

# FULLNESS!

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



**Blue Coat**  
Church of England School  
& Music College

This is the Easter edition of *Fullness*!  
Our newsletter brings you all of the latest news from Blue Coat School.

## MRS SHELLEY'S REFLECTION

Easter is upon us and the half-term has gone faster than ever! We have enjoyed a busy and productive half-term with Blue Coat students once again excelling in all areas including art, music and sport.

I thoroughly enjoyed the theatre performance of Grease and was so proud of the talented and dedicated performers and musicians we have at Blue Coat, supported by an amazing staff group.

The site has been very busy as following the completion of our replacements roof work, construction has now started on the new sixth form block. We are also opening a new food kiosk area to all students and a new Costa Coffee Café for our Sixth Formers and staff.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support this half-term particularly with the challenges of unexpected heavy snow and teacher/bus strikes. I am particularly grateful to all parents/carers who completed our parent survey and for the many positive responses we had, once again reminding me how blessed I am to be Headteacher at our wonderful school.



As we finish now for Easter, I wish all in our Blue Coat family a restful break and the opportunity to spend time with family and friends as we remind ourselves of the Easter message, in the words taken from John 3:16, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' Have a blessed Easter.

## CULTURAL DAY 2023

On page 2 you can see some photos from the fantastic Cultural Day that took place recently. So much colour could be seen all over school - thank you to everyone who made such a brilliant effort to take part! We hope you enjoy seeing the photos of our wonderfully diverse community.



**"Praise be to the God and  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
In His great mercy He has  
given us new birth into a living  
hope through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ  
from the dead."**

1 Peter 1:3



**Good Friday is on  
7<sup>th</sup> April 2023.  
Easter Sunday is  
on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**





## CULTURAL DAY 2023

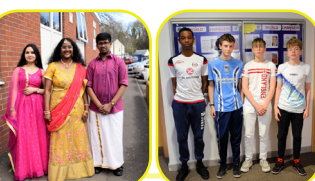
One of the best aspects about our school is the wide range of cultures represented by our children, parents and staff and we want to show off this amazing diversity with a celebration day.

Following the success of last year's Cultural Day, and in response to student voice and leadership, we decided to hold another Cultural Day

which took place on Thursday 30th March.

Students were encouraged to wear clothing or an accessory that symbolised an aspect of their identity, for example their cultural heritage; their religious identity; their sports team or club (such as Guides, Scouts, Cadets etc) they belong to; supporters of a specific team or club; wearing a colour that represents the House they belong to at school.

Here you can see some photos of the fantastic effort our students went to in celebrating this event.



## OUR GOSPEL CHOIR SING IN PARLIAMENT!

Mrs Hathaway and our Sixth Form Gospel Choir were recently invited by MP Taiwo Owatemi to Parliament. This was to participate and celebrate the work done by schools so far and signify the intention to begin the application process for all 133 schools in Coventry to join the UNESCO Schools Network ASPnet. The project has been funded by an ESRC project which highlighted how local histories could be used to empower young people. This built on the Colonial Legacies Conference, which the University of Warwick and Coventry City Council co-hosted and a number of Blue Coat students were invited to perform.

The UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) connects more than 12,000 schools in 182 countries with a common goal of building peace in the minds of children and young people. Through concrete actions, member schools promote the ideals of UNESCO, valuing rights and dignity, gender equality, social progress, freedom, justice and democracy, respect for diversity and international solidarity. The Network operates at international and national levels with three clear priorities: education for sustainable development, global citizenship education and inter-cultural and heritage learning. The Blue Coat Gospel Choir sang a medley of songs that highlighted the rich diversity of the city.





## COOKING UP A TASTY MEAL IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 11 have been really busy working hard on their non-exam assessment this term. Their mock exam was a chance for them to practice creating three medium to high skill dishes within three hours...not easy!

Miss Jandu, the Head of Food Technology, said "They all worked so hard, remained mainly calm and created some knock-out dishes during the 3 hours."

**HARD WORK**

Miss Jandu, added "After cooking their dishes, they then faced a Blue Coat staff tasting panel who tried their dishes and provided feedback on their creations. There was a wide range staff who came to taste test but I think Mrs Shelley and Mrs Hathaway won the prize for trying the most dishes and even having a take away! Well done 11B/FT1, I am so proud of you!"



## BOXING TO SUCCESS

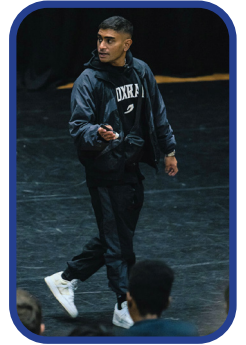


Recently, Ben Amanna delivered special assemblies to our students to inspire and motivate them in knowing that 'everything is possible'.

As a former Blue Coat student, Ben was able to draw upon his experiences and choices made at school and how that encouraged him into his next steps and pathways to his future ventures and successes.

Ben set out his principles for life and challenged all of our students to reflect and consider how they are applying themselves in everything that they do.

Below are some examples of students comments about the assembly and the impact this has had on them as they move forward in their own journeys to success and fullness.



I think its always nice when I get to learn about people's experiences and how they dealt with struggles in their lives.



