being asked to do, and Jonah ran away from God and got swallowed by a fish! So it is ok to feel nervous. Some of us feel it in our bellies, and other people feel it in their head or other parts of the body as well.

Here are some tips to help with nervousness: 1. Take deep breaths and pause, practising prayer or mindfulness. 2. Think about the times you have overcome things before and actually say them out loud – talk to yourself! 3. Tell someone about your nervousness and ask them to encourage you and help you. 4. Distract yourself from what you are nervous about by listening to music or doing something else you enjoy. 5. Remember that nervous feelings are your body's way of preparing you for anything, and it's ok to be nervous!

If you find that your nervousness gets in the way of you doing things that other people can do, it's ok to ask for help, and staff at school can help you with this, so speak to your tutor or another member of staff if you need to.

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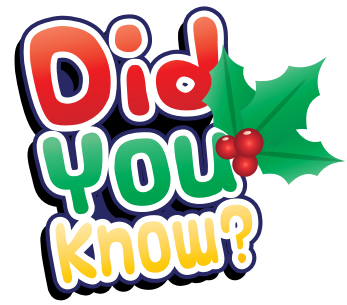
FESTIVE FUN - HAF PROGRAMME

If your son/daughter is in receipt of free school meals, they can enjoy free holiday clubs, festive experiences and food during the Christmas school holidays. All this is thanks to the Coventry Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme funded by the Department for Education. To watch a video about this offer, click [here](https://www.youtube.com/coventrycc): Festive Fun 2021 video or by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/coventrycc>

Parents of students entitled to free school meals should also have received a letter with a booklet, direct to their home address in the post. Hold onto that letter because it has your HAF code in it.



Places are limited, so start booking now! Visit www.coventry.gov.uk/haf or type "Coventry HAF" into google. If you have any queries, please call 08085 834333.



Many parts of the Christmas tree can actually be eaten, with the needles being a good source of Vitamin C!

OUR BUDDING YEAR 10 MUSICIANS

Our Year 10 musicians recently took part in a workshop led by staff and students from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. In less than two hours, they turned a chord sequence into a whole song complete with lyrics! The workshop leaders were so impressed by the quality of their work that all participants have been invited to join their weekly sessions. Miss Hellend said "Well done to our Year 10 GCSE Music classes!"



TOGETHERNESS



CHRISTMAS TV LIST

We all love a good movie, but did you know that most films originate from books? We are all aware of some of these – Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and various David Walliams' books have been adapted for the TV over the years.

If you click on the Santa (right), you can see a list of all the films and TV programmes that originated from books that are showing over the Christmas period.

Time to plan your Christmas viewing and why not think about getting the book too!

Mrs Treadwell, our Library Manager said "Happy reading and movie watching!"



"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."



Luke 2:10

NO PARKING BY THE SCHOOL GATES

You will know from Mrs Shelley's recent email, that two students were involved in separate car accidents in the vicinity of the school. One child was hit before school and another child was hit by a car after school. Both children were taken to hospital and are doing well, however one student suffered serious injuries - we wish him all our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



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Blue Coats School Parking
Concerns

After two incidents where children have been hit by cars outside Blue Coat School, we have attended the school on multiple occasions to help keep the children safe when attending and leaving school. We request that parents/guardians/carers don't park on the double yellows surrounding the school as it becomes dangerous and heightens the risk of more accidents.

We thank you for your cooperation.

We remind parents/carers once again *not* to park along Terry Road close to the school. It makes it more difficult for the children to cross safely when there are so many parked cars.

Please arrange to drop off/collect your child in a neighbouring road.

The message (left) was sent to local residents by the local police, and we urge all parents/carers to follow police advice to help us to keep our students safe.

Thank you for your support.



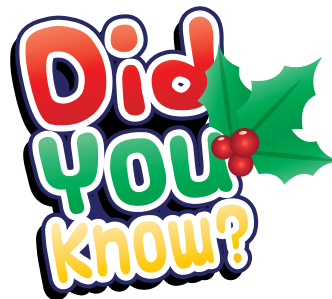
**NO
PARKING**

YEAR 13 ART EXHIBITION

Congratulations to our Year 13 Photography and Fine Art students who recently exhibited their work in the new Roller Rink in Broadgate. The students were responding to the plight of refugees.



