

Blue Coat Church of England School & Music College

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

#### MRS SHELLEY'S REFLECTION

It is great to read another exciting edition of *Fullness* and to reflect on the many achievements of our students and staff this half-term.

I am particularly pleased to see the wide variety of trips and visits that have taken place to enrich the experiences of our students.

I am proud of our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they have focused on their revision and preparation for their examinations; particularly Year 13 for whom this is their first formal exam series.

As we finish now for half-term I would encourage all members of the Blue Coat family to have a restful holiday ready for an action-packed final half-term of the year.

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort, our Alice in Wonderland and Glastonbluey performances alongside our end of term celebrations.

Have a great half-term holiday.

Mrs Shelley, Headteacher

## "Have I not commanded

you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be



for the Lord your God is with you wherever you

go."

Joshua 1:9

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT BLUE COAT SCHOOL?

Even in the few short weeks since the last newsletter, so much has been happening at Blue Coat School.

Here's a sneak preview to what you can see inside this edition of *Fullness*!

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## Kai Edmunds

My name is 'Kai' because I was originally going to be called Kian but my mom's cousin named his kid that, so my mom named me something kind of similar, and it originates from Hawaii meaning "the sea". My surname, Edmunds, is an Anglo-Saxon name for Protector and something to do with masculinity.

## **Bethany Scragg**

My name is from the New Testament in the Bible. Bethany was a village in which Jesus did many miracles and means house of affliction or house of figs.

# Arjun Sidhu

My name is the fifth Guru of the Sikhs, who was the embodiment of Godly devotion, and it special.



Ayomide Agboola

My name is Ayo and it means 'joy' in

into the family.

My first name Renata means reborn and my last name Amir is an Arabic name that means Prince.



My name is from the Arabic language and is an Islamic name. 'Obaid' = loyal servant or slave, 'ullah' = of Allah. My name is a religious name and shows devotion to God.

## Kamsy Ugorji

My name is Kamsy and it's the one my Grandad



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!

# Kiynyuy Lukong

My name is Kiynyuy Lukong - pronounced key-new-way. My name was given to me by my grandad on my father's side. My mum wanted me to have a unique name with a religious meaning behind it, as my family is Christian. My dad suggested the name Kinyuy pronounced kin-new-wee, this means in Lamso, my dad's native language, 'God knows'. But this was a very common name in Cameroon. After my grandad suggested Kiynyuy adding a 'y' after the 'i', changing the meaning to 'You should know God'. My mum loved this name for the meaning and the fact that it wasn't a common name. This is how I got my name.



#### Lotanna Akabogu

The name Lotanna means "Never forget father". Remember the father" or "Always remember God".

#### **Grace Jones**

My name was planned to be Courtney! This was changed to Grace, though I'm not sure why, personally, I think it's to show beauty and "Gracefulness."

## Rienna Kumar

My name is Rienna Kumar. Rienna means "great queen" and I'm just that. Kumar means child and is also the name of Kartikeya, the son of Shiva. The lucky number of the name Kumar is 9 and the lucky days are Wednesday and Friday. The name Kumar mainly comes for the south side of India and north side of India (Punjab side).



#### **Nehemia Kiflom**

My name means "Yahweh comforts" in Hebrew, derived from מַחַב (nacham) meaning "to comfort" and הַי (yah) referring to God.



#### SWITCHED ON TO DANGERS ON THE RAILWAY

Our Year 7 students recently took part in a really important, and potentially life-saving, rail safety session.

Mrs Gates, our Year 7 Pastoral Lead, organised the assembly about the importance of rail safety. Education about rail safety in Key Stage 3 can provide young people with timely information and equip them with the skills to stay safe as they enjoy greater independence in their teenage years.