I have been inspired to have a set of goals for my life and in the future for my career.



I liked that he was truthful and told us that you do not have to have a very successful, rich childhood to have a successful career.

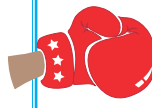
I learnt to always work hard and never give up on my dreams and also to dream big.



I'm inspired to set goals for myself right now and to think about what I want to do when I'm older because you can start at any age.



I've been inspired to always follow my dreams even when it seems like something I could never do. I'm very grateful for Ben's speech.



I enjoyed how passionate and determined Ben was about his project and how he managed to achieve his goals.



I'm inspired by the way Ben started at a young age with a clear goal in mind.



I enjoyed that he told us to set our minds on a path and if you do that, you are more likely to follow it.

I enjoyed that he was passionate at what he was doing.



He inspired me to try and be more confident and believe in myself.

I have been inspired to never give up and, even when times get hard, to keep persevering and something good will come from it all.



I really enjoyed Ben's talk about his journey to greatness especially as he was at Blue Coat as a child.

I enjoyed how Ben talked about how, no matter what happens, you have to try and try again until you succeed. I learnt how he had goals from a young age to be successful and he fulfilled them to the highest possible stage he could and still to this day he has goals to be even more successful.



He has inspired me by making me feel that there is nothing too impossible for me to achieve!



Inspiring as he built a company to inspire a lot of people around the world about Boxrow.

## Zoë Hall

My name means "Life in all its fullness" which is funny since that is the school motto. My parents chose the name 'Zoë' because God spoke to them five years before I was born about my brother's name (Joseph) and my name and The surname 'Hall' is thought to come from someone who lived or worked at some kind of hall or manor, as a location or occupation based name.

## Ashton Watkins

The first part of my first name, Ashton, means handsome in nature and strong in Hebrew (tongue of the Bible) and the second part of my first name, James, is because my dad's middle name is James. Finally, my surname, Watkins, is of Welsh descent and goes back to the 13th century during the Middle Ages.

## Saachi Sandhu

My name means 'honest', 'truth', 'child of bliss' as well as 'a person who is beloved because she speaks the truth'. Saachi is from Indian origin. My parents chose my name because it has the same meaning as my dad's name. My last name, Sandhu, is hereditary.

## Mustafa Barzanji

My name is an Arabic name, meaning "The chosen one".

## Bube Peters

My name is Chidiebube and my parents called me that because it has something to do with giving God praise and thanks for their first child.

## Charlie Flowers-Morgan

For my first name my mum wanted to call me with something similar to hers - starting with 'Charl', so I was named *Charlotte* but when I changed my name I wanted to keep it similar for the same reason so it led to *Charlie*. For my last name I got *Flowers* from my mum and *Morgan* from my dad.

## Uriah Owusu

My mum got my name from the Bible.

# WHAT'S MY NAME?

We all have a name and names usually have meanings. Our students were asked to share their name and the reason they were given that name. They were asked to share where their name originated or if there is anything special about their name etc, or of there is a story about their name. Some have a family nickname or a name their friends call them. Here are some of the names of our students and their stories. Look out in the next newsletter for more!

## Fuada Ismail

My name makes me think that my dad is great! When my mom was pregnant, my dad got into an accident in a deserted area, hurting his head. Luckily someone helped him and although my dad didn't know the person. My dad made a promise to the man "to show my gratitude for your kindness and to always remember what you have done for me, I would love to call my child to be born your name."

Without knowing my mom gave birth to a baby girl (which is me), my dad said I should be given the man's wife's name (Fuada) instead. It was so chaotic as many people had different names for me but my dad was so grateful to that man. By carrying this name, I always tell myself that I always have to be kind doing that one good action and whose family you are saving. I can't imagine being born without seeing my dad alive and being around him. I am so thankful to Allah and to that man can never know where that kindness might lead. I am so proud of my name and I will never change it for anything!

## Jane Air-Obarogie

My name is a gift from God and I'm very proud of my name.

## Oscar Kunz

My name is quite rare and the only over person I've heard of that has the same name as me is Óscar Romero. He was the Bishop of El Salvador, in Central America. My name has a pretty interesting meaning which is the 'spear of the Gods'.

## Caleb Chabala

My name is a Hebrew masculine given name meaning 'faithful'. It can also mean whole-hearted or loyalty.

## Aaishah Boksh

Aaishah is a common Arabic name for females, used all over the world for both Muslims and non-Muslims. My name means 'alive' or 'to live long'. There are many different spellings used, with Aisha being the most commonly used. My parents named me after Aisha, who was the wife of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), and she is known as one of the greatest scholars of Islam of all time. She was filled with knowledge and compassion, and she is also given the title 'The mother of all believers' in the Islamic holy book, the Quran. My parents gave me this name as an inspiration for me to be like Aisha and to always motivate me to try my hardest and help others.



# LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS



## ELODIE CAMPBELL

On 12th March, Year 7 student, Elodie, along with her dancing team 'Elite Dance Academy', performed in an Irish Show for St Patrick's Day. Elodie has danced since she was two years old and does a range of dancing styles. Well done, Elodie, we look forward to hearing about more shows in the future!

