

Blue Coat Church of England School & Music College

This is the end-of-year edition of Fullness! Our newsletter brings you all of the latest news from Blue Coat School.

MRS SHELLEY'S REFLECTION

What an exciting and productive term we have had!

I can hardly believe that another year at Blue Coat has passed and that we will soon be finishing for the summer holidays.

As I have read through this edition of Fullness, I am proud of the achievements and talents of all of our Blue Coat students and of everything that has been achieved this year.

In particular I would like to thank the students and wider school community for the part they played in our recent Ofsted inspection. I am proud to be the Headteacher at Blue Coat and more importantly to know that our vision of 'Living life in all its fullness' and our CHRIST values have been externally recognised. We were particularly proud of our three 'Outstanding' judgments with the full report being available to read HERE.

It is a privilege to lead such an amazing school and I look forward to all that we will achieve in the future.

I would like to thank our parents and carers for your ongoing support alongside that of the Inspire Trust and our Local Governing Board. In particular I would like to thank Lyn Johnson, our previous Chair of Governors, who steps down this term after 8 years of service. She has been a source of strength, wisdom, compassion and encouragement and she will be greatly missed.

I wish you all a restful summer of relaxation and happiness.

Mrs Shelley, Headteacher

WELCOME TO THE **BLUE COAT FAMILY!**

On Monday 10th July we opened our school gates to 298 Year 6's who have joined the Blue Coat family. Their first day with us was the citywide Transition Day - a day where all Year 6's went to their new secondary schools for their taster dav.



On arrival, they received their name badge which showed them which House and Tutor Group they are in. After a short assembly, the Year 6's spent time getting to know their new tutor and others in their tutor groups.



Once they were a little more familiar with each other and the expectations we have of them, they experienced two lessons as well as a break-time and lunch-time where they were able to catch up with friends from their primary schools as well as make new ones.

Their final lesson of the day was again in their Tutor rooms where they were given all the information they needed in order to be successful when they join Year 7 at the start of the new school year. We can't wait

to see them all again on Wednesday 6th September!

Turn to pages 4 and 5 to see more photos of the Year 6's enjoying their Transition Day as well as their names.



"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)



WINDRUSH DAY

June 22nd marked the 75th anniversary of Windrush Day. This is a day to celebrate the arrival of the Empire Windrush in Tilbury Docks, Essex in 1948.

The ship carried 1027 Caribbean people who had come to the UK to help rebuild the country after the Second World War.

The Windrush passengers were full of hope and excitement about their new life in the UK. However, the Windrush generation faced many challenges when they arrived to their new home, including racism, discrimination and poverty. They persevered though, and overcame adversity. They made significant contributions to British society in all areas, from helping to build the NHS and rail network to the arts, food and music.

Windrush Day is now a recognised day in the UK. It is a time to celebrate the achievements of the Windrush generation and their descendants.

Students marked this important day during tutor time.



If you are interested in dancing, then this holiday activity might be just what you are looking for.

Based in Learnington Spa, Motionhouse has several different dance activities taking place over the summer. Click HERE for more details.

FORMER BLUE COAT STUDENT REPRESENTS **ENGLAND U20 RUGBY UNION TEAM**

Former Blue Coat student, Asher Opoku-Fordjour, recently represented England in the U20's World Rugby Championships in South Africa. He plays his club Rugby for Sale Sharks Senior Academy. England eventually finished in 4th place. We will continue to follow Asher's career with interest.

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GURJOT'S GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Schools Intervention and Partnership Officers visited us recently to present a Good Citizen Award to Year 8 student, Gurjot Dhir, for doing the right thing and getting help for someone else in need.

The Award was presented to Gurjot by Inspector Sherrie Kimberley.

Well done, Gurjot - you showed true Blue Coat values that day.





AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

One of the great things about Blue Coat School is the number and variety of after-school activities on offer to our students.

During September we will send out the Enrichment Activities booklet with details of all after-school clubs.

