

FULLNESS!

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



Blue Coat
Church of England School
& Music College

This is the latest edition of *Fullness!*, our regular newsletter bringing you all of the latest news from Blue Coat School. We wish you a lovely half-term break.

MRS SHELLEY'S REFLECTION

I would like to say well done and thank you to our fabulous Year 11 and Year 13 students.

After two years of living through the most challenging of times, they have shown resilience, determination and courage as they start their public examinations.

Throughout their time at Blue Coat they have continued to demonstrate our CHRIST values and have made our school a vibrant, exciting and wonderful place with their unique talents, abilities and care.

We continue to pray for them over the next few weeks and for them to remember that they are unique, loved and the leaders of tomorrow.

Please keep them in your prayers over the next few weeks.

I wish all of our students and families a restful May half-term holiday with the opportunity to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee over an extended break.

CANON SHELLEY

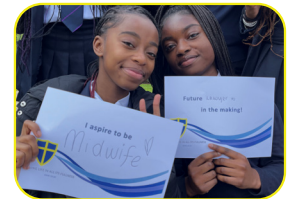
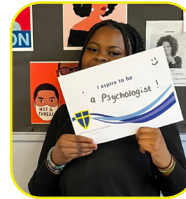
Mrs Shelley was delighted to be asked by Bishop Christopher and the Dean to become an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral and was officially installed on Sunday 1st May, 2022.

Mrs Shelley, who can now use the title Canon, said, *"It was a privilege to be asked to become a Canon of the Cathedral and to be able to contribute to the life of the Cathedral in the future. The Cathedral holds a special place in the life of our school and we love being able to worship there at Easter and Christmas and celebrate at Prize Giving. As an ICON (International Cross of Nails) school with a special relationship with Coventry cathedral, we are enabled to live out the principles of peace and reconciliation on a daily basis in our school and the wider community through our vision, 'Living life in all its fullness' and our CHRIST values."*

Here is Canon Shelley pictured with Bishop Christopher



FAREWELL TO OUR FANTASTIC YEAR 11'S



As we near the end of the academic year, we will be so sad to say 'Goodbye' to our lovely Year 11 students. We have been asking them about their hopes for their futures.

Above you can see some of them as they share their future aspirations and dreams!

Good luck to all of you - you will succeed in whatever you choose to do in your futures!

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



Jeremiah 29:11

WORLD OF NURSING

Year 12 Health and Social Care students were offered the chance to take part in a "World of Nursing" Enrichment Program offered by Coventry University. This program gave them an opportunity to learn about the world of nursing and where a nursing degree can take you.

Students were given an activity book to explore the various environments where nurses work, familiarise themselves with today's nursing equipment, hear from Coventry University current student nurses and discover the numerous different pathways into nursing!

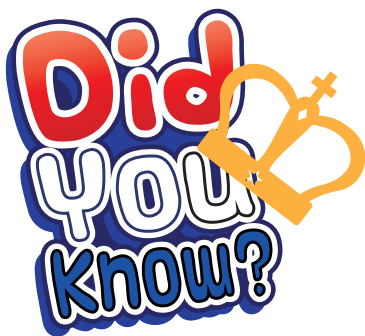
In addition, they could take a virtual tour of Coventry University nursing facilities using the QR code provided within the program materials and research the number of nursing courses on offer and the entry requirements needed for each course.

Mrs Bryan, Head of Social Sciences, said "As part of this course, students were able to enter an essay writing competition and I am proud to announce that Ikram Mussa Farah was selected as one of the winners of that competition. Her essay was highly praised by Coventry University and she was given a number of prizes, including £20 in Amazon gift vouchers! Well done Ikram."

Following on from this Enrichment Program, Year 12 Health and Social Care will be on site at Coventry University for a chance to take part in a tour of Coventry University Health and Life Sciences building. There they have their own hospital ward, birthing suite, ambulance, theatre room and adapted living experience.



Congratulations to Mr Sanders who has been selected as one of the Baton bearers for the Commonwealth games torch relay. Mr Sanders was nominated by Mrs Flanagan for his amazing charity work for Zoe's Place Children's Hospice and he had to undergo a tough selection process. We look forward to seeing Mr Sanders with the torch!



The Sovereign (The Queen) holds the title 'Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England'. These titles date back to the reign of King Henry VIII, who was initially granted the title 'Defender of the Faith' in 1521 by Pope Leo X.



The Hope Community Project have been helping local families since 2019 by providing childcare and support for families and individuals accessing their services.

Their mission is to improve opportunities and outcomes by providing practical and emotional support for people experiencing disadvantage, poverty and social isolation.

To read more about how you can help, or how you can receive help, please click [HERE](#) or on the logo, above.