**HARD WORK**  
**TOGETHERNESS**  
**SERVANTHOOD**



## ALICE SUFFIELD

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Alice, for being selected to exhibit in the Coventry Open Art Exhibition at the Herbert Art Gallery. Alice is studying GCSE Fine Art and is hoping to move to A'Level art next year. Well done, Alice, what an honour!

**HARD WORK**

## ENIOLA ADEKUNLE

Year 12 student, Eniola, has been selected to participate in the 2023 Target Oxbridge programme.

Sponsored by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, Target Oxbridge aims to support high achieving students to make a competitive application to either the University of Oxford or Cambridge. This year, 1000 students applied, and only 160 gained a place. A massive achievement Eniola - congratulations!

**HARD WORK**

## CLARA TEYE

Year 7 student, Clara, has been really busy living life in all its fullness! In karate, Clara has been awarded her blue belt. Clara has a passion for drawing and is pictured here with a fantastic drawing of a passion fruit. In her Food Technology lessons, Clara has recently learnt how to bake scones, and she's also made them at home. Well done, Clara, keep up the hard work!

**HARD WORK**



## ARTUR STEC

Artur, who is in Year 7, has recently gained the position of Patrol Leader in Scouts. This followed an assessment, where he scored higher than anyone else on leadership qualities. Congratulations Artur!



**SERVANTHOOD**  
**HARD WORK**  
**TOGETHERNESS**  
**INTEGRITY**

## CHERRY MARRS-WILLIAMS AND DARCEY MARRS WILLIAMS

Sisters Cherry (Year 8) and Darcey (Year 10) had the opportunity to take part in the filming of a brand new BBC production called 'Phoenix Rise'. You can see photos here of the girls being filmed in a 'PE lesson'.

The school-based TV drama, aimed at teenagers, was filmed in locations across Coventry last year and is currently airing on BBC iPlayer and BBC Three.

The school scenes, where you can see Cherry and Darcey as extras in several episodes, were filmed on the site of the former Woodlands Academy in Eastern Green. Other sites across the city were used as film locations - if you watch the show, see how many Coventry areas and landmarks you can spot!

Cherry and Darcey's parents are extremely proud of them and say it was a fantastic experience for both of the girls.

We look forward to seeing the talented siblings in future TV programmes!

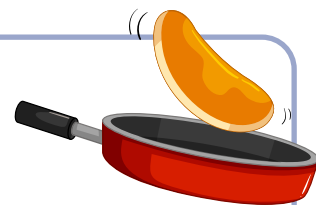
Here is the link to watch the show [BBC iPlayer / Phoenix Rise](#) and for more information about the show, click [HERE](#).

**HARD WORK**

SHROVE  
**TUESDAY**  
21st February

## FLIPPING GREAT PANCAKES!

Before Shrove Tuesday, otherwise known as 'Pancake Day' we asked for photos of you making or even flipping your pancakes, or the finished result. Here are the photos of some tasty looking pancakes being made and before they were eaten!



Jessica Kiarie



Hope Davis



Tife Osideko



Beata Msosa



Peter Pop



Kanishk Phaneendra



Rebecca Ohuaregbe



Callum Gibbons



Isaac Woodrow



Mars Chan



Nicola Spalony



Jacob Woodrow



Renata Amir



### OUR HARDSHIP FUND

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.

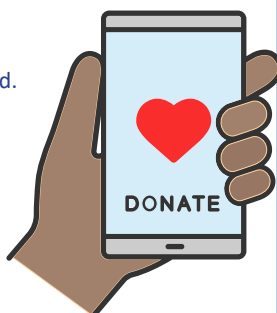
If you would like to donate to the Hardship Fund please use the details below:

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**



### ONLINE SAFETY PRESENTATION

In February, we held an Online Safety Guidance talk for parents with officers from the West Midlands Police. The hour long talk offered parents/carers really useful guidance on some of the following areas:

- Apps and appropriate ages;
- Safety settings;
- Grooming, Sexting, Bullying, Radicalisation and Extremism;
- Gaming;
- Introducing house rules;
- How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim.

If you missed this event, we are having a second session on Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm-7:15pm. This session is aimed at parents so it is advised students *should not* attend.

If you wish to reserve a seat then please contact  
[Mr Penn](mailto:MrPenn@bluecoat.org).





# VIRTUAL PRAYER TREE

Thank you for making us all unique! Otherwise, how would we tell the difference between each other? And celebrate equality?

Dear Lord, may I realise afresh each day what your death and resurrection mean for me. Forgiveness, freedom and the ability to walk with you through this fallen world into eternity. May I always find my satisfaction in you and your willingness to offer yourself to me. In Jesus name, Amen.

Heavenly father, thank you for sending us your beloved son, Jesus who came to save us by dying on the cross. This Easter period, we are remembering what the Lord Jesus did for us. Thank you God. Thank you Jesus we are saved. In Jesus name Amen.

Praying for our family who are going through a stormy patch with domestic problems. I pray for protection for my children. I pray for any outcome to be for their best interests. I pray for no one to ever harm them again in any sort of way.

Our Father in heaven, please help the children of our time, and time to come, to gain good knowledge about your beloved Son, Jesus, as we remember the sacrifice. You gave your Son to save us all. We love you and need you, Amen.