This presentation, led by PC Ettienne from the British Transport Police, forms an important part of their PSHE curriculum. On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, the 'Rail Safe Friendly' initiative was launched nationally. The initiative was introduced to raise safety awareness in all schools and decrease trespassing on the railways. The tragic death of Harrison in 2017, when he was in Year 7 at Guilsborough High School, brought home the importance of teaching our children about safety on the railways, and we recognise that schools play a vital role in keeping our children safe. To watch "Harrison's Story", please click <u>HERE</u>. It is not easy to watch, but hopefully seeing this tragic story will help to keep other children safe - that's what Harrison's parents hope for.

The session taught the Year 7's about the dangers not only of going on the railway tracks but also near to them - electricity can jump - a fact that a lot of them didn't know.







To look at all of the information on railway safety, please click HERE.

Mrs Gates, who has since worked with PC Ettienne, said "We are very proud to be close to becoming the first secondary school in the West Midlands to receive full accreditation on this programme."

#### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Our new local vicar, Rev. Pam Howell, and St Anne's Church, are planning to start a Stay & Play group with tea and coffee, toast and jam for parents and their babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings.

9.15/9.30am to 10.45am/11am.

Also, they plan to run a Messy Church with crafts for families and a light tea meal (e.g. beans on toast) one Friday a month.

Please contact Rev. Pam Howell on <u>revpamhowell@gmail.com</u> if you would like to help with either of these as she is gathering teams.

## FUTURE PATHWAYS

A group of 15 PE students went to Coventry University and participated in the 'Future Pathways' program. The program was delivered by a number of **Coventry University lecturers** and leaders who are passionate about all things sports related. The sessions ranged from Sports Science, Sports Therapy, Physiotherapy, Psychology and Sports Management. The idea of the event was to engage students in the world of sports and demonstrate the different pathways available. With such a high interest in Physiotherapy, the lecturer emphasised the importance of A-Levels, specifically Biology, as such a degree is highly competitive. The trip was a success, with all students engaging with the idea of University and Sports

#### **DAVID HOCKNEY EXHIBITION**

Year 10 and 12 Art students have recently enjoyed a fantastic day attending the David Hockney Exhibition at the Lightroom.

They then went on to the National Gallery to see the 'After Impressionism' exhibition.





"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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related courses.

# LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS



## **RIA DODD**

Year 13 student, Ria, has made her family very proud recently by achieving her Black Belt in Martial arts. She has been doing martial arts since September 2016 and would have achieved her Black Belt a lot sooner if there hadn't have been a Pandemic! Well done, Ria, on this fantastic achievement!







# QOYUM ADEJUMO-SODIQ:



Qoyum, who is currently at Year 6 at Aldermoor Farm Primary School, is an excellent football player and he's

obsessed with football! His team, Coventry

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Copsewood, won the

Police Cup under 11 tournament recently, played at Bedworth

United's ground. His parents are very proud of him - quite rightly! We look forward to you hopefully joining our football team Qoyum!





## TIMEON CLARKE



Year 7 student, Timeon, is celebrating his achievement for Paddle Explore Kayaking Level 1. He is looking forward to the next level course during May half-term.

Well done, Timeon! Please keep us informed of your progress!



#### **MRS GATES**

- Mrs Gates has been living life in all its
- fullness whilst
- watching
- **Coventry City**
- Football Club with
- her family! Mrs Gates is looking forward to going to Wembley to watch the Sky Blues take on Luton Town in

the Championship Play-Off Final on Saturday 27th May.

If you are going to the game, or watching at home, please send photos to admin@ <u>bluecoatschool.</u> com - they will be included in the



next newsletter!

Here is Mrs Gates with her new friend -Coventry's goalkeeper, and scorer of a last-second goal against Blackburn Rovers "Super Ben Wilson". His success with the goal he scored and being the club's record-breaking clean sheet goalkeeper is surely down to Mrs Gate's weekly pep talk with Ben!





Year 6 student, Samuel, who attends The Canons CofE Primary School, plays field hockey for Leicester Westleigh Hockey Club. He plays in goal, and recently his team finished second in the Leicestershire County Cup HARD WORK and progressed through to the Midlands Cup held at the Nottingham Hockey Centre. During the tournament Samuel they lost, it was only by 1-0 and the team who beat them went to the tournament SERVANTHOOD.

the tournament.



