

FULLNESS!

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



Blue Coat
Church of England School
& Music College

This is the end of term edition of *Fullness!* Our newsletter brings you all of the latest news from Blue Coat School. We wish you a happy Easter!

MRS SHELLEY'S REFLECTION

It has been another half-term full of excitement and achievement at Blue Coat. Year 11 students have successfully completed their mock examinations and demonstrated their commitment to their studies.

Various trips and visits have taken place, with Year 10 visiting London as part of their History GCSE course and leaders from Inspire trust visiting Parliament as part of our UNESCO schools work.

It was an unexpected delight to meet Rhianna Grant, a previous Blue Coat student, at the event who now leads the HAF provision for Coventry and is living out our CHRIST values in the community.

Particular highlights for me this half term have been the Year 9 Music performance which showcased the amazing talent from across this year group from vocals to instrumental pieces. In addition, the recent performance of 'Legally Blonde' last week was an absolute triumph of creativity and talent and made me proud of all students and staff involved. As the Spring term draws to a close and the Summer term is fast approaching, it's a great time to reflect on all that is important to us as a school community. The Easter message, whilst prominent at this time of year, is one that is lived out on a daily basis at Blue Coat as we recognise that Jesus is the Son of God who has conquered death and reigns as Lord of all (Romans 1:4; 4:25). I wish you all a happy and peace-filled Easter break with your family and friends.



Mrs Shelley,
Headteacher

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

Blue Coat School Celebrates 100 Years of Women in Police

Blue Coat School were lucky enough to be selected by West Midlands Police to attend a celebration of 100 years of women in Police history, in March. Mrs Gates said "We had an amazing tour of the museum and we met lots of inspirational women in the force from Superintendents, Armed Police, Special Forces, Forensic Detectives, Dog Handlers and many more." Whilst there Simon Foster the West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner spoke to the girls and encouraged them to consider all the opportunities that the police force offer in the future. All of the girls who attended had applied for a place on the trip and are already considering this as a career. They were truly inspired by the people they met. Mrs Gates added "We would like to thank PO Rani Gundu for the invite and for making us so welcome and inspiring the next generation of women in Police."



"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'"

John 11:25-26

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CONFERENCE

On International Women's Day, some Sixth Form students attended a conference at the Priory Visitor