Three of the confirmed after-school activities are the **Homework**



Club, which takes place every Monday and Thursday in The Hub. INTERACT Club, sponsored by Rotary, takes place every Tuesday in B4. Art Club takes place in G19 on a Wednesday.

> All clubs last for one hour after school.

"For nothing will be impossible with God."

(Luke 1:37)



REFUGEE WEEK

Blue Coat School highlighted Refugee Week this half-term. Refugee Week is a UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. We would like to say a huge "thank you" to all those who brought in donations to school for the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre. Our Year 7 students also wrote tags for teddy bears with messages of compassion and welcome in their RE lessons. The bears will be donated to the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre to commemorate Refugee Week.



SUPER SCIENCE SKILLS

Year 5 students from Hearsall Academy came to Blue Coat School recently to take part in a science skills session.

Students learned about different types of scientific lab equipment, safety in the lab and the variety of skills needed by scientists.

They took part in a treasure hunt and carried out a practical experiment to separate salt from rock salt.

All students did fantastically well they all earned their Bunsen burner licences!

This is the start of building more connections between Blue Coat's Science Department and the primary schools in our Trust.





DRAW NEAR SIXTH FORM CHRISTIAN **UNION WORSHIP EVENT**

On Friday 16th June, Post-16 students organised a worship event for the Sixth Form Christian Union.

They put on a really special event with a time of worship and a talk from Luke Williams, a former Blue Coat student who is now Assistant Pastor at CLM Church.

Mr Corden would like to say a big "thank you" to CLM Church leaders for supporting this event.

Plans for the next event are already underway!

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.



A TASTE OF UNIVERSITY

Year 12 Health and Social Care students attended a Nutrition and Physiotherapy taster session at Coventry University recently. They learnt about the role of a physiotherapist and techniques they use with their patients, as well as how much sugar is in a milkshake in the nutrition lecture! Students also got to visit the super lab at Coventry University, which meant lab coats and safety goggles for everyone!









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SYRIAN COOKING FOR REFUGEE WEEK

As part of our Refugee Week events, our EAL and PSHE Ambassadors took part in a 'Cook for Syria' workshop. Using the recipe book Cook For Syria, students made amazing dishes including Falafel, Hummus, Muhammara, and Mutabal.



All profits from the sale of the recipe book have been donated to charity - in aid of UNICEF's Children of Syria Fund.



PSYCHOLOGY EXPERIENCE DAY

Year 12 Psychology students got to experience a Psychology lecture about the brain, a Criminology lecture and a visit to prison cells as well as attending a Forensics lecture and some crime scene investigation!



YEAR 10 FOOTBALL SUCCESS IN THE COVENTRY CUP FINAL

In a highly anticipated clash between Blue Coat and Meadow Park in the Coventry Cup Finals, everybody there witnessed an exhilarating display of skill and determination as Year 10 boys battled it out on a picturesque evening at Massey Ferguson Sports Ground. The atmosphere was electric, with fans from both sides filling the stands, creating an atmosphere that crackled with excitement.

From the first whistle, it was evident that neither side was willing to back down. During the first half, in what was a high-tempo match, both teams scored three goals apiece. Blue Coat's scorers were John Fazaldin (1) and Terell Mringi (2).

Blue Coat immediately asserted their dominance as the second half begun, with neither side showing signs of slowing down. Near the end of the game, with the game finely balanced, Alfie Brain was awarded a free-kick which Joseph Mensah stepped up

to take. The atmosphere was tense and the fans held their breath as Joseph ran towards the ball...and scored a fantastic goal from the edge of the box into the top corner of the net! Blue Coat had secured a hard-fought victory, etching their names into football folklore. Both teams deserved commendation for their extraordinary display of skill and determination and for captivating the crowd with a final that will be remembered for years to come.



Well done boys! We are all incredibly proud of you!

YARN BOMBING FOR **YOUNG CARERS**

Mrs Gates would like to say a very big "thank you" to the students, parents and staff who kindly crafted some amazing items to support our local Young Carers trust with their summer Yarnbombing project.

