

FULLNESS!

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



Blue Coat
Church of England School
& Music College

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

MRS SHELLEY'S REFLECTION

It is always a pleasure to read our 'Fullness Newsletter' and to reflect upon the experiences and achievements of our Blue Coat students.

Our first half-term has been action-packed as we return to enjoying many of the activities we previously engaged in. As always, it has been a pleasure to walk around the school and to see our students focused and working hard in their lessons.

Due to COVID, we were unable to host our traditional Year 6 Open Evening, however it was a particular privilege to conduct two weeks of Open Morning tours during October where over a hundred families toured our school (in a COVID safe way) during the morning session.

Our Year 8 Peer Mentors and Guides were excellent ambassadors for the school and every class we visited over the two week period demonstrated our school values of Care, Hard Work and Respect. I was so proud of all of the students we visited across the school with special highlights being the school choir singing to our visitors during their morning rehearsals and the Year 11/13 Careers Fair.

MYSTERY ACT OF KINDNESS

We have been contacted by a member of the public who was travelling on the No 3 bus after school one Thursday afternoon in September.

The lady emailed to say "An elderly lady got on at a stop and a lovely student from your school made the children part, on a very busy bus, to let her through. The student then told some children to get off the priority seats to allow the elderly lady to sit down. The bus then jolted forwards as the lady was trying to sit in her seat, and the lovely young lady supported her back until she was able to sit down safely."

The way this young lady conducted herself in front of her peers was lovely to see. She had brown hair and a rainbow coloured tote bag (like the one pictured). She should be very proud of herself, as she is a great representation of your school."



We were both proud and delighted to receive the email about this lovely act of kindness but we still cannot identify the student, despite our best efforts! If this was you, or if you know who this student is, please email admin@bluecoatschool.com. Not only do we want to solve the mystery, but Mrs Shelley would love to speak to the student to thank her.

CARE
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HUB NEWS!

We were delighted to be able to share our first SEND bulletin, *Hub News*, with parents/carers before half-term.

If you haven't already done so, please read this bulletin to keep you updated with important news and information for our students and staff.

The first edition of *Hub News* can be viewed [here](#).



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD!

As a part of Black History Month, on Friday 22nd October, the PE Department "showed racism the red card" by taking part in Wear Red Day. Students were invited to wear red in their PE lessons to support the anti-racism educational charity, Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC). For more information on this charity please visit: [Show Racism the Red Card](#)



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Since the last edition of *Fullness!*, we have welcomed 265 Year 7's and a large number of Post-16 students to our school. We've also welcomed Aurora-Jane, Gabriel, Joshua, Ibraheem, Tahsin, Tasnim, Maryam, Cami, Sirak, Harnaz, Rafaela, Oluseyi, Rocco, Ryan, Victoria, Cidona, Raynell, Folu, Ire, Desmond, Yafiet, Dina-Alexandra, Joel, Rachael and Daniel. We hope you have all settled in and are enjoying your time at your new school.

WELCOME

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

Care **Hard work** **Respect** **Integrity** **Servanthood** **Togetherness**

PROUD TO BE...

We celebrated Black History Month during October and this year the theme was 'Proud to Be'. Our staff and students have been sharing their 'Proud to Be' thoughts.

Mrs Kaur said "I'm proud to be British south Asian of Punjabi and Sikh heritage. I'm proud to represent educated and career driven brown females in society. I'm proud of the wall in my grandparents' house that has 17 degree portraits on it for every grandchild that educated themselves thanks to the journey my grandparents and parents made when they came to England in the 1960s to explore new opportunities."



Two of our Year 10 students, Ayo (left) and Jamelia (right) have recorded their 'Proud to Be' videos. Click on their photos to watch them.



RESPECT

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

Be the first to hear our news on Twitter - follow us [@BlueCoatCE](#). We update Twitter most days, in fact sometimes we update it several times a day! By following us you can be the first to hear anything new from Blue Coat School.



CAREERS FAIR

The Careers Fair took place in October. This was an important opportunity for our Year 11 and Year 13 students to engage with a variety of higher education providers and employers from across the country, including our very own Sixth Form.



OUR GAELIC FOOTBALL CHAMPION!

One of our very talented young sportswomen, Year 9 student, Lily Sharkey, recently competed in London at the GAA All Britain Championship - this is a Gaelic Football competition.

Lily's Under 14 team won - so they are the best Gaelic team in the country at that age group. We are incredibly proud of Lily's achievement in this tough, yet exciting sport.

Well done Lily!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH RE LESSONS

Students have been celebrating Black History Month in their RE lessons during October. Focused around the theme 'Proud to Be', students have been exploring spoken word poems from J Chambers, Ella Otomewo, Maz Hedgehog, and SAF-S2E. They have also been inspired by listening to the song *Superheroes* by Stormzy and reflecting on what makes *them* proud to be. Students listened to Stormzy's words of inspiration "Despite the colour of your skin, despite where you come from, despite your religion, despite whatever it is that you feel may be holding you back; you are a Superhero. So, I wanted to make this video to inspire you guys, to let you know that the sky is the limit. To let you know that all those things inside of you, make you incredible."