Samuel regularly plays hockey above his age group, being the first choice Badgers goalie, playing against teenagers up to the age of 16,. This season was his first full season playing in goal for the Badgers team and he has improved massively over the season. Samuel was recently recognised when he received the 'Golden Glove' award which is given to the goalkeeper at the club who has had the most clean sheets across the season, there are actually six other goalies across the men's and ladies' teams who can receive the award and Samuel won it! Well done, Samuel, what an achievement!

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## LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

#### SOPHIE GUNN

Year 9 student, Sophie, is part of an under 14's Rugby team, Barker Butts. They've recently completed in a Rugby May Bank Holiday away tour in Worthing. Sophie,

and a number of her team mates, now look forward to moving up to the under 16's group

when training

begins again in July, Sophie's mum

says "They are an amazing bunch of girls at Barker Butts RFC and we are all so proud of them!



FLORENCE CAINE'S GRANDMA

Mrs Hopkins, Florence's grandma, was invited to a Garden

Party with the then Prince Charles and The Queen Consort,

prior to the Coronation in May. This was to thank her for a

Florence said "For over 60 years she has dedicated her

life to ensuring that the bells of St. Giles Church in Exhall

have continued to ring. She first learnt to ring when she was my age, 14, in 1958 and has been Tower Captain

since the 1980's. On Wednesday 3rd May, my mum, aunt and I all went to London to support her and celebrate her achievements. It was even more special to be in London just before the Coronation and to see all the preparations taking

lifetime's service to church bell-ringing.



## JUDE WILCOCKSON

•Jude, who is in Year

•8, recently took part

●in a national cycle

speedway event and came first in the under

• 14's category after some

 very competitive riding. This is great news, Jude! Keep up the hard work!



#### MATILDA EVANS

OMMUNITY TATION

Matilda, who is in Year 9, has been promoted to Junior Officer at Central Coventry Fire Brigade Cadets. As part of her Junior Officer role, she has been leading small groups of new cadets, helping them learn

their drills for the passing-out parade

demonstration. At the parade,

Matilda also won an award for 'most-

improved cadet'. Well done, Matilda - this is fantastic news and we look

forward to hearing more about your

career in the Fire Service.



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Another big achievement for Year 6 student, Qoyum, was when he was a runner-up in the Coventry Building Society's Young Writers 2023 competition. Well done! We look forward to seeing

more of your achievements when you make the move from Aldermoor Farm Primary School to Blue Coat in

September!

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What a fantastic achievement and an honour to be



#### **GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP**

Geography students in Years 12 and 13 participated in a fieldwork day in Stratford, London, as part of the Changing Places topic. The first location visited was E20, a regenerated area of East London. Students completed surveys in the Olympic Village, where athletes stayed during the 2012 Olympics and where many social media influencers currently reside. They then carried out questionnaires with the locals to gather the feelings about the local area. Students found the area to be very affluent, aesthetic and relatively expensive, scattered with fancy eateries. There was also evidence of SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) that demonstrated the 11-year-long impact of the Olympic legacy.

After a stop at Westfield Shopping Centre and a walk-through Stratford Market, the geographers arrived in E15 Carpenter Estate in the afternoon. Here, students completed more questionnaires along the high street and Year 13's investigated local house prices, in order to compare the difference with the sites visited in the morning.

An enjoyable time was had by all and it was pleasing to see Geography with real life examples, with many of us having been on a field trip for the first time, due to the pandemic.

Samantha Simpson Yr 13 Student





## SUMMER SCHOOL YEAR 10-11

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#### **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:

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



#### A MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

During April, some of our Year 12 and Year 13 musicians went on a trip to Wenlock Edge in Shropshire to experience the landscape that one of their set works is based on.

They had a lovely walk in the countryside and a lesson in McDonalds before watching a concert at Symphony Hall, Birmingham with the world-famous City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.









#### STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY

April 22<sup>nd</sup> was 'Stephen Lawrence Day', which marks the death of Stephen who was murdered in an unprovoked racist attack. This day aims to inspire a more equitable, inclusive society and to foster opportunities for marginalised young people in the UK. Students marked this day with tutor times activities and signed a pledge to show their commitment to this day.





## VIRTUAL PRAYER TREE

I pray for everyone who is poorly and that they get better soon.

> I pray for peace throughout the world. I pray that there will be no more fighting.

Thank you Lord for the care that has been given to my children during their time at Blue Coat. Thank you for the hard working and caring staff and please be with all the GCSE and A' Level students as they prepare for their exams.

My family pray for the new King and that he has you beside him as he is the Head of the Church of England. Please keep everyone in my family safe and well. Lord, we pray for all of the students at Blue Coat who are taking their exams this summer.

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#### PLAS DOL Y MOCH RESIDENTIAL

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, twenty-eight Year 7-9 students left school site enroute to an outdoor residential centre, Plas Dol Y Moch, in Wales.

During the five days at the centre, students competed a range of challenging, adventurous activities including: mining, gorge walking, canoeing, scrambling, navigation, and raft building. All of our students demonstrated our CHRIST values superbly, be it caring for one another at meal times or putting in the hard work to complete the challenges. Everyone benefited from a truly memorable experience even the Plas Dol Y Moch, staff! This message was sent to Mr Watson, Trip Leader, from the staff there: "We just wanted to get





in touch to say thank you. You and your staff made huge efforts for the students to enjoy a very memorable course here at Dol y Moch. Please pass on my thanks and praise; clearly - they're all doing a fantastic job for the young people in your school."

Mr Watson said "I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who supported young people to attend the trip, all the Blue Coat staff who worked on the trip, and finally all the students who attended and represented Blue Coat School and themselves so well."

#### **YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY**

Year 12 Chemistry classes had fun carrying out their first Organic practical of the year. They set up their own apparatus and produced ethanol through an oxidation reaction. No breakages this time!! Well done Year 12.



#### YEAR 12 PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 12 Photography students have all been selected to exhibit their work at Wolverhampton Art Gallery 18th May - 21<sup>st</sup> July after responding to the artist "Black Country Type".

Melanie Gichini's work was chosen to go on the exhibition poster.

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#### GUIDING YOUNG MINDS - GANGS AND KNIFE CRIME ASSEMBLY

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, Year 9 students took part in an engaging talk about gangs, knife crime, and myths about gangs. This talk was 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.

#### VAISAKHI CELEBRATION GATKA DISPLAY

Thank you to Gurdwara Guru Nanak Parkash who showcased their talents during the Gatka display during both break times. Gatka is the traditional martial art of the Sikhs. It is based on the basic principle of unification of the mind, body, and spirit in a rhythm of life to train a saint—soldier to be able to defend himself or herself. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Vaisakhi and included some of our Blue Coat students!



#### INTERACT'S FUNDRAISER

Blue Coat School's Interact Club have raised £74.15 for the Salvation Army's Syria Turkey earthquake appeal from a Mother's Day raffle recently. Students that were involved are Sara Blicharz, Isla Watson, Katelyn Annison, Chloe A, Davina Demanou Wagou, Kimiya Khorami, Keeley Roberts, Isaac Woodrow, Jacob Woodrow and Adam Penn. Well done!



# ¿Celebration; Celebrations





Gracie Dover and her family had a lovely Coronation buffet to join in with the country's celebrations.

Year 6 student, Tiyarna Johnson, who will be joining us in September from Clifford Bridge Academy, is already displaying Blue Coat CHRIST values. She recently spent time making coronation crowns for elderly friends who are in their 90's so they could celebrate the Coronation in style! Well done, Tiyarna, that's such a lovely thing to do!



Hope Davis and her mum had afternoon tea together with cocktails (non-alcoholic!) to celebrate the Coronation!