Hope Community Grub Hub

Donation drop off



We need donations of the following to help support families in the local area



Cereal/cereal bars
Jars/packet cooking sauces
Rice and pasta
Tinned food
Tea and coffee
Sugar

All other donations welcome

www.hopecommunityprojects.com



Hope Community Grub Hub



Struggling to buy food? Need help?
We are offering food support to people in Hillfields, Stoke, Gosford and within 1.5 miles of our centre.

***Membership costs £5 per week and you will receive approx £30 of food**

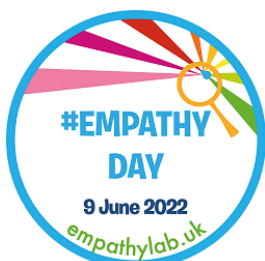
The Ancillary Building
38-44 Binley Road
CV3 1JA

Open Fridays 12:30pm - 3pm & Saturday 9:30am - 12pm

To sign up or donate please contact

caroline@hopecommunityprojects.com
or call
07956233098
www.hopecommunityprojects.com

EMPATHY DAY - 9TH JUNE 2022



Empathy is our ability to understand and experience someone else's feelings. It builds stronger, kinder communities. It's a crucial life skill that young people need in order to learn, thrive and contribute. We're not born with a fixed quantity of empathy – it's a skill we can all learn. Excitingly, research shows that books are a powerful tool to develop it. When young people identify with book characters, they learn to see things from others' points of view. As they read, they are building their empathy skills.

"Read stories. Build empathy. Make a better world." - this is the theme for this year's Empathy Day. Click [HERE](#) to see all of the books which are now available to borrow from the school library. You can let Mrs Treadwell know what you think of them.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

If you are planning to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee we would love to see photos of your event! Please send them to admin@bluecoatschool.com and we will feature them in the next newsletter!



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Readers of *Fullness!* will know that we have a Hardship Fund at Blue Coat. This fund is used to purchase school uniform, PE kit, other subject equipment or any other essentials needed for school. Any family struggling to finance these items can then apply for these funds.

If you would like to donate to the Hardship Fund please use the details below:

Sort code:- 30-92-33
Account No:- 24770263
Lloyds Bank
Account name :- Inspire Education Trust

Please add the reference:- Hardship Fund.

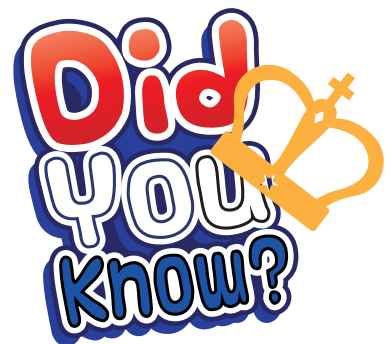
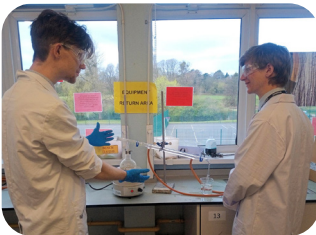
Thank you to those of you who have so generously donated in the past. Your kindness has helped many Blue Coat students.

CARE



FAREWELL TO YEAR 13 CHEMISTS

Ms Yasmeen and Mr Matibiri have been teaching Year 13 chemists all year and are sad to see them leave us! They said *"It has been a real pleasure teaching the Year 13 Chemists. They have done amazingly well in building their practical skills, especially with the impact of the pandemic. Best of luck with their future endeavours."*



There are TWO verses of the National Anthem and the words are as follows:

*God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.*

*Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.*

MAY'S WORD MILLIONAIRES

Regular readers of our newsletter will know that each half-term we celebrate our Word Millionaires - these are students who have read a whopping ONE MILLION words or more in their English lessons. Below are this half-term's recipients of our Word Millionaire badges.

Zaile Higgins, Matty Gurtowski, Anya Sodha, Anna Jakubik, Amin Ismail, Muddathir Ali, Emily Roberts, Sophie Cheung and Rayna Cortana



Why not join our 850+ Twitter followers who are the first in the world to hear our news?! To follow us one Twitter, search for [@BlueCoatCE](https://twitter.com/BlueCoatCE). We update Twitter most days, in fact sometimes we update it several times a day! Why not take a look?! We hope you like what you see!



LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

AMBER ROBERTS

One of our Year 7 students, Amber, volunteers at the Hope Community Project where she helps to pack food parcels for members of the local community who are struggling to buy food with the growing living costs.

Amber gets up early on a Saturday morning to help out with anything from packing bags to cleaning - she's happy to help where she can.

The Hope Community Project supplies food parcels for a membership fee of £5 per week and for that, families will receive around £30 worth of food.



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ELLIE HUGGINS

Year 8 student, Ellie, has been a very busy young lady recently! She has taken her level 3 flute exam, been awarded a brown belt in karate and had her confirmation by Bishop Christopher at St George's Church on 1st May. Well done Ellie! Your parents are proud of you! We are very impressed too!