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HARD WORK
RESPECT



*Christmas
pudding was
originally a
soup made
with raisins
and wine!*



INTER FAITH WEEK

November 14th-21th marked Inter Faith Week, and students celebrated this with a variety of activities and lessons.

Inter Faith Week highlights the good work done by local faith, inter-faith and faith-based groups and organisations, and enables greater interaction between people of different backgrounds and celebrates diversity and commonality.

Students took part in a variety of activities such as an Inter Faith Week quiz. In RE lessons, students celebrated the shared belief of stewardship and particularly the recent COP26 conference in Glasgow.

Students also wrote postcards to local places of worship to celebrate and to wish our local faith communities a happy Inter Faith Week. Year 8 student Zahrah Mahmood explains why Islam is important to her. "I'm proud to be a Muslim as Islam teaches me how to be not only a good Muslim but also a good human."



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OUR FAVOURITE CHRIST VALUES

Every member of our school knows our values - CARE HARD WORK RESPECT INTEGRITY SERVANTHOOD TOGETHERNESS. In this newsletter some of our staff and students share their favourite CHRIST value and why they like that one in particular. Thank you to everyone who has already let us know their favourite CHRIST value - Look out for more favourite values in the next newsletter.

"CARE is my favourite CHRIST value because we should all care for each other and the environment. If we all care for/about someone/thing it will make us feel happy and free inside."

Farha Mang'Aka (Year 7)

"My favourite CHRIST value is HARD WORK as I always think I should work hard in everything I do. It pushes me to challenge myself and succeed in what I am doing. We should always work hard otherwise life will be boring."

Eva Nicholas (Year 7)

"My favourite CHRIST value is INTEGRITY. To me, integrity is always doing the right thing. This can be hard sometimes – the right thing to do is not always the easiest, and sometimes it's tempting to not do the right thing if there is no one watching. But Proverbs 10:9 teaches us that 'whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out'. Integrity helps me to walk securely, and even if things are going a bit wrong, I know that I am doing my best and trying to do the right thing. It fills me with pride when I see members of our Blue Coat family acting with and treating others and our environment with integrity, and I hope this is a value that all of us will continue to practise outside our school, walking securely through life's journey."

Mrs Chandler-Smith, Teacher of RE

"My favourite CHRIST value is TOGETHERNESS as it's just about a sense of respect for one and other and the meaning of one whole."

Olga Strapagiel (Year 8)

"My favourite CHRIST value is CARE because I think people should care about each other to create a good relationship."

Joshua Chung (Year 7)

"HARD WORK is my favourite CHRIST value because if you want to have some thing or you want to be some thing you have to work hard to get it."

Mikal Hailay (Year 7)

"My favourite CHRIST value is RESPECT. I believe that everyone deserves respect whatever their background, beliefs, religious views, gender or the colour of their skin. Jesus loves everyone and accepts us all. Mutual respect is at the core of what we do as teachers."

Mrs Coventry, Head of Maths

"My favourite CHRIST value is INTEGRITY because I feel like everyone should do the right thing."

Naomi Walker (Year 10)

"My favourite CHRIST value is TOGETHERNESS, and this poem, by an unknown author, is why."

Together we stand
together we walk.
Together we share
together we laugh.
Together we grow
together we fall.
Together I am ME.
Together you are YOU.
Together we are US.
Together we are complete.
Together we are perfect.

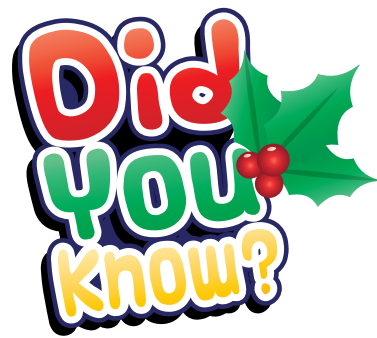
Mrs Henden,
Senior Deputy Headteacher

COMMUNITY GIFT EXCHANGE

We love collaborating with Bilton Junior School and we have done so again recently, this time, on the theme of community and neighbourliness. We presented each other with artwork created by our wonderful students. Mrs Hathaway said "Our Christian distinctiveness and ICONS status encourages us to value those around us. What talented, creative students we have!" Our gift was actually created by Kelly Zheng when she was in Year 11 but, due to the pandemic, the gift exchange had to be postponed last year.