RESPECT



INTERNATIONAL PRONOUNS DAY

Wednesday 20th October marked International Pronouns Day. The day aims to make respecting, sharing and educating about personal pronouns commonplace. Blue Coat students learned more about this day and its importance during tutor time.

At Blue Coat we place great importance on identity and having safe spaces to be authentically unique and we champion dignity and respect for all.

CARE

RESPECT

If you would like to learn more about this, or need support, please email or speak to [Mrs Hathaway](#). Her office is next to B1.

**HAPPY
INTERNATIONAL
PRONOUNS
DAY**

SIXTH FORM SOCIETIES

There are a variety of clubs and societies for Post-16 students to get involved with at Blue Coat School. Below is information on some of them, written by society members themselves.



TOGETHERNESS

The '**Voices of Tomorrow**' Society offers an opportunity for students to develop their public speaking, leadership and group work skills through performing PSHE lessons and assemblies to the younger students of this school. We strive to give advice, spread useful life lessons and educate others on sensitive topics. Our first projects consist of starting the conversation of battling sexual harassment as well as talking through the importance of healthy relationships.

The Law Society is a friendly space to come together and discuss all things law! We regularly have debates - from legal matters to current affairs as well as anything anyone wishes to suggest. We have already held sessions on tort law; debated whether children should be tried as adults; and quizzed ourselves on some strange laws from around the world. Did you know it is illegal to wear cowboy boots in California unless you own at least two cows?! With the growing numbers of people attending, we next hope to do our own mock court trial.



INTEGRITY

The **Environmental Society** are hoping to invite every year group to our sessions at some point in the future.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for such an overwhelmingly, amazing response to the survey we sent out. You are all filled with wonderful ideas which has given us plenty of ideas to help improve sustainability at our school.

As a society, we are aiming to form green habits at Blue Coat, starting with recycling. How much paper are you actually wasting in the general waste bin? We want to increase the amount of recycling bins around school and inside classrooms to make the most of the resources we have. Let's be more conscious of the green habits we're creating because every little step we take, every little action we change for the better, will take us running into a greener future.



Climate change affects all of us. But there are solutions!"

CARE

A KIND WORD

We have had a lovely email from a patient who was recovering in University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, recently. The message was to say she overheard a young lady behaving in a compassionate, caring, attentive to elderly patient and that she was pleasant to talk to. The patient said she overheard the young lady explaining she was from Blue Coat School for work experience. The

patient, who also happens to be a Blue Coat parent said "I knew she would be from Blue Coat - she was very respectful and I was feeling rather proud that my girls go there too and one day they will have these opportunities."



CARE

RESPECT

SPIRITED ARTS COMPETITION WINNER

In July Year 7, 8, and 9 RE students took part in the NATRE Spirited Arts competition. Hundreds of schools from around the world take part in this every year, and we are proud to announce that Year 9 student, Sunya, has been chosen as a winner!

Sunya created a beautiful piece of art work for the theme 'inspiring' about her religion, Islam.

In her own words "The central focus of my artwork reads 'Allah' in Arabic. Allah meaning God. In Islam, Allah has 99 names, my artwork reflects a few of these and I have chosen the ones that resonate with me and inspire me".

Well done Sunya, we are so proud of you! You can view her full entry [here](#).



HARD WORK

COVENTRY CITY OF CULTURE 2021 FAITH EVENT

One of our Year 7 students, Anya, took part in the Coventry City of Culture 2021 Faith Event recently, where she was able to meet ministers of all faiths and reflect upon the last year and all its cultural diversity and inclusion.

Here is a picture from the event of Anya meeting The Dean of Coventry Cathedral, The Very Reverend John Witcombe, who spoke to Anya about the close relationship with Blue Coat School. She also met Lady Godiva and The Very Reverend Theodoros Polyviou from the Greek Orthodox Church of The Holy Transfiguration Coventry.



TOGETHERNESS

REPORTING ABSENCE

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

REPORT ABSENCE

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 letters and images.

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

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord, your God, who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6

POST-16 CHARITY SUPPORT

Charity is a big part of life at Blue Coat School.

Our Sixth Form Charity leads say "These past two years have not been easy for everyone and as part of the school charity leadership we'd like to bring back a sense of normality to Blue Coat.

We believe that the charity work at Blue Coat is a huge part of our school identity so we are doing as much as we can!"



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and, on Wednesdays, Sixth Form students wear pink to stand in solidarity with those affected. One of our Post-16 students, Ruth (pictured above), has made this lovely display. There is also to be a Year 13 football match to raise funds and create awareness.

Charity leads say "We are also planning fund-raising events in time for Christmas to support those in need. Safe to say we are keeping busy! Hopefully in January we will be hosting a Blue Coat talent showcase with all proceeds going to a charity chosen by our Sixth Form students.

There will be auditions and we are hoping to see a variety of talents from Year 7 through to Year 13. Growing up in Blue Coat School, one of the joys was that there was always something going on. We'd like to continue this tradition for the new students and for years to come."

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

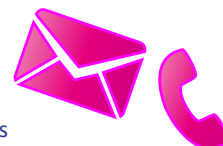
Jeremiah 29:11

MOVED HOUSE? CHANGED PHONE NUMBER? NEW EMAIL ADDRESS?