I pray that my family will be healthy.

Dear Lord, we thank you for the things you have made and thank you for this day AMEN.

Let us live with eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice at the size of your love.

Please Lord, help everyone to do their very best in school and may they try to live life in all its fullness.

I would like to say 'Happy Easter' to everyone and hope everyone has an amazing day!

Thank you for the Love of Christ and His promise of eternal Life. Help us to share His Love this Easter!

Let us live with eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice at the size of your love. Throughout our lives, let us live grateful for your sacrifices both now and in the future. Let us live forever, live grateful to the Lord for making the ultimate sacrifice so we could experience salvation.

Dear God, may you make it easy for those suffering in the world, and also ease the struggles of everyone.



Care Hard work Respect Integrity Servanthood Togetherness

# Words that remind us of EASTER

Our students were asked to tell us words that reminded them of Easter. There were over 200 words listed!  
The bigger the font, the more times the word was mentioned.

Revival

Rainbows

## Resurrection

Yellow



### Tomb

Stone

Glorious



Great

Birth

### New Life

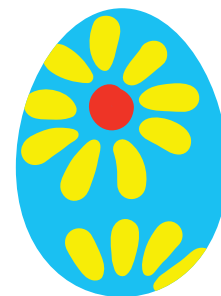
Decoration

Piksanki

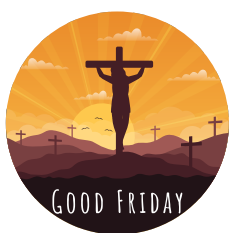
## Miracle

Gift

## Easter Egg



The Last Supper



## Good Friday

Life

Care

Mary

### Christ

Wine

### Lent

King

Cross

Festivity

Peace

Merciful

Rise

Precious

Holiday

Positivity

### Sunshine

Temple curtain

Service

Bread



### Holy

Praise

Grateful

Judas



Family

Fun



Sunlight

Easter Monday

## Holy Communion

## Vibrant

Care Hard work Respect Integrity Servanthood Togetherness



Love

Exciting

Rebirth

Reflection

Ears



Easter Bunny

Rabbit

Sunday



God



Forgiveness

Christianity

Pentecost

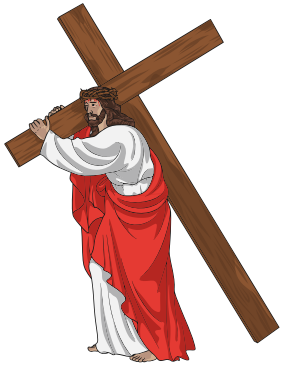
Remembrance

Bible

Jesus

Renewal

Prayer



Reclaiming

Easter Egg Hunt

Spring

Redemption

Togetherness

Palm leaves



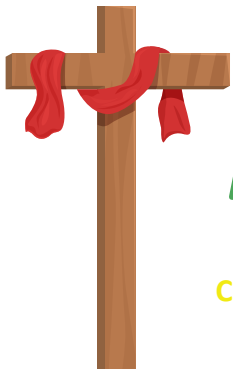
Risen

Basket

Colourful



Joy



Passover

Celebration

Death

Cross

Commemoration

Victorious



Salvation

Tradition

Sacrifice

Flowers

Forgiveness

Body

Easter Service

Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday

Beautiful

Butterflies

Gardener



Crucifixion

## BLUE COAT ALUMNI

We have recently invited former Blue Coat students to join our Alumni.

This is a network of past students who we have asked to share with us what they are doing now in their careers and how they got there. We have also asked them to give their advice to current students. In the next edition of *Fullness!*, we will share some of the responses with you.



If you know of any past student(s), please pass on our invitation to join our alumni community and inspire another generation of Blue Coat students by sharing your career journey and success.

To join our alumni, click [HERE](#).

## TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

As a school, have been raising money to support the devastating situation in Turkey and Syria after the recent earthquakes.

Our Sixth Form charity is Save the Children, which we have been supporting as they continue to respond to this crisis.

Our appeal raised £489 which is fantastic and will help the charity to support those most affected by the situation.



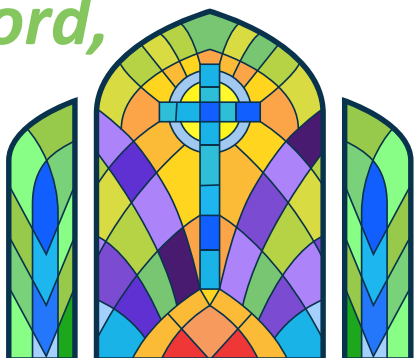
## TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY 2023

Trans Day of Visibility takes place on March 31<sup>st</sup> each year to celebrate trans and non-binary people and to raise awareness of discrimination faced by trans people worldwide. Students in LGBTQ+ Club wrote messages of awareness and celebration to mark this important day. LGBTQ+ Club runs every Wednesday lunchtime in W3 with Miss Clemo.