We were delighted to welcome Jodie Cotterrell from The Carers Trust to present her with the donations. We are looking forward to visiting the Yarnbombing exhibition which will be on display from late August at The Penny Collard Centre, Fleet Street in the city centre.



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WELL DONE SOFIA!

One of Blue Coat's English teachers, Mrs Jackson, would like to praise a Year 7 student who is new to the school. Mrs Jackson said "I would like to congratulate one of my Year 7 students for her recent performance in a scene of War Horse carried out in our English lesson. Sofia Lessa de Andrade joined the school at the end of February from Brazil. She had very little knowledge of English (her



first language being Portuguese) when she started and has immersed herself whole-heartedly into lessons showing immense progress with her language skills. This culminated in her reading and performing in the lesson with skill and enthusiasm."

Well done, Sofia, you have settled into Blue Coat School amazingly well!



ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY BUT

BE CAREFUL NEAR RAIL TRACKS BE CAREFUL NEAR WATER BE CAREFUL NEAR ROADS

POP-UP PARKOUR

Pop-Up Parkour is a project, aiming to get more young people outside and active, experiencing and participating in parkour/ free-running.

Aimed at young people ages 7 to 18, the workshops focus on learning techniques for climbing, jumping and vaulting under the supervision of qualified Parkour coaches.

This project has been funded by the Positive Youth Foundation and Go Park 2023 Initiative.

During August there will be five days of Parkour at two different outdoor settings in a bid to get young people trying a new sport, meeting new people and staying active.



There are 24 places available each day for young people to learn a new skill and get creative with how they look to express themselves through movement.

To find out more about this exciting opportunity, click HERE.

> "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

on a #NeverOrdinary adventure Junior Sea Cadets **Coventry Sea Cadets** days — 9pm 74 Crescent Avenue, Coventry, CV3 1HE Sea Cadets 7:15pm - 9:30pm A coventryseacadets
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LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

GEORGE MCDONAL

George McDonald, one of our Year 8 students, has recently taken part in a • mammoth fund-raiser in aid of the

- Coventry 7th Scout group.
- George has been part of the Scout • group since Beavers and he wanted

- to raise funds to help the group • make repairs on their Scout hut
- and to maintain the upkeep so that he and many more Scouts can enjoy being a part of this

- historic organisation. On 10th June, George, along with friends and family, ascended Ben Nevis in temperatures of 31°c.
- , In just 3½ hours George reached the summit! Displaying the Blue Coat values of Care, Hard work, Servanthood and Togetherness, George helped to raise £540 to help his Scout

- group to continue to have fun and learn together. If you would like to add to George's total, please click <u>HERE</u> to

- donate.

SMITH OLASANMI

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Smith, who is in Year 7, started playing football when he was 6 years old. He has participated in various grassroots football events in Coventry. Smith has also had the privilege to travel around

Warwickshire, Nottinghamshire and the West Midlands.

Smith's mum said that he is known for his strength, energy, passion and enthusiasm for the football game.

- Smith has been involved in representing a few teams
- and now plays for Coventrians Jaguar Youth Team

Smith's hard work and determination has led to him winning lots of accolades including most 'Man of the • Match Awards' and 'Top Goal Scorer' award, twice in a row. His team won the championship this season.

- His coach has described him as a 'young lad who has great potential in football'.
- Well done, Smith, we look forward to following
- your football career!

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EDWARD BEAUMONT Year 9 student, Edward, was recently invited to attend a meeting at Coventry Council House to discuss the current Short Breaks provision. He

- was questioned by department representatives from the health
- service, family service and the council. Edward was then given a small tour of the Council House which he found really interesting.

If you have any stories about any of Blue Coat's fantastic young people living life in all its fullness, please email their story by clicking HERE.