It is crucial we can contact all parents and carers during the school day. 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 logo below to email your new details to us.

You will not have access to the Weduc app if your contact details are not correct.

If you have not received emails from us, please check your email spam/junk folders to make sure there are no emails from us as sometimes they do end up there.



CREATIVE LIVES PROJECT

Three of our students (Joe Hall, Lucy Merrylees and Audrey David) attended a City of Culture event where they performed their own poetry. Mrs Hathaway went along to support them and she said "We are so proud and encouraged by their creativity and talents. Thank you to the Creative Lives Project and to the team that led the workshops with our students during lockdown."



HARD WORK

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.



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.

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.



ROMAN PROJECT INTERVIEW

If you would like to hear a short interview which was broadcast on Coventry and Warwickshire Radio recently about our Roman project, you can play this link [HERE](#) - from the two minute mark. The students you can hear are Emily Johnson, Noah White and Sophie Gunn (pictured) in Year 8. Well done to all three of you for taking part!



WEDUC UPDATE

From September we have been using the Weduc app for all of our communications - emails, messaging, calendar updates, news, notices and information.

All students, parents/carers and staff have access to the Weduc app.

The uptake has been fantastic and 85% of our students have a parent or carer who have logged in to Weduc to set up their account.

All parents/carers have been sent their unique login details.

From inside the Weduc app you are able to see your child's details and update them; pay for items (via ParentPay); send messages to the school; report absence; read our digital noticeboard as well as being able to view our newsfeed which is our own social media platform. Soon you will be able to view your child's behaviour and achievement points and send messages their teachers directly.

You can also access the school calendar as well as Class Charts and other apps and information from within the Weduc platform. There is also a Hub area which is full of useful information and links. We will soon have our new website which will integrate with the app.

From inside the Weduc app, you are able to click on a link to SchoolCloud, the Parents' Evening booking system which includes video meetings for our virtual Parents' Evenings year. All of our Parents' Evenings are now virtual.

If you are one of the few parents/carers still to log in to Weduc, please use the login details which have been emailed to you. Please download the Weduc app from your usual app store. If you click on the logo (right) you will see an overview video.



To ensure that you receive all of our notices, newsfeed information, app messages etc., please remember to enable your device to receive Weduc notifications. If you have the relevant settings, you will have already been receiving notifications with a green **W**.

We are currently working in partnership with Weduc to enhance the app further and make it even more useful to parents and carers.

Students can log in to the Weduc app using their Blue Coat email address and password (the one they use in their Computing lessons).

BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMPETITION

Our Black History Month competition launched at the start of October to celebrate this year's theme 'Proud to Be'.

Blue Coat students were asked to make creative pieces that embody the theme.

HARD WORK

RESPECT

We have had lots of fantastic entries from poems to beautiful art work!

Here is a fantastic poem from Year 7 student, Kwaku (pictured below). Miss Clemo and Mrs Hathaway have been so impressed by the hard work and high standard of entries this year from our students.

*Between my lord and me,
Love one another as God has loved you,
All you got to do is trust him,
Care for one another for he has cared for you,
Kind, loving and respectful.*



Another fantastic entry for our Black History Month competition is from Year 7 student, Shreya (right) for the theme of 'Proud to Be'. Well done Shreya!

We've had a brilliant entry from Zoe, Year 7 (left). She has chosen to create a pointillism painting of Amanda Gorman. Well done Zoe!!



VISITING SCHOOL SITE

We would like to remind you 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. Nor do we 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.

CROSS COUNTRY

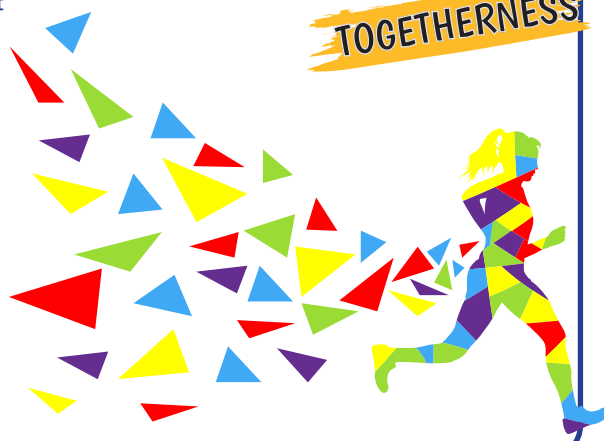
Congratulations to the students who represented Blue Coat in the Coventry Cross Country Relay Championships recently.

They were a credit to the school, competing with hard work and togetherness.

Well done to Lucy Jones, Esther Ridout, Oliver Wright, Finley Allton, Ashton Watkins, Isaac Corden, Judah Murphy and Nzumbu Nemukovhani.

HARD WORK

TOGETHERNESS



Neecia attended St Laurence's CE Primary School before she made the move to Blue Coat. Neecia's favourite lesson is Science because she finds the practical experiments fascinating! Neecia loves being at Blue Coat and says the teachers were really supportive to the Year 7 students when they first arrived and they helped them to settle in quickly.



Noah attended Grangehurst Primary School before joining Blue Coat School. Noah says his favourite lesson is Art. He says he enjoys practical lessons and learning new art skills and doing more drawings.