*"May integrity and  
uprightness protect  
me, because my  
hope, Lord,  
is in  
you."*

(Psalm 25:21)



## GUIDING YOUNG MINDS

Year 11 students recently took part in an engaging talk about gangs, knife crime and myths about gangs. They had also had a talk about mental health and bullying. These talks were delivered by 'Guiding Young Minds' who support young people to transform their lives through attitude and behaviour management. They encourage young people to overcome difficulties and struggles in life, guiding them through growth and development in a positive way, exposing them to choices, and empowering them to become the masters of their own successful journeys.

## DRIVING SAFETY WORKSHOP

West Midlands Fire Service have recently visited our Year 10 students to deliver driving and car safety workshops. During the sessions the students had the opportunity to learn about fire dangers of reckless driving as well as fire safety.

## UNIFORM

Thank you to all of our parents and carers that support us with ensuring Blue Coat students have high standards as regards uniform. Thank you also to all parents whom have donated pre-loved items to our uniform shop alongside the donations made to our hardship fund which have enabled us to buy new shoes and blazers. We would remind all parents as we enter the summer term to ensure that students are appropriately dressed in line with our policy and in particular that leggings are not allowed. Read our uniform policy [HERE](#).

## FREE SATURDAY ART CLUB!

If you are interested in art and would like information about a free art club based at Coventry University, please click [HERE](#). The club takes place on a Saturday morning and is aimed at 13-16 year olds.

The Saturday Club offers members a unique opportunity to build new skills and develop creative confidence in a range of art-forms and with artists from a wide variety of backgrounds, in a nurturing and non-pressured environment - and it is FREE!



## SPORTS STARS SPONSORSHIP

Our PE Department would like to invite local businesses to sponsor our Extra-Curricular sports teams including athletics, basketball, football and netball.



Sponsoring our teams is not only a great way to get involved with grassroots sport, it is also an amazing form of marketing for your business across our fixtures.



Sponsorship means your business will have branding in front of hundreds of people whilst being affiliated to Blue Coat School.



In exchange for your generous donation towards a team kit, we can promote your logo and business via our Trust and extensive community.

Each team kit would cost £500 to sponsor.

We would welcome promoting our sports stars under your sponsorship!



Please contact [Mr Johal](#), Head of PE, if you would like to discuss sponsorship options.



## PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BELGRADE THEATRE



The Belgrade Theatre have been continuing workshops with our students, as mentioned in the previous edition of *Fullness*, around the theme of resilience. As part of a safe space structure that is being created for the Belgrade Theatre foyer, students have been making fidget toys for users of the space to take away with them after the event. Take a look at the images of the students working hard to create these.



Year 12 Fine Art students have also been working with artist, and former Blue Coat student, Abby Clarke, designing Stained Glass panels for a public art piece for the foyer of the Belgrade Theatre for its run of the play *Run Rebel*, a new play for young people based on the novel by Manjeet Mann. The play addresses themes related to growing up according to a family's rules and their expectations and therefore the producers wanted a safe space to be available for those young people affected by themes in the play.



You can visit the safe space that Blue Coat students have helped to create from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March for a limited time only.



Following all of the preparations, some Blue Coat Students attended a VIP event at the Belgrade Theatre for the premier of *Run Rebel*, a very powerful play about courage, strength and freedom.



Students and their parents had their own VIP lounge with snacks and drinks and were invited to talk to the Artistic Directors and members of the Arts Council about their valuable contribution to the project.



After the show the students also had the opportunity to talk to the actors to discuss their role in the show and have their photographs with them.

One parent said "I just wanted to thank you for the incredible experience you provided for my son and all the other students involved in the resilience project with the Belgrade Theatre! What a fantastic performance and a wonderful opportunity for them to be involved with."



One of our students said "I've enjoyed working on the Safe Space project and with Shannon and Claire from the Belgrade - especially the drama sessions, I'm looking forward to doing it again."



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## A LOVELY GIFT FROM MARGARET

Thank you



Dear Margaret  
thank you for making this embroidery and spending almost a year of your time doing so! (it looks absolutely amazing by the way.) And on behalf of the school, I just want to take some time to appreciate your work of art and say thank you for donating to the school. The embroidery of our old school really shows how far our school has come.  
Aaron Erameh, year 7 (aged 12)



Margaret Botterill is 91 year old lady living in a residential home in Solihull. Margaret is not originally from Coventry but has lived in the city previously.

Although she didn't attend Blue Coat School, Margaret decided to make a tapestry of the 'Old Blue Coat School' - the buildings still exist in the city centre.

The tapestry has taken Margaret approximately 12 months to complete. Margaret decided to donate the art work to us and this will be proudly displayed in Mrs Shelley's office.

Year 7 student, Aaron Erameh, has written to Margaret to say thank you on behalf of the school.

Here you can see Margaret with her tapestry and Aaron holding the tapestry in Mrs Shelley's office with Mrs Shelley and the CEO of our Trust Mrs Whitehouse.

# Advice to my younger self

Our Year 11, 12 and 13 students were asked to share their wisdom and insight into life and, if they could go back in time, what advice would they give to their younger self. There's some brilliant advice here and there will be more in the next edition of Fullness!

Year 13 student,  
Ann Nganga

I would definitely say to not let fear get in the way of trying something new, it may be scary at first but when you're young it's the best time to start. Explore your interests, gifts and talents so that you can continue pursuing it as you grow, from there you can find your passion(s) in life.