Above you can see Kelly, who is now in Year 12, pictured last year with the gorgeous artwork she produced. Mrs Hathaway is pictured at Bilton Junior School during the exchange of the artwork. We look forward to more collaboration with Bilton Junior School in the future.



**Gold chocolate coins
commemorate St Nicholas
who gave bags of gold coins to
the poor.**

POSITIVE COVID TEST?

If your child tests positive for Covid (either on a lateral flow or a PCR test) please email admin@bluecoatschool.com (or click on the image) to inform us. This is so we can carry out the necessary track and trace exercise. Thank you.



SEND SUPPORT

To view the latest "In Partnership" e-bulletin from the Local Authority's SEND team, click on the logo.



JEFF KINNEY Q&A



Our top Accelerated Reader students from Year 7 and 8 were invited to a special live online event with the best selling author of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, Jeff Kinney.

Jeff is currently in the UK promoting his newest Wimpy Kid book, Big Shot, and he visited Wolverhampton Grammar School who shared the online event with over 800 schools in the West Midlands, East Midlands and South West.

Jeff talked about lockdown, his books, how he first started writing his own diary as a youngster and how long it took for his first book to get published. He showed the students how easy it was to draw Greg Heffley and even had a go at drawing Manny blinded folded.

He answered lots of questions that other schools had sent in and our students thoroughly enjoyed the event, and agreed it was much better to see him in a school setting interacting with students than on a TV interview.

Rina, Year 8, said "I really enjoyed the interview, I learned a lot about his life and that he illustrated his books. It helped me a lot considering I'm writing a book series of my own."

Sophie, Year 7, said "I thought that Jeff Kinney was amazing because I hardly get to meet famous authors. This was my first time and I was really happy to take part in this event."

The brand new Diary of a Wimpy Kid book, Big Shot is available to borrow from the school library.



HUB NEWS



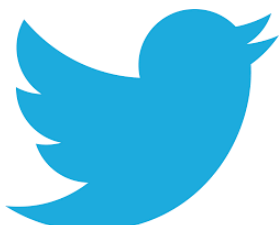
Each half-term we will bring you news of all of the exciting developments in The Hub - the area of the school where the focus is on inclusion and is staffed by specialists who help lots of different students who may need extra support with their learning or wellbeing.

To read the latest edition of 'Hub News', please click [here](#) will be able to view it in Weduc.

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To follow us on Twitter, search for [@BlueCoatCE](#). We update Twitter most days, in fact sometimes we update it several times a day!



LIVING LIFE IN A

Alyssa Norman

Alyssa (Year 7) has parents who are really proud of her many achievements.

Alyssa has been dancing since she was two years old and she now attends Timms School of Dance.

She has recently won gold in tap and modern dance.

Alyssa also does tennis at Beechwood Tennis Club and swimming at the Jaguar Centre.

Here you can see her with some of her medals. Good work, Alyssa and a what great illustration of living life in all its fullness!

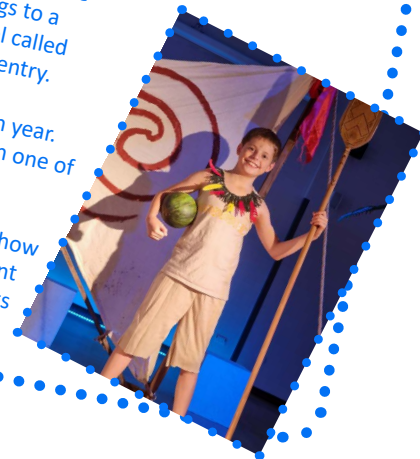


Jordan Hutchinson

Jordan (Year 7) is busy outside of school as he belongs to a performing arts school called Allstars Theatre in Coventry.

They do two shows each year. Jordan is pictured here in one of his performances.

We hope your Christmas show goes well, Jordan! A brilliant example of living life in all its fullness!