Gaby and Artur's family had high tea in disguise to celebrate the King's Coronation! Looks like a fund afternoon!





Summer Howard and her family had great fun celebrating the King's Coronation with a fantastic buffet!









Rian and Ria Dodd enjoyed a buffet fit for a King to celebrate the Coronation!

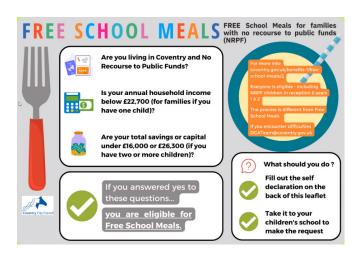


Mrs Gates was lucky enough to visit London during the Coronation weekend to enjoy all the celebrations.



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is most needed. We are keen for more teachers and schools to be involved. Please get in touch to see how we can help: www.childrensbootfund.org.uk

#### EID **CELEBRATIONS**

To celebrate Eid as a school community, we hosted an Eid party during lunchtime on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our staff and students spoke about the importance of Ramadan and Eid. It was wonderful to come together as a Blue Coat family to share food and celebrate. Thank you to all who attended and donated food.

#### FIRE SAFETY LESSONS

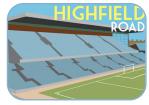
This half term year 8 will be taking part in fire safety workshops delivered by the West Midlands Fire service. The sessions form part of their PSHE lessons and students will have an opportunity to learn about fire safety, and ask questions.



#### CCFC PROGRAMME DESIGN PROJECT

Our amazing Graphics students had their work exhibited at Coventry City's Coventry Building Society Arena recently, taking inspiration from the Sky Blues in their latest project. They worked on a project around programmes, inspired by the old Sky Blue programme designed by John Elvin in the 1970/71 season. His style as a designer was ahead of its time - cut-andpaste action shots, with Expressionist-style filters, pop-arty patterns, close-up photo portraits of players and a wide variety of typography. While he was only at the Club for one season, his pioneering work raised the bar for match day programmes and is still hugely respected to this day, and is studied by many. Our students designed a range of imagery, using the style that was pioneered by Elvin but bringing them into the modern day.







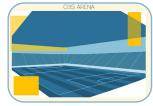


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To all of the students who celebrate their birthdays in June and July. Happy birthday to all of you!



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Daniel, Jeremy, Saffron, Ogbeide, Abdul, Judah, Noah, Ayman, Iris, Christine, Daniela, Isla, Zohra, Israel, Isabel, Jordan, Samuel, Oscar, Favour, Felicia, Melissa, Nasieblla, Ruvarashe, Harjot, Joshua, William, Imran, Kyran, Jenica, Julia, Nobel, Samuel, Aizah, Thuvisan, Najeeb, Mojtaba, Precious, Alassane, Maya Kaur and Adam.





Milliejane, Ruby, Simbarashe, Aakriti, Wiktoria, Alexandru, Marta, Katie, Tiffany, Joy, Anais, Sam, Florence, Holly, Jada, Summer, Emily, Samuel, Jayan, Alvina, Leah, Freya-Nicole, Tyra, Tubi, Alwan, Finlay, Lotanna, Nneka, Nwando, Daniel, Balroop, Oliver, Jessica, Ezekiel, Ronan, Thomas, Callum, Jayden, Mukama, Charlotte, Alisha, Wisdom, Mercy, Nathaniel, Gurman Singh and Praise.

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Anyhah, Paige, Eloise, Fai, Seraphina, Charis, Bassam, Eve, Katy, Ann, Abdirahman, Liam, Israel, Jayden, Coco, Ashéa, George, Akash, Wafah, Saif, Gurvir, Ashleigh, Niamh, Rachel, Sumaya and Shahir.

Jamie and Christy



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"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have



loved you, you e also are to love one another."

John 13:34

### WHITSUN HOLIDAY

Monday 29th May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June



**RETURN TO** SCHOOL ON MONDAY 5th June