Take more time to think about GCSE and A-Level options. Speak to older students who are taking the subjects which you have been contemplating taking. Otherwise, you may find yourself halfway through Year 12 with one less GCSE and a useless qualification in its place.

Tobias Hodgkinson-Brooks  
Year 12 student

I would say revise more and plan out what you want to do in life.

Year 11 student

It is important to keep a good work/fun balance - don't spend too much time on one.

Year 13 student, Johnathan Ayre

**Start revising earlier!**

Year 11 student  
Caleb Nkrumah

Make sure you make good friends who actually want you to succeed, because they will make you a better person in your upcoming years. Make sure you behave in school because that follows you on your record and may affect where you attend after Year 11, including Sixth Form, if you do decide to attend. Most of all, enjoy your early years because when you reach Year 11, it will mostly contain revision and preparation for your exams.

Year 11 student.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

We celebrated World Book Day in style this year with lots of our staff dressing as their favourite book characters. We had heroes, villains and hobbits to name a few.

The students loved seeing the staff dressed up and those that handed sheets in naming them all were rewarded with achievement points.

The library held a book sale of second-hand books all week, with some bargains to be had with all proceeds going to charity. Elsewhere in the school some staff put book quotes on their doors.

Students also participated in a treasure hunt, those who succeeded in finding the hidden phrase "READING IS FUN" were rewarded with a brand new free book of their choice.

Meanwhile all Year 7 Accelerated Reader students were offered one of the free £1 official World Book Day books at the end of their lessons to take home and keep.

We asked for photos of our students reading in unusual places and Liviu Pop, Clara Teye and Sarah Coxhead certainly read in some great places! You can see their photos below.

At Blue Coat we believe that reading is the key to everything and we love that our students have access to our excellent library and some fantastic books. Look out for new books arriving in the summer term.



## VAISAKHI

Vaisakhi falls over the Easter break on April 13th and 14th. Vaisakhi is the Sikh harvest festival showing gratitude and thanks for the harvest of food and crops that year. It became significant following the actions of Guru Gobind Singh and the formation of the Khalsa in 1699. During Vaisakhi, many Sikhs remember solemn occasions from the past when other Sikhs were persecuted. As Vaisakhi falls over the Easter Break we would like to wish our Sikh students, staff and families a joyful and peaceful Vaisakhi.



## THANK YOU, ALBERT!

There aren't many people who can say they have helped to save the life of someone, but this is exactly what Albert Pocsai, Year 10, did recently.

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He was near a student who collapsed in school and, using his Army Cadet first-aid training, Albert calmly put the student in the recovery position whilst checking his pockets for sharp objects etc. He checked the child's airways and instructed a member of staff to call for an ambulance. Albert stayed with the student, monitoring their condition and assisted first-aiders whilst they waited for the ambulance to arrive.

The paramedics were very complimentary about Albert's quick-thinking and the way he used his training.

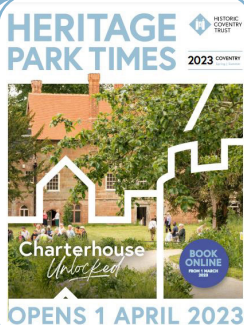
We are all so proud of Albert for the calm way he dealt with a situation that many adults would not have handled so well!

## YEAR 12 PHOTOGRAPHY

In March, Year 12 Photography students worked with the Photographic Artist Tom Hicks otherwise known as 'Black Country Type'. The students undertook a very cold photo walk and attended a workshop at Wolverhampton University. Their work is being considered for an exhibition at the Wolverhampton Art Gallery at present so fingers crossed we have lots of students selected.

## YEAR 12 GRAPHICS

Our Year 12 Graphics students have once again been working with the Charterhouse Priory and Coventry Historic Trust producing illustrations for their Heritage Park Times Magazine. Students drew the images from photographs using Photoshop and the images illustrated a double spread in the latest edition of the magazine.







## HOLI CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate the Hindu festival of Holi, staff and students took part in a traditional Holi celebration after school on our playground. Holi marks the arrival of spring, a season of hope and myriad colours, good harvests and fertile land.

**Happy Holi** The festival also symbolises the victory of good over evil with the burning of Holika. The different colours used to play Holi symbolise purity (red), friendliness (pink) and vitality (green). As part of this celebration, it is a tradition to throw different coloured powdered paints. Staff and students had a fantastic time celebrating Holi in the snow!



## JOHN BERNARD INSPIRATIONAL TALK

In March our Year 11 students had an inspirational talk with John Bernard. John is a spoken word artist and rapper based in Coventry, whose work commentates on social issues, youth empowerment, faith and purpose.

He is the founder of BACE (Be A Change Everywhere), an organisation that helps young people find a medium through poetry and spoken word.

John has been commissioned for work by organisations including Apples & Snakes and the BBC (with his poem 'Loaded Handgun', written for Black History Month), and was the first local artist to receive £700 from The Herbert Art Gallery & Museum for a digital micro-commission responding to their 'Thirteen Ways of Looking' exhibition. He was recently selected as a finalist on 1Xtra and Asian Network's BBC Words First programme.