Owain Rhodes

Owain (Year 11) acted as standard-bearer at the Coventry 'poppy drop' and two minute silence on 11th November at Coventry's West Orchard Shopping Centre. Owain is part of the Holyhead Road Platoon, B Company, Warwickshire and West Midlands South Sector Army Cadet Force. His parents are really proud of him. Well done, Owain - this is a great example of servanthood as well as living your life in all its fullness outside of school.



Annaberth Forson

Annaberth (Year 10) made her mum really proud of her when she performed a song at her church, United Life Chapel in Coventry. Well done Annaberth - your church is blessed to have you! Our school value, servanthood, being showcased here!



Leonor Vaz

Leonor (Year 7) has been living her life in all its fullness by playing her part in preparing '20000 meals for Lebanon' by 'Feed the Hungry' at a Coventry Foodbank. Leonor's mum told us "Leonor had an awesome and grateful experience with others Christians. Altogether they 'feed' their souls and many hungry people in Lebanon. It was so emotional for her take part." Well done, Leonor - not only for living your life in all its fullness in this way but for living by the school values of care, hardwork, servanthood and togetherness.



LL ITS FULLNESS

Sarah Coxhead

Sarah's achievements have made her parents proud. Sarah, who is in Year 7, has been riding for a year and she rides a horse called Harry.

Sarah has attended two amateur riding clubs this season and was awarded "Most Improved Rider" at both presentation evenings. Recently she jumped her highest competitive course. Well done Sarah - this is a great example of living life in all its fullness and fulfilling the school value - hardwork!



As you know, our school's vision is living life in all its fullness (John 10:10) and we recently asked parents/carers to share with us how our students are living their lives *outside* of school and the response has been fantastic! Here you can see our students living their lives in all its fullness whilst they are not in school. We hope you enjoy reading their stories. If you have any news to share, please click [HERE](#) and we look forward to letting everyone know about it in the next newsletter!

Thomas O'Connell

Thomas (Year 11) has recently completed his bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh awards at Air Cadets. Well done, Thomas - you live life in all its fullness as well as living by the school's value of hard work and making your family proud!



Charles Payne

Charles (Year 10) was confirmed at Coventry Cathedral on 21st November 2021 by Bishop Christopher. During his confirmation, Charles said "I felt accepted, and felt part of the community of Christ." His parents are very proud and would like to congratulate Charles on his step to dedicate his life to Jesus.

Charles has also been living his life in all its fullness from high in the sky recently! He had the opportunity to fly a light aircraft at Coventry Airport. He was in the sky with his instructor, and was able to fly the aeroplane for most of the time.

You really live your life in all its fullness, Charles!



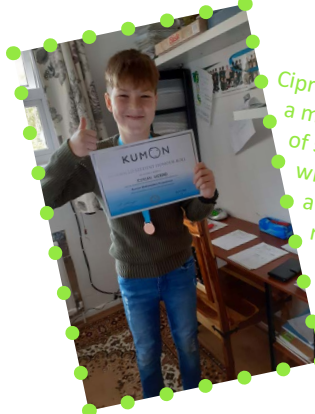
Imogen Taylor

Imogen (Year 9) loves to cook at home and her mum thinks she is amazing! Imogen cooks meals for the family and even provides meals suitable for her baby sister. As well as this, Imogen also attends tap classes, netball practice and a youth club! What a great example of living life in all its fullness, Imogen! And not forgetting the school values of hard work, servanthood and care.



Ciprian Ghirend

Ciprian (Year 7) has been attending a mathematics programme outside of school at Kumon Study Centre where he has recently been awarded a certificate, making his mum really proud! Well done for living by our school value of hard work!



LIVING LIFE IN A

Acsha Ajith Kanth

Acsha (Year 11) is an accomplished Bharatanatyam dancer - this is a classical Indian dance form. She has been dancing since she was three years old. She attends the Chitrakalaimanram Dance Academy in Coventry.

Acsha's parents are really proud of her achievements and she has recently completed a diploma in Bharatanatyam dance. Well done on this great accomplishment, Acsha, and for this fantastic example of our hard work value and for living life in all its fullness!