Abigail joined us here at Blue Coat from St Augustine's Catholic Primary School. Abigail's favourite lessons are English, Science and Art. Before joining Blue Coat, Abigail was worrying about being amongst a lot of older children but she says now she is at our school everything is fine! Abigail is really enjoying secondary school and says school is fun!



WHY WE LOVE

Aaron, who attended St. John's CE Primary School before joining us at Blue Coat says his favourite lessons are PE and History. Aaron likes the freedom he has at break and lunchtimes and he thought the school would be a lot bigger than it actually is. He was worried about getting lost but he's found navigating the school site quite easy. Aaron has made lots of friends at Blue Coat.



Zachary joined us from Holyfast Primary School and his favourite lesson is English. Zachary says he was worried about bullying before he joined us but that he needn't have worried as people have been nice and welcoming.



Esah left Gosford Park in the summer to join us at Blue Coat School in September. Esah's favourite lesson is English. Esah said he was worrying about getting lost when he came to Blue Coat because it's a big school but he was fine! He's enjoying exploring his new surroundings and has made some new friends.



Jaya attended Gosford Park Primary School before joining us at Blue Coat. Jaya is enjoying all of the different subjects as there is such a wide variety and she's looking already forward to choosing her Options subjects to study in Year 10! Her favourite lessons are History, Music, Art and Textiles. Jaya was worried about not knowing many people when she joined Blue Coat but she's made lots of new friends.



Prince joined Blue Coat this September from Gosford Park Primary School. Prince says his favourite lesson is RE and he likes coming to school as he enjoys learning new things.



Jesse was a Year 6 student at St Osburg's Catholic Primary School before joining Blue Coat in September. Jesse's favourite lesson is Music because he likes to learn new things. Jesse said Blue Coat's staff are really welcoming and nice to talk to. He was worried about being the only student from his primary school joining Blue Coat and not knowing anyone here but he said he's made lots of friends so there was no need to worry!



Adam was in Year 6 at The Cannons CE Primary School before he joined Year 7 at Blue Coat. Adam likes all of the different lessons but particularly enjoys Music. Adam says one thing he was worried about before he became a Blue Coat student was getting detentions. This is something lots of Year 6 children worry about but he needn't have worried as he follows the school rules and has lots of achievement points - and no detentions!



Amielle attended Ernesford Grange Primary School before moving to Blue Coat School. Amielle's favourite lessons are English, Art and History. Before joining Blue Coat, Amielle was being pushed around in the corridors but she said everything is ok and there was no need to worry! Amielle enjoys being able to choose her lunch from the school's canteen.





Nzumbu joined Blue Coat from Bablake Junior School and his favourite lessons are Maths and PE. Nzumbu was concerned about how he was going to navigate the school site but he says the map he was given was a great help. He was also concerned about Science lessons in case he set fire to anything by accident but he needn't have worried because he says Year 7 students are taught all about health and safety.



Pragnashree was one of 16 students who joined us from Manor Park Primary School. Pragnashree's favourite lessons are Music and Geography. Pragnashree says she feels comfortable at Blue Coat as there are lots of students from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Pragnashree likes the freedom students have to eat outside at break and lunchtimes. She says the teachers are kind and they explain the work to you well.



BLUE COAT!



Oliver joined us at Blue Coat from Corpus Christie Catholic Primary School. Oliver's favourite lesson is History. Oliver says he's enjoying the freedom he gets at Blue Coat to go where he wants to at break and lunch times. Oliver was worried about meeting new people but he said everything was fine once he started here and he's made new friends.



Burhan joined Blue Coat from Alderman's Green Primary School. Burhan enjoys PE and says he is enjoying interacting with lots of students at Blue Coat after being in his Year 6 bubble at primary school. He was worried about starting secondary school as he thought it would be scary, like starting primary school for the first time, but he's really enjoying being at Blue Coat.



Julia joined us from St John Fisher Catholic Primary School and she says she enjoys moving from classroom to classroom throughout day to lessons rather than being in a single classroom all day. Julia says her favourite lessons are Art and PE. Julia enjoys being in Year 7 and she has made friends with Year 7 students who attended different primary schools.



Mihnea joined us from Whitley Abbey Primary School. His favourite lesson is Technology. Mihnea likes being at Blue Coat because lessons are fun. Like lots of primary school children, Mihnea was worried about bullying when he moved up to secondary school but he needn't have worried because he says he's made lots of friends and the older students are helpful to the younger ones.



Prince-Daniel joined us from Stretton CE Primary School and says his favourite lessons are Science and Maths. Prince-Daniel was worried about the lessons being too difficult at Blue Coat but he says the lessons are fine and the teachers are really nice and helpful. He's made lots of new friends.



Sophie joined us from one of our local schools, All Saints CE Primary School. Sophie's favourite lessons are Art and PE. Sophie said she was worried about the pressure of being in top set for Maths but, as she is in second set, she says she feels much better and gets lots of support and finds Maths enjoyable. She likes the teachers at Blue Coat and says lessons are fun!



JJ joined Blue Coat this September from Canon Maggs CE Primary School. JJ says his favourite lesson is Geography and he likes the teachers at Blue Coat as they are nice and helpful.