## WHAT IS MY CHILD LEARNING?

Supporting your child in their learning and study helps them to achieve well at school. You can find all details of the topics and subjects studied by year group on our school website [HERE](#). We also encourage all students to access our online platforms to support with further study and revision at home. These can be found [here](#).

Coventry Easter School Holidays Friday 31 March - Sunday 16 April 2023

# Spring Fun



Book up now so you don't miss out, places will fill up quickly  
Google **Coventry HAF** or visit [coventry.gov.uk/haf](https://coventry.gov.uk/haf)

*"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.'"*

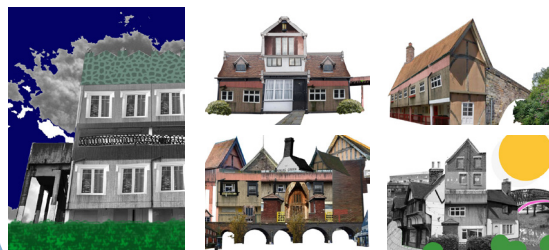
Matthew 28:5-6





## RIBA AMBASSADORS PROGRAMME

Year 12 Graphics students have been working on the RIBA Ambassadors Programme working with Felix Woodhouse of Bailey Garner, a construction consultation company. Students are mirroring a project that the firm are working on to develop the housing estate 'Trafalgar House' in Coventry. Our students have been reimagining the estate using architectural features that are common in the Spon End architecture of the city. The project is spanning 3 months of work and students are gaining portfolio and career advice from visiting architects from all over the world. For more information about the programme, click [HERE](#).

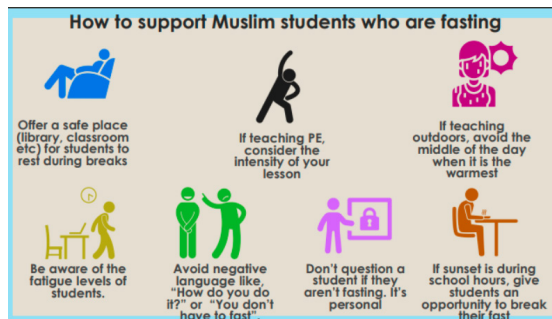


## RAMADAN

Ramadan began on Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community. During this time one of our classrooms was available during break and lunch for Muslim students fasting during Ramadan. This was a space for worship and reflection, allowing students to remove themselves away from those that are eating during the month. As Ramadan falls over the Easter break we would like to wish our Muslim students, staff and families a peaceful, happy and healthy Ramadan.



Please see our infographic showing how we support our Muslim students who are fasting during Ramadan.



## CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD



In January, the Year 13 students listed below took part in Round One of the 55th annual International Chemistry Olympiad. Their achievements are listed next to their names.

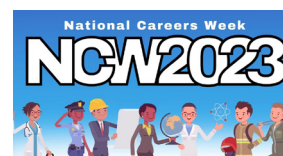
Mr Matibiri said "We would like to congratulate these Chemistry students for their achievements."

- Abigail Chung - UK Round One Gold
- Anas Abdulqadir - UK Round one Silver
- Janis Fernandes - UK Round one Silver
- Sai Adiraju - UK Round one Bronze
- Deboarh Femi-Ajala - UK Round one Bronze
- Tatenda Matibiri - UK Round one Bronze
- Christy Hoi Yeung - UK Round one Bronze
- Jarvis Fernandes - Certificate of participation

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

During the month of March, students marked International Women's Day and National Careers Week in RE lessons by exploring an inspiring woman that linked with their current learning.

Students learnt about a wide range of inspirational women such as Kiran Bedi, the first woman and the first Indian to be appointed United Nations civilian police adviser. Year 9 learnt about Nina Tandon, a biomedical engineer who is changing the world of cell science. She is the founder and CEO of EpiBone, a company that grows bones for skeletal reconstruction. Year 10 learnt about Dr Hawa Abdi, Somalia's first female gynaecologist. She dedicated her life to providing high-quality healthcare, education and shelter to vulnerable people, even in times of war and famine. Year 11 students learnt about Sandra Imam Pertek, Islamic Relief's senior policy advisor for gender. She said: "We recognise education not only as an opportunity but as an obligation for everyone."



Did you know that the activity of painting Easter Eggs comes from Ukraine?

They call their decorated eggs a 'pysanka' which means 'to write'.



## SIXTH FORM NEWS!



One of our Post-16 students, Samantha Stimpson, has aspirations of becoming a journalist and therefore will be bringing news and updates from the Sixth-Form to the *Fullness!* newsletter.

Despite only having a five week half-term, a lot has happened in Post-16! Students in Years 12 and 13 have started receiving feedback from the mocks they sat during the last half-term.

Board games have continued to be a favourite at breaks and lunchtimes, filling three classrooms with chess, draughts and Jenga!

On the final week before Easter, Post-16 are hosting a Charity Week. This includes Student v Staff sport fixtures, a Film Night and a Bake-Off competition, all to raise money for Save The Children, our chosen charity.