Matthew and Bethan Jones

Siblings, Matthew (Year 11) and Bethan (Year 9), have very proud parents. Matthew was asked to play The Last Post at St George's Church, Coundon, on Remembrance Sunday. His mum said he performed really well and several of the congregation commented on how lovely it was to hear The Last Post played so well. Bethan was also asked to carry the cross at the service - serving God respectfully. Well done to both of you for living by the school values of respect and servanthood and living life in all its fullness through your church activities.



Tamia Katsukunya

Tamia (Year 10) makes her parents very proud because of the way she supports her brother (Thierry, who you will have read about as he has been signed by Aston Villa) but also for her support of her nephew and parents. Tamia always goes out of her way to create beautiful memories with the family, and she goes above and beyond in supporting her nephew, who lives with the family, and she brother in many ways. Her parents says she is loved and appreciated by her family and they think she is "smart, funny and so, so caring" but most of all because she always shows so much love and they want her to know she's the centre of their family. Well done Tamia on living your life in all its fullness and embodying the school value of care towards your family.



Max Turner

In November Max (Year 8) and some of his friends from Blue Coat School were confirmed at St. Mary's Church, Walsgrave.

Max's parents are very proud of him and the steps he has made with his faith and say it was a wonderful, joyful occasion.



Well done Max - truly living your life in all its fullness through your faith.

Junior Ferrie

Junior (Year 9) is living life in all its fullness by gaining his blue belt in kick-boxing. Junior also plays rugby every weekend. We look forward to hearing more about your achievements, Junior! Well done! Our school value of hard work demonstrated here!



Daniel Scragg

Daniel (Year 8), certainly lives life in all its fullness outside of school! He has recently won two gold medals at the Wyre Forest County qualifier swim meet. He swam the 50m and 100m breaststroke races, and achieved personal bests in both - well done Daniel! A fine example of our hard work value demonstrated here!



LL IT'S FULLNESS

Ellie Huggins

Ellie Huggins's parents are very proud of their daughter's achievements which include gaining her purple belt in Karate. She's now working towards her brown belt. Ellie (Year 8) also attends guides where she has completed a lot of activities and badges. Once a month, on a Saturday afternoon, Ellie helps at a group for autistic children. The aim of the group is to give the children different experiences. Ellie engages with the children who have differing degrees of autism. Ellie also plays the flute as taking swimming lessons with a view to joining the junior lifeguard programme next year. Ellie has recently started to attend the youth group at CLM church with her friends from school. As well as all of this Ellie attends St George's church on a Sunday with her family! Well done Ellie - you really do live life in all its fullness!



Sophie Cheung

Year 7 student, Sophie Cheung's parents are proud that she has been volunteering at the warehouse for Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child, where she helped sort out shoe boxes and pack them for loading onto trucks for children in Liberia. Sophie's mum said "She thanks God for this experience and was very happy to help the community and children in need so that they can get Christmas presents. She looks forward to volunteering again in another project in January." Here you can see Sophie during her volunteering session. Great work Sophie - living life in all its fullness and a good example of our school values of care, hard work, servanthood and togetherness!



Aaliyah Miller-Spence

Aaliyah Miller-Spence (Year 7) attends Taekwondo sessions and holds many medals and trophies from including those from the English, Midlands, Lincolnshire and British Championships and tournaments. Following the closure due to the pandemic, Aaliyah returned to contact sparring in September 2021 and achieved second place in the Lincolnshire Championships. She has also successfully passed her grading to achieve her red tag belt 3rd kup.

Added to this, Aaliyah has completed in the Tag B Taekwondo British Championships where over 1200 competitors came to Coventry to compete at the Skydome. Aaliyah came 3rd in tag team sparring in which she competed against a mixed weight division. Her parents say they are "super proud of her!" Congratulations Aaliyah - your family are really proud of the way you live your life in all its fullness! A great example of our school value, hard work!



Charlotte Tizick

Charlotte Tizick's family are very proud of her for living her life in all its fullness by taking part in the Brass in Concert Youth Championships with Enderby Youth Band in November. Year 8 student, Charlotte and her band didn't win but it's worth noting that this contest is by invite only and had the only the five best youth bands in the country competing. Well done Charlotte - our value of hardwork and servanthood well showcased here!



Mihnea Purice

Mihnea (Year 7) really lives his life in all its fullness! Mihnea plays football for Coventrians as well as being a member of Coventry 74th Scouts. Mihnea's mum is proud of her son's achievements. Well done Mihnea!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all of the students who celebrate their birthdays in December and January -
happy birthday to all of you!