Arathy moved up from Gosford Park and says her favourite lessons since being at Blue Coat are Maths and Science. Arathy says the students at Blue Coat are kind and people always help you.



#ISITOK?

For Blue Coat students we have created a Microsoft Form which is a safe place where you can ask any questions you have regarding ALL aspects of diversity and inclusion. 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. People in school will be able to help with answers. We will list the questions and answers in our newsletters so everyone can learn more about the important things we talk about in school.

To ask a question, just click on the image (right) and yes, it IS ok to ask it!

RESPECT

LGBTQ+ PRIDE GROUP

At Blue Coat being LGBTQ+ is something to be celebrated and Pride Group is every Wednesday lunchtime in B1. It has been fantastic to see so many students attend this half-term! Pride Group is a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQ+ students and allies to talk about LGBTQ+ topics, socialise and find community. This half-term the group has been exploring UK Black Pride for Black History Month. We would love to see more students attend. If you have any questions please speak to Miss Clemo or Mrs Hathaway.



LOCAL AND NATIONAL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

We are proud of our strong relationships working alongside the Christian Church in Coventry, with our Diocese, Diocesan Board of Education and the national Church of England. These relationships continue to mean that our students can access all kinds of exciting partnerships and opportunities as we together strive towards the 'Life in all its fullness' that Jesus talks of in John 10:10.

This term so far, we have been blessed by a number of virtual assembly speakers – including Curates from our friends St Marks, Coventry. We have great working relationships with our local churches and so are looking forwards to their involvement in assemblies as the year moves forwards, and if safe to do so, communion services to restart at a number of local churches.

Plans are already in full swing for our Prizegiving and Carol Services at Coventry Cathedral – such special times for us as a school community together and ones that we have sadly missed over the pandemic. Our staff and students have made the best of these times however, with end of year, Carol and Easter 'Services' together using video services showed in tutor time. We hate missing an opportunity to worship together.

Our Chaplain, Lou Peet, says "I have been blessed to be part of a team of writers on the Faith at Home project – a national Church of England campaign to support the faith development and pastoral care of primary and secondary students. This has involved writing Collective Worship materials which have been made into resources (written and video) used in Collective Worship across the UK, including here at Blue Coat.

Blue Coat sits within in Coventry East Diocese. I now sit on Coventry East Deanery Synod and am the lay chair of the Diocesan Missions and Pastoral Committee. This means that the experience of our students who live very locally to the immediate area around the school site is fed back at a local strategic Diocese level and change facilitated."

Groups of our students have been involved last and this academic year in the Church of England's National Younger leadership Groups, which is a year-long programme to develop leadership skills and character, facilitating them to become a catalyst for positive change within this school and their wider spheres of influence.

Our students have been part of national vision and strategy consultation work, used to shape the thinking around the interfaces between church, home and Church of England Schools and to feed back to prominent theologians and academics around youth experience of these spheres. It is important that our young people have these opportunities to learn and to input, to enable and build empowered and youth-validated expressions of church going forwards.

On Friday 15th October a group of our students were involved in interviewing for the very important job the Head of the Growing Faith Foundation. We were asked by the Deputy Chief Education Officer to be a youth interview panel. This process involved learning about interview processes, deciding on interview questions based upon the Job Description, and interviewing four candidates online followed by a feedback session to national Church of England leadership to help them to determine the best candidate for the role.

Whether working at local, regional or national level, Blue Coat is excited to continue to shape, and be shaped by, the Anglican and wider Christian Church.



SERVANTHOOD

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Each year, the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21st September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences, and to contribute to building a culture of peace.

To celebrate this important day our Year 7 and 8 students wrote postcards with messages of peace to primary schools in Coventry. Desmond Tutu once said, "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world", that is something we champion at Blue Coat.



One of our Year 7 students, Gideon (right), made a beautifully presented Peace Poem for the recent SMSC Challenge for International Day of Peace. Click [here](#) to see it. Your poem is lovely, Gideon, well done!



Daniella Ikhide, Year 8, made this lovely peace flower poster while Year 7 student, Zoe Hall drew this lovely peace poster. These are fantastic!

**TOGETHERNESS
CARE**

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.

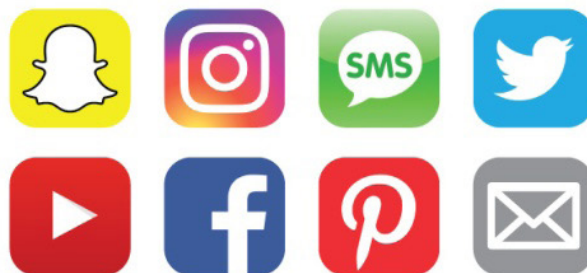
CARE

**"For nothing
will be
impossible
with God."**

Luke 1:37

THINK

before you:



Is it... **True?**
Helpful?
Inspiring?
Necessary?
Kind?

The Internet is forever.
Don't develop a bad reputation.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP - REMINDER

For the safety of our students, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to park away from the school when they drop their children off and when they collect them from school and NOT to use the turning circle. This area is for buses only. Please also do not park over the entrance to the Timber Merchants adjacent to the school as this is negatively impacting their business. We thank you, in advance, for your co-operation.