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COVENTRY CITY v LUTON TOWN WEMBLEY STADIUM

On a warm and sunny day in late May, over 36,000 Coventry City fans made their way to London's Wembley Stadium for the much anticipated Championship Play-Off Final against Luton Town. Prior to the game, Blue Coat students were invited to send photos of their trip to the capital so we could feature them in the newsletter. Unfortunately, Coventry City, despite drawing the game, lost 6-5 on a penalty shootout. It would have been easy to forget the game ever existed and not feature the photos that were sent in after the game! However, in the spirit of fairness, and showing true Blue Coat values of respect, integrity and togetherness, not to mention that we have a Luton fan amongst us, here are some photos of the momentous occasion. Good luck to Luton Town fan, Thomas Street, as he cheers on his team in the Premier League next season, witnessing sides such as Manchester City and Liverpool, whilst Coventry City fans tough it out in another season of Championship football, hoping to gain automatic promotion next season





Thomas Reid, top left. Luton Town fan, Thomas Street, top right. Mrs Gates and Finley Gates, bottom left. Charlie Perkins with family and friends, centre. Katie Pratley's view, bottom right.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to

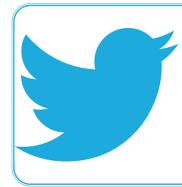


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THANK YOU!

A big thank you to one of our lovely parents working for The Hope Community Project who donated a large number of Oral Health Kits to us. These will be shared with our Trust primary schools as well as many of our Year 7 students.





Why not join our 1100+ Twitter followers who are the first in the world to hear our news?! To follow us on Twitter, search for @ <u>BlueCoatCE</u>. We update Twitter most days, in fact sometimes we update it several times a day! Why not take a look?! We hope you like what you see!

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YEAR 9 IDEA AWARDS

This half-term our Year 9 Computing students have been working towards completing their Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award - it is the computing equivalent of the DofE Awards. The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA is an international award winning programme that helps to develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free.

Through a series of online challenges, students can win career-enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry-recognised awards that help them to stand out from the crowd.

Bronze Award – Earn 250 points across four groups Citizen Badge, Worker Badge, Maker Badge, Entrepreneur Badge Silver Award - Earn 300 points - Citizen Badge, Worker Badge, Maker Badge, Entrepreneur Badge and Gamer Badge . Congratulations to those listed below who, in only seven weeks, have already managed to earn their Bronze Awards and some have even gained Silver so soon!

The Bronze award winners were Renata Amir (LEW9A), Corin Claridge (CAV9B), Sahibjot Dhir (DOR9B), Nathaniel Ferris (PAR9A), Sem Gezae (WIL9B), Sophie Gunn (WIL9B), Marta Hulea (WIL9A), Daniella Ikhide (WIL9B), Emily Johnson (WIL9B), Caleb Kennedy (PAR9A), Elijah Langlands (DOR9A), Peter Meles (WIL9A), Feranmi Odusanya (LEW9A), Zohal Rezoi (PAR9B), Fahim Sami (CAV9A), Daniel Scragg (DOR9A), Balroop Singh (WIL9A), Charlotte Tizick (PAR9A) and Jacob Woodrow (DOR9A).

The Silver Award winners were Sem Gezae (WIL9B), Daniella Ikhide (WIL9B), Peter Meles (WIL9A) and Balroop Singh (WIL9A).

It's never too late and all Year 9's will be encouraged to carry on with this throughout Year 10 as well as an exciting new extracurricular club which will be coming in September 2023!



SPORTS DAY AND HUB OLYMPICS

Well done to all of the students in Years 7-10 who represented their Houses during this year's annual sports day events. Sports such as shot put, high jump, long jump, javelin as well as track events were fiercely competed, whilst displaying the Blue Coat values.

In addition to the traditional sports day, Mr Malhi organised the annual exclusive sports day to promote inclusive opportunities. Hosting an adaptive sports day for students aged 11 to 14 with differing needs is an excellent opportunity to provide a fun and inclusive environment for these students. The event aims to promote physical activity, socialisation and overall well-being whilst embracing the concept of "*fun*" as a central theme. By offering adaptive sports, such as Blaze-it Basketball, Tip-it Tennis, Coventry Longball and Athletics, the sports day ensures that all students can actively participate and enjoy the activities.

Here you can see some of the Year 7 students representing their Houses in Sports Day as well as Hub Olympics competitors.