Congratulations to all Sixth-Form students who have completed coursework and for all their hard work this term!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*To all of the students who celebrate their birthdays in April and May.  
Happy birthday to all of you!*



Aisha, Manraj, Armela, Harley, Tadi, Oliver, Keylen, Lohane, Faith, Sarah, Carter, Laura, Avram, Azi, Darsh, Muayyad, Aldar, Dhanoj, Lucia, Adelaide, Harley, Alice, Aleksandar, Daniella, Kyle, Jacob, Oscar, Najib, Shalom, Humayraa, Smith, Clara, Alex, Amy, Isabel, Niya, Nevaeh, Luke, Carys and Tynisa.

Anushka, Asad, Eva, Elleigh, Zion Robert, Cherry, Leonor, Nehemia, Rayan, Jesse, Lola, Tomi, Aarna, Emily, Aji-Ida, Henry, Zainab, Ellanah, Adam, Katelyn, Bobby, Abigael, Kwaku, Isaac, Ebube, Bassam, Aaron, Jaya, Natalina, Mihnea, Gideon, Jaypreet, Estera, Margareta-Amalia, Cristabell, Saifullah, Spencer, Ezra, Kian, Vinek, Jayveer, Sean, Neecia, Amethyst and Noah.



Yosias, Charlotte, Abigail, Zuzanna, Thadsha, Alan, Coco, Katie, Suyru, Cailym, Max, Sophie, Kelsey, David, Renata, Lex, Ella, Isla, Svana, Kyran, Anya, Jeevan, Olga, Hiyori, Nathanya, Alan, Jaden, Nicole, Junaid, Jacob, Amelia, Natasha, Ermias, Ann Sarah, Sem, Anna, Zahrah, Austin, Hubert, Nathanael, Ahmad, Alicia, Lea, Millie, Moses, Elijah and Bakani.

Lucus, Bethan, Charlie, Fabrizio, Celine, Nehal, Eloise, Kira, Hannah, Elliott, Pavanila, Zoe, Amelia, Sienna, Rebekah, Eric, Serena, Abdul, Liwia, Benjamin, Austin, Bir, Sunya, Shagina, Elizabeth, Angel, Elizabeth, Jakub, Daniel, Sanya, Josiah, Lili, Liam, Greg, Peace, Peculiar, Felicity, Amaan, Annelie, Ebony-Louise, Ralph, Peter, Sabrina, Owen and Georgia.



Tamia, George, Charles, Melisa, Kithura, Elissa, Delroy, Olivia, Victor, Deborah, Nana, Kimberley, Evan, Tyrese, Kian, Joy, Ajla, Tania, Ryan, Adam, Maddie, Jonathan, Angel, Kirstie, Chantelle, Esther, Joel, Temiloluwa, Daniel, Maddison, Noah, Kulachelvi, Stephanie, Alfie, Naimah, Harjot, Sarah, Kevin, Madembe, Nathan, Jack, Julia, Daniel, Isaac, Alexandra and Riyan.

Diya, Kelly, Adom, Sara-Jedidia, Raadia, Thomas, Serena, Simra, Hamed, Zachary, Naryan, Immaculate, Yuvraj, Owain, Mollie, Sam, Madeline, Oliwier, Lili, Amani, Tyrese, Ella, Sonya, Davina, Fantasia, Theodore, Esther, Grace, Mekhai, Mical and Laura.



Roxy, Joseph, Sahuur, Morayo, Roehan, Tatenda, Alfie, Randa, Lizzy, Daniel, Maharshi, Natalie, Samantha, Isaak, Anas, Darcey, Daniel, Ayaan, Helen, Emily, Ella, Faith, Uzo, Joseph, Wiktorja, Miracle, Elliot and Dawn.

Abigail



Why not join our 1000+ Twitter followers who are the first in the world to hear our news?! To follow us on Twitter, search for [@BlueCoatCE](https://twitter.com/BlueCoatCE). 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!



## EASTER HOLIDAY

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

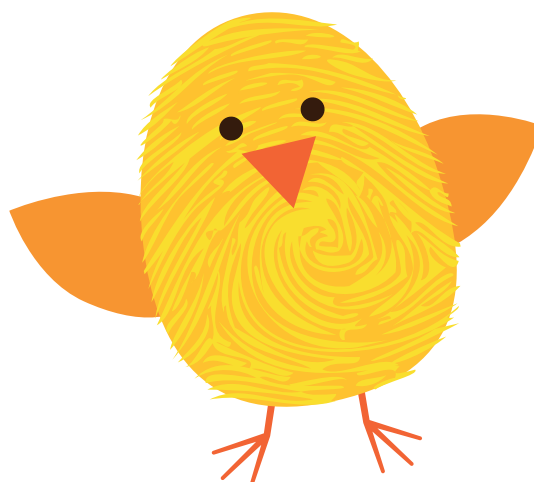
### PARENTS' EVENINGS 2023

There is one virtual parents' evening per year group and the date for the remaining planned parents' evenings for this academic year is below. Please note, dates are subject to change.

All appointments will be held virtually (on School Cloud) and individual subject teacher appointments will last for five minutes.

You will be emailed by the school when the appointment bookings window opens and to confirm the specific times of the virtual evening.

**Year 9 – Wednesday 3rd May 2023**



**RETURN  
TO SCHOOL  
ON MONDAY  
17TH APRIL  
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