Amielle, Temilola, Jayden, Caylem, Rhoda-Mekonen, Ola, Amira, Esah, Sufyan, Izaac, Rayna, Megan, Hamdaan, Isaac, Amber, Jasmann, Alyssa, Sati, Kevin, Terrence, Philip, Kingsley, Aisha, Jermaine, Nadia, Obaayaa, Daniel, Kabir, Habebah, Isabella, Prince, Isabella, Tamas, Keeley, Dillon, Ayaan, Isla, Sophie, Alicia, Simrut, Angela, George, Hattie and Amrita



Daniela, Daniel, Melvin, Lacey, Victoria, Peter, Amanveer, Labiba, Rumaysaa, Hartej, Darcey, Betiel, Jolene, Peter, Siddharth, Udhay, Gloria, Sara, Zalie, Leo, Daniel, Mohammad, Amena, Ahmad, Lily, Angel, Chiderah, Thomas, Jack, Manbir, Ghasan, Arbion, Fahim, Anya, Aaisha, Bartek, Ellie, Rosie, Joel, Jayson, Valerie, Aaron, Summer, Rina, Tahlia, Esha, Lowena, Adarshini, Sophie, Ekkam and Denni



Ashton, Kimi, Raei, Yafiet, Mikolaj, Jay, Nana, Hiyab, Aiden, Gypsa, Tanaka, Aiyanna, Cai, Alfie, Bryony, Finley, Keira, Jacinda, Zainab, Gracie, Danny, Yendi, Autumn, Cian, Nehemiah, Summer, Tyler, Hannah, Jack, Michael, Isobel, Luna, Anna, Elia, Jasmine, Taran, Darcey and Ann



Iyindola, Rhian, Finley, Kevin, Monique, Hafsa, Favour, Gracie-Mae, Tamem, Liam, William, Milton, Joshua, Keila, Kiynyuy, Jamie, Rocco, Elizabeth, Sandile, Katelyn, Mariama, Devine, Suhayb, Pragati, Louis, Phoebe, Elizabeth, Amir, Michelle, Damien, Erin, Samuel, Adrian, Chloe, Pirunthan, Nitash, Eleonora, Anu, Joel, Samuel, Noor, Magdalena, Caleb, Keleigh, Kay and Jessie



Emma, Darlene, Nathan, Evan, Max, Ellis, Levi, Harshavardhan, Karen, Jerome, Michael, Grant, Jjay, Enoch, Abdulhadi, Sharon, Joel, Joy, Amber, Karis, Fionn, Victoria, Bethany, Tobias, Aditya Shree, Madeleine, Cameron, Aaron, Jacob, Eniola, Hannah, Zack, Kieran, Noah and Katie



Kyle, David, Charlie, James, Simren, Rahman, Gia, Gloria, Rahat, Kelly, Papa, Ria, Alisha, Caleb, Dhaniya, Joseph, Kauthar, Suleiman, Bailey, Thomas, Madeeha, Diya and Jonathan



Jamie, Aaminah, Hanna, Megan, Harvin, Faith, Aishah, Amal, Mahima, Haydon, Lauren, Chimemeriele, Isaac, Orna, Shahadh, Matthew, Daniel, Sabaa, Lorcan, Janice, Stephen, Theo, Sucharitha and Malachi

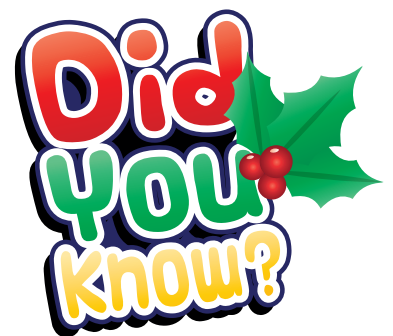
Chinyere



***When they saw the star,
they were overjoyed. On
coming to the house, they
saw the child with His mother
Mary, and they
bowed down
and worshipped
Him."***



Matthew 2:10



***In Britain, the best-selling
festive single is Band Aid's
1984 track, Do They Know
It's Christmas?, which sold
3.5million copies.***