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.

"My favourite CHRIST value is CARE. It is important to be mindful of others. When you do a good deed for someone, the good deed will return for you."

Lea Barz, Year 8

"I think HARD WORK is my favourite CHRIST value because if you work hard you will get a good future and always push yourself when working."

Arjun Gakhal, Year 7

"My favourite CHRIST value is INTEGRITY. As a PE teacher, there are so many opportunities both in lessons and in after-school clubs and teams where integrity can be discussed and is often demonstrated. In professional sport that has a high profile in the media, we often see that integrity is not valued as much as winning. These sportsmen and women are the role models of the generation we are teaching at Blue Coat. It is incumbent on us as educators, especially in view of our CHRIST values, to challenge this culture within sport. We ask questions to our students about whether it is right to dive in football for an unfair advantage? Is it right to intentionally waste time in sport to gain an advantage? If the ball came off us but the referee/umpire gives the decision the other way, are we honest and tell the official it came off us? Sport provides an amazing opportunity to promote these, often counter-cultural values. It is a great joy, when we then see students playing sport with honesty and sportsmanship, even when those around them may not be. This is true integrity."

Mr I Cordon - PE Teacher

"My favourite CHRIST value is SERVANTHOOD because it's cool to be kind."

Jack Merrett, Year 7

"My favourite CHRIST value is TOGETHERNESS. It makes us feel like we are all working together and we are all in the same situation of just trying to get through school and live our best life. It reminds us that we are like a family and we can support each other. It stands for unity and equality and how we are all important and special at Blue Coat."

Rosie Marshall, Year 11

"My favourite CHRIST value is CARE. In the Bible it says in Philippians 2:4 'Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others' which I think truly embodies what care means here at Blue Coat. I am proud to work at Blue Coat because I see the value of care lived out every single day by staff and students. As a teacher I am committed to care, and I want to see all students succeed and achieve their goals both in and beyond the classroom. Care is important to me because, without care, Blue Coat would not be the happy, respectful, and joyful place that it is."

Miss S Clemo - Head of RE

"My favourite CHRIST value is HARD WORK because some people, even when they're struggling, actually try their best even if it's hard."

Yvana Pameni-Moungang, Year 8

"My favourite CHRIST value is RESPECT. Without respect there is no care. Without respect our hard work means nothing to one another. Without respect we cannot appreciate the integrity of others. Without respect, servanthood has no purpose. Without respect we cannot create togetherness."

Mr M Wallington - Photography and Art Teacher

"My favourite CHRIST value is RESPECT because everyone deserves to be treated the same, even if we do not approve of the way they are because no one is able to change who they are just because of someone else's opinions."

Faith McGrattan, Year 13

"My favourite CHRIST value is INTEGRITY as I feel it describes just being respectful and responsible to everything around you."

Hannah McCabe, Year 8

"My favourite CHRIST value is SERVANTHOOD because it means to put others' needs before our own. All of us have the ability to do this."

Mr J Smith, HR Manager

"My favourite CHRIST value is TOGETHERNESS. It's simple: Whatever our position in school and regardless of our backgrounds, we all to strive to provide the best care for our young people."

Mr B Davies,
German Teacher

HOPE NOT HATE WORKSHOP

On October 19th some of our Year 8 students took part in an identity workshop for Black History Month with the advocacy group *Hope not Hate* during their RE, English and History lessons. *Hope not Hate* campaigns against racism, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism. Research shows that identity and integration are the biggest factors today that affect attitudes towards those with a different background (race, faith, sexuality, gender, disability).

Head of RE, Miss Clemo, said "It was brilliant to see students exploring what identity means to them and the importance of representation during the session."

HATE
HOPE

RESPECT
CARE

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35.

KENYAN SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

As you will have seen on our Weduc Newsfeed, we recently we launched our latest appeal to raise money for the The Uzimatele Education Centre in Gituamba, Kenya. The school offers education to young people who would otherwise be unable to access school and all of the life-changing opportunities that come with it. Opportunities we take for granted in the UK.

We have raised almost £1000 in online donations, including gift aid. This is **AMAZING!** Thank you so much to everyone who has been so generous.

- £10 will keep a child in school for a whole month!
- £70 pays for a teacher's salary for the month
- £250 pays to train a teacher



CARE

To donate to this great cause, which Blue Coat School are committed to helping in the future, please click on the link below. Any donation, no matter how large or small, will be very much appreciated.

[The Uzimatele Education Centre Fundraiser](#)

THE 7TH COVENTRY GIRLS' BRIGADE

The 7th Coventry Girls' Brigade Company is a Christian organisation open to girls aged 5-15 from all faiths and backgrounds.

One of the group's leaders is Laura Keep, a former Head Girl at Blue Coat School.

The group meets every Monday evening at Holyhead Road United Reformed Church, where they take part in games, crafts, stories and lots of other fun activities.

More information can be found on the group's Facebook page @7thcovgb or you can email karen49@talktalk.net for more information.



FUN TIMES AT BREAK AND LUNCH

Students returned from their summer holidays to find a large table football game outside Welby as well as two table-tennis tables in the school grounds - one outside the Gym/Sportshall and one near the Haigh entrance, near to Gorton.