HARD WORK

NETTIE GUNN

Nettie (Year 7) has certainly been living life in all its fullness! Netti recently went snorkelling with sharks! Nettie had to do online learning prior to getting in the tank and she had to learn how to dive safely and use a snorkel. It looks like you had a fabulous experience, Nettie!



STEPHEN HART

Stephen, who is Year 8, volunteers during every school holiday at a holiday club where he went when he was younger.

There are a few students from Blue Coat School, as well as Stephen, who do the same and they become Junior Instructors too at the activity club.

Stephen's mum is rightly proud of him and says "He loves the outdoors and sports so the days he gives up at the moment will lead to paid work in Year 9 and he is good with the younger children."

Well done, Stephen - you display many of the school's CHRIST values by doing what you do. Keep up the good work!



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BEN SIMPSON

Ben, who is in Year 11, plays football for Coventry United's under 16 team and they recently won their league after trying for three years! This is impressive and to do so with two games of the season remaining is fantastic! Well done Ben and team-mates! Hard work and perseverance certainly paid off!

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LILY SHARKEY

Year 9 student, Lily, has been selected to represent North Midlands at County level at Rugby union. Lily is a fantastic sportswoman - well done, Lily! Lily's parents are proud of her, as are we!



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ISABELLA THOMPSON

Isabella, who is in Year 7, has won her first medal at horse riding. She really enjoys horse-riding and her instructors say she has been doing amazingly well! Isabella feels proud of herself and her family say they are proud of her bravery to try something new. Well done, Isabella!



SOPHIE GUNN

Sophie Gunn, Year 8, plays Rugby for Barkers Butts and she and her team mates have recently come third in a tournament and were undefeated over two days. Well done Sophie!



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**IF YOU HAVE ANY
EXAMPLES OF "LIVING
LIFE IN ALL ITS
FULLNESS" PLEASE
SHARE THEM WITH
US! WE LOVE TO HEAR
ABOUT WHAT OUR
FANTASTIC STUDENTS
GET UP TO OUTSIDE OF
SCHOOL!**



ESTHER SAMUEL ARCE

One of our Year 11 students, Esther, volunteers at The Hope Community Project. Esther says "The Hope Community Project doesn't only recognise how families facing stress over essentials like grocery shopping are struggling, but actively helps them."

Volunteers such as Esther, are giving hours of their own time and endless effort to keep this project going.

Esther adds "Aside from food worth around £30 being provided for £5 to families, it's a lovely place for them to enjoy company and conversation from volunteers at the Grub Hub. The positive effect this has on the community is amazing to think about."

The charity supports 190 families and vulnerable people with more than just affordable food and clothes. It also needs to be careful to keep waste at a minimum which is also a huge amount of work and needs to be thought of too. The Hope Project would not exist without the kind people involved in running the Grub Hub and centre as a whole.

Esther said "I find helping out in my time so rewarding and I can see the impact it has on the local community directly."

Well done, Esther! We are really proud of you for volunteering at this amazing community project - especially as you are in Year 11 and your spare time is so precious with your exam revision too!

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KELEIGH MARSHALL-WELCH

Huge congratulations to Keleigh and her Coventry City girls' U15's team-mates on their recent success at a Football Tour in Bournemouth. They won all 8 games!

Keleigh, who is in Year 10, was also awarded the team's 'Girl of the tournament'! Well done Keleigh!



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INTRODUCING OUR NEW EAL AMBASSADORS!

As you know, at Blue Coat we are proud of our diverse community. We love having students from all over the world in our Blue Coat family - this is what makes our school vibrant, unique and a truly fantastic place to be!

When any student joins a new school, they are usually a little nervous - maybe worried about making friends or wondering if they get lost, where the toilets are or how the canteen works etc. Imagine worrying about these things when you have only just arrived in the UK and if you only speak the language of your home country. Any student in this situation who joins Blue Coat need not worry because we have a team of specially trained, enthusiastic and caring students who are our EAL (English as an Additional Language) Ambassadors.

Students were given the opportunity to apply for this special role and we were amazed and humbled by the applications! We now have 32 EAL Ambassadors from Year 7-12 - Joshua, Shalom, Mihnea, Leonor, Joy, Hadya, Cami, Yvana, Savin, Mustafa, Zofia, Patryk, Julia, Kithu, Gabriel, Sharusha, Naimah, Daniel, Kevin, Sarunja, Arianna, Pirunthan, Yara, Stephanie, Aditya Shree, Abigail, Abdirahman, Jamie, Christy, Pauline and Kelly. Between them speak 18 languages which include Cantonese, French, Romanian, Portuguese, Yoruba, Spanish, Tamil, Kurdish, Polish, Igbo, Arabic, Italian, Somali, Mandarin, Hindi, Farsi and Persian as well as speaking fluent English!

Their role is to meet and greet new Blue Coat students who speak their language - make them feel at home, help them to make friends, show them around school and generally be available for them as long as they need them.

In their applications, the EAL Ambassadors showed such care and empathy - their desire to care for the new arrivals was fantastic to see.

Our Ambassadors will not only support new students from overseas, but they will also be able to act as interpreters for new parents. Together they have made this pledge:

We pledge that when a new student arrives into our school, we will support and welcome them, make them feel safe and show them our values. We will help them and celebrate them through communication and an open mind.



Mrs Shelley said "We would like to thank you all for applying for the role and for being such caring, respectful and empathetic young people. It is truly a pleasure to have you as part of our school community and we are amazed by your multilingual skills!"

Photographed here are some of our younger EAL Ambassadors. After completing their application forms, the group received training in how to carry out their roles and they are now all ready to meet our new students which will include Year 6's joining us on their Induction Day on 6th July. All of the EAL Ambassadors were awarded a certificate and a badge to wear on their blazer which identifies them easily.

One of our Ambassadors, Year 8 student, Joy, who speaks Yoruba, said "In my opinion I think that I would be a good EAL Ambassador because firstly I love to help people; secondly it would be better for them to have someone who can communicate in their language. Also, it saves the school from paying people to translate for people who can't speak English and lastly it would be my dream come true to know that I am actually helping someone that needs help."

Year 9 student, Mustafa, said "I came to this country hoping for a better education. My first hurdle was the language barrier but, as I learned English, it opened up doors and opportunities that lead me to here. I want to help those around me and help open new doors for them and help them overcome the problems I've faced before. It will give me some good work experience for when I'm older."

Naimah, who is in Year 10, said "I like to help people help and it would be a good experience to have and also making new friends who have the same backgrounds as you. Also, having been in this position before and understanding how hard it is".

Post-16 student, Abdirahman, said "As someone who went to a school in Somaliland, not knowing the language at all, I can understand how hard it is. So I'd like to help out whoever I can."

Stephanie, who is in Year 10, said "I know how hard it is coming to a new country and having to start afresh. From personal experience, I would have probably had an easier time if I had someone around my age, who could speak Italian, and have helped me with settling in."

We would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all of our EAL Ambassadors and we look forward to sharing news of their good work in the future.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Daniel, Jeremy, Saffron, Ogbeide, Abdul, Judah, Noah, Ayman, Iris, Christine, Daniela, Isla, Zohra, Israel, Isabel, Jordan, Samuel and Oscar

Millie-Jane, Ruby, Simbarashe, Wiktor, Alexandru, Marta, Katie, Tiffany, Joy, Anais, Florence, Holly, Jada, Summer, Lewis, Emily, Samuel, Jayan, Alvina and Leah



Carlos-Junior, Elishah, Danielle, Isaac, Bethany, Manjula, Junior, Mawutor, Emanuele, Jasper, Naveetha, Luso, Rhys, Nathan, Vandana, Erin, Asar, Tafawol and Daniel

Jack, David, Boaz, Jessica, Barry, Hope, Evie, Kevin, Eddie, Kalaichchelvan, Mustafa, Martins, Zoya, Elizabeth, Zara, Sienna and Joe



Henry, Babongile, Kieran, Priyesh, Ane, Jerom, Sienna, Zain, Carmela, Trishia, Deangelo, Donnel, Alexander, Szonja, Dania, Klaudia, Asha, Kurtis, Pascal, Abigail, Saha, Jasmine, Ben, William, Leah, Isaiah, Yvonne, Sidra and Winnie

Eloise, Charis, Eve, Katy, Ann, Abdirahman and Liam



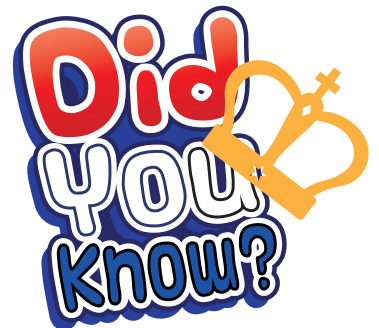
Christy, Mia, Thomas, Ayisha, Aoife, Ellie, Zunerah, Ramandeep, Roisin, Thomas, Brooke, Sumayyah and Jessica,

Half-Term Holiday
Monday 30th May
to
Friday 3rd June

Have a lovely half-term holiday!

Summer Term
Monday 6th June
to
Friday 22nd July

Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 1977. She celebrated her Ruby Jubilee in 1992, her Golden Jubilee in 2002, her Diamond Jubilee in 2012, and her Sapphire Jubilee in 2017.



*"Give thanks
to the
Lord,
for he is
good;
his
love endures forever."*