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





Jessica, River, Olivia, Alexander, Yafiet, Emily, Mohammed, Isaac, Hassan, Anish, Tyra, Taran, Lucas, Hope, Chinonso, Luke, Dylann, Kreshika, Aladdin, Ola, Nathan, Kenechukwu, Anashima, Adele, Simi, Alexandra, George, Rebecca, Lukas, Davina-Florence, William, Lewan, Artur, Sofia, Harriet, Guilliano, Tiago, Zooey Sky, Nithin, Dennis, Jimmy, Athena, Rishi, Alisha, Sasmira, Arshen and Jack and Jessica.

Tiyarna, Tobias, Ellis, Elias, Ben, Yision, Dhanuja and Moriah.

Vaishali, Ramisa, Rajun, Aryan, Freddy, Jack, Janel, Yusof, Shreya, Subegh, Michelle, Malk, Ava, Adeolu, Joshua, Reyyan, Regan, JJ, Samhita, Noah, Harvin, Favour, Felicia, Melissa, Nasieblla, Ruvarashe, Harjot, Joshua, William, Imran, Kyran, Jenica, Julia, Nobel, Samuel, Aizah, Thuvisan, Najeeb, Mojtaba, Precious, Alassane, Maya Kaur and Adam.

Esther, Dorottya, Jael. Elise, Gerald, Anele. Glossy. Emmy. Keeret. Jakub. Noah. Meadow. Gunit. Janelle. Laura. Summer. Rithish. Jasraj. Xander. Rajveer. Alana. Deahri. Cassie. Cooper, Lily-May, Lilly, Vera, Zach, Jordan, Avani, Alfie,





Folasade, Phoebe, Daniella, Jack, Corin, Antoni, Samantha, Charlotte, Joshua, Santi, Aburvan, Kamsy, Loui, Leroy, Abi, Naod, Matilda, Lukas, Rose, Chimdi, Michias, Jan, Freya-Nicole, Tyra, Tubi, Alwan, Finlay, Lotanna, Nneka, Nwando, Daniel, Balroop, Oliver, Jessica, Ronan, Thomas, Callum, Jayden, Mukama, Charlotte, Alisha, Wisdom, Mercy, Nathaniel, Gurman Singh, Josuha and Praise.

Harry, Alvaro, Arush, Desmond, Anaya, Amro, Sundus, Terrel, Penny, Ali, Ryckie, Kei Yau, Shairan, Natan, Moyo, Tanesha, Nikolas, Simran, Asaad, Jessica, Ebad, Megan, Josiah, Manav, Leo, Fariha, Ayub, PreciousLibby, Christabel, Aurora-Jane, Evie-Marie, Lainey, Max, David, Hessley, Tahsin, Oliver, Anaelle, Daniel, Savin, Zaydan, Dharam, Arjun, Eva, Hassan and Jacob.





Alexandra, Sinead, Emmanuel, Annaberth, Connie Isha, Josiah, Jason, Tyrese, Joshua, Libby, Beny, Dillonjit, Orlamma, Tilly, Keren, Zachary, Grace, Sam, Alexi-Jai, James, Oliwia, Erin, Rebekah, Shanessa, Samuel, Igor, Michel, Yara, Curun, Ryan, Prashamsa, Ope, Niamh, Michael, Gracie, Hermela, Benjamin, Robert, Julia, Tasnim, Alice, Timi, Elvis, Sara, Ebenezer, Tseyon, Lucy and Oladi.



Lucy, Merin, Lynette, Gurveer, Aaishah, Adila, Thushmi, Kimiya, Aaron, Mehakpreet, Amber, Isabella, Daniel, Acsha, Nardos, Akshara, Trovina, Cynthia, Thomas, Barley, Miriam, Macy and Faith.

Rita, Rosie, Paul, Nasreen,



Elinor, Alina, Plaiza, Fin, Abi, Janis, Jarvis, Szymon, Peter, Israel, Jayden, Coco, Ashéa, George, Akash, Wafah, Saif, Gurvir, Ashleigh, Niamh, Rachel, Sumaya and Shahir.