These games are proving very popular at break and lunchtime. Here are some of our students having great fun!

Tyler Gosling and Joshua Moffat, seen here below (right) with Joshua and Shaun say they enjoy playing on the table-football table as it's good for teamwork...and they enjoy winning!



TOGETHERNESS

Care Hard work Respect Integrity Servanthood Togetherness

POST 16 CULTURAL DAY

On Friday 22nd October, the Sixth Form Centre became a vibrant, bubbly hub of cultural dress in their first ever Cultural Day - a day to celebrate the different cultures represented by Sixth Form students. It was certainly a colourful day!

Year 12 student, Miracle Boma said "I'm Nigerian and I love everything about my culture and that's why I love Cultural Day so much, because it's a day I can express myself and not be afraid to show and appreciate my culture. It's a day where I can see the different cultures in my year and not only express mine but see others express theirs."

Kelly Zheng, Year 12, said "I enjoyed celebrating Cultural Day! It makes me feel proud of who I am and show off my Chinese nature by expressing myself in a 'Qipao', which is a beautiful traditional dress that Chinese women wear. More importantly, I can get educated on other wonderful cultures and learn where their different style of dresses come from."

Another Year 12 student, Deborah Femi-Ajala, says "I am from Nigeria. Cultural Day is a wonderful day to express ourselves and display our different cultures. During this spectacular day the atmosphere in the school is so lively and it is heart-warming to see the large variety of different colours from different cultural clothing, that brightens the school and brings people together."

Head of Post-16, Miss Davoile, said "It has been a pleasure to support the Sixth Form Cultural Day today and learn about different cultures-, the atmosphere has been outstanding."

Plans are already underway for next year's Post-16 Cultural Day!



TOGETHERNESS

RESPECT

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

'Jesus is the hope of the world'

It may seem a while to go yet before Christmas but we are already thinking ahead! Our annual Christmas Card Competition is already underway! If you are feeling creative then why not enter our competition? The winning entry will be made into the official Blue Coat School Christmas Card for 2021. Details are available on Twitter or on the Weduc Newsfeed as well as on the image (right).

We can't wait to see your entries! Make sure they have your name on the back! If you are emailing your entry to us, then please send them to admin@bluecoatschool.com.

BLUE COAT COFE SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

THEME: "JESUS IS THE HOPE OF THE WORLD"

CLOSING DATE: 1ST DECEMBER 2021

ENTRIES TO: MRS HATHAWAY OR MISS CURTIS
EITHER BY EMAIL TO [ADMIN@BLUECOATSCHOOL.COM](mailto:admin@bluecoatschool.com)
OR BRING YOUR ENTRIES TO RECEPTION

THE WINNING ENTRY WILL BE THE OFFICIAL
BLUE COAT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARD FOR 2021

BLACK HISTORY MONTH : UNTOLD STORIES

We always look forward to our Black History Month celebrations at Blue Coat School and this year was no exception. As you will see from this edition of the newsletter, our students and staff have taken part in a range of activities.

Soliana Fikadu, Year 13, has given this insight "We are very lucky to have such a diverse school, full of different races, ethnicities and cultures and the production 'Untold Stories' was an amazing opportunity to celebrate that. The idea was to hold a simple showcase night to celebrate Black History Month and instead we produced a huge, fun performance, full of dance, song and poetry.

Being able to unite students of colour from across the school and seeing them all work hard together to produce such a fantastic show in only a few weeks was a great thing to see. The staff who worked on the project were amazing and getting to work with Sandra Godley (presenter of BBC CWR's Sunday Breakfast show) was such a great opportunity that we're all very grateful for. The show was very successful and the audience turnout was excellent.

I hope that in the future we will continue to put on shows like this and give the future black students of Blue Coat School the opportunity to celebrate and be proud of their race and culture."

Prior to the performance, one of our students, Princess Moyo, along with Mrs Suana (Head of French), were interviewed on CWR about the event. To hear their interview, please click [here](#) and fast forward to 3m 16 seconds.

TOGETHERNESS

RESPECT

HARD WORK



ACCELERATED READER MILLIONAIRES

We are delighted to congratulate our latest 'Word Millionaires' in Accelerated Reader. Members of the school's Senior Leadership Team awarded some of our Year 8 students with their bronze certificates and badges for their achievement in reading over a million words. Congratulations to Udhay, Olga and Aisha.

In addition to this we have also seen our first two students achieve their silver awards for reading over 4 million words! WOW! Well done to Nneka and Daniel.

Accelerated Reader is a programme for all Year 7 and 8 students and is part of their English lessons. Every two weeks they have a library lesson where they read books, take computer quizzes on finished books and continually make fabulous progress in reading. Blue Coat has always encouraged reading for pleasure and Accelerated Reader supports us with this.

It has been great introducing our new Year 7 students to Accelerated Reader this term, we have already seen lots of them quizzing on their books, even at break time and lunch time.

Library Manager, Mrs Treadwell said "Hopefully we will be able to introduce some more Word Millionaires in the next newsletter."



HARD WORK

BLUE COAT SCHOOL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all of the students who celebrate their birthdays in September, October and November - happy birthday to all of you!



Ibraheem, Sophia, Caleb, Sarah, Yafit, Nifi, James, Eli, Grace, Baljot, Karis, Dina-Alexandra, Yumna, Kimberly, Farha, Amy, Harry, Maia, Eva, Lizzie, Kye, Conner, Faisal, Oliver, Deep, Teigan, Sophie, Ayo, Prince-Daniel, Muhammad, Muddaththir, Ario, Annabelle, Harrison, Shiv, Sirak, Aryan, Arion, Teslim, Milo, Kian, Arjun, Ciprian, Hosanna, Gabriel, Amin, Micah, Jaydean, Ha Eun, Lisa, George, Aaliyah, Fawwaz, Nzumbu, Theodore, Oliver, Awn, Arathy, Chantelle, Patricia, Alexander, Praise, Hafsat, Daniel, Rebekah, Eva, Cindy, Margarithe, Thembe, David, Kien, and Lina.

Mohammed, Tomisin, Raumaan, Namra, Toros, Harnaz, Sarah, Matthew, Martha, Netnael, Ablaye, Chandan, David, Oliver, Hannah, Oscar, Albertine, Oliver, Myles, Martin, Noah, Harry, Harley, Kaylee, Michael, Maheer, Faith, Favour, Hadya, Fiyin, Sarah, Edward, Dyvine, Karlina, Eniola, Luciana, Millie, Matty, Yafit, Beau, Elis-Florian, Sina, Laura-White, Nirmal, Caleb, Nehna, Hayden, James, Alfie, Eamon, Yvana, Anaiya, Nicole, Katie, Florian, Hannah, Antoni, Tinbit, Ana Maria, Lenni-Jae, Daniel and Cidona.



Isa, Musa, Teo, Maryam, Harjia, Levi, Kabir, Samuel, Jack, Luke, Theodore, Zack, Jonathan, Aaron, Bill, Gabriel, Matthew, Chibudom, Jake, Aleksandra, Amber, Collins, Amelie, Tabasom, Evan, Kaushal, Joshua, Sean, Imogen, Patryk, Jaslyn, Jocelyne, Ifra, Peniel, Matthew, Ben, Mustafa, Blake, Gabriela, Alanda, Bilal, John, Maddison, Mia, Grace, Caleb, David, Harrison, Jeyrthiga, Tyler, Ajay, Chelsea, Kevin, Ellie, Dillon, Michelle, Marlon, Ishneet, Albert, Noah, Mason, Lily, Harveer, Dominika, Amber, Harjas, Diana, Evenezer, Molly, Christopher, Edgars, Kia and Connie.

Tala, Hirusha, Faith, Madina, Nathan, Leela-Siobhan, Alfie, Shabir, Noah, Maville, Jamelia, Andrew, Joshua, Jessica, Leona, Caleb, Sharomiya, Saul, Jacob, Vernon, John, Matthew, Stephanie, Wuraola, Ethan, Tennison, Leelas, Trishya, Arianna, Anna-Grace, Leon, Shane, Ayomipo, Aneesa, Toni, Ewezugachi, Hannah, Mia, Audrey, Bradley, Janina, Charlotte, Daniel, Kamran, Ciaran, Darwin-Bradley, Joel, Victoria, Megan, Aaron, Millie, Rebecca, Tion, Sarunja, Godswill-Akuma, Molly, Benny, Gloria and Lacey.



Joseph, Layton, Cormac, Emma, Lucas, Anam, Saymon, Lauren, Saeed, Esther, Yea-Eun, Glory, Michael, Michelle, Lawand, Lucy, Ruby, Orzala, Ethan, Jawad, Obaidullah, Daniel, Dylan, Jason, Simon, Victory, George, Christian, Katie, Ivana, Thomas, Tom, Daniel, Bradley, Aaliyah, Stephanie, Aminata, Atipaishe, Matthew, Kevin, Thierry, Amen, Mandeep, Freddie, Jakub, Moreblessing, Sasha-Grace, Portia, Mehardeep, Jessica, Reuelle, Ethan, Ravin, Max, Rendan, Joshua, Kinda, Beatrice, Kane, Anita, Raynell and Ayla.

Rowan, Sabrina, Ayesha, Farhan, Jenny, Ashton, Luke, Lillian, Silvana, Jack, Rudolph, Kelly, Ifraah, Isa, Kevinshna, Divine, Kiyaa, Victor, Lorna, Jagjot, Adiel, Roberta, Anton, Harry, Hozefa, Deborah, Jacinto, Faisal, Fatou, Jessica, Yalda, Amy, Lucy, Benjamin, Romal, Kisanet and Pauline.



Ruth, Alisha, Lydia, Adam, Joram, Sam, Charlie, Bailey, Mikolaj, Lilly, Lugirtha, Lucjan, Seth, Melvin, Mau, Richard, Mandeep, Aleisha, Samon, Anna-Maria, Archanaa, James, Kayan, Cindy, Amaan, Jojo, Alicia, Freya, Kathryn, Rajan, Lumbani, Ammarah, Nikola, Sharleen, Joseph, Erin, Favor, Sara, Dominic, Siam, Kader, Caitlin, Diego and Sindy.



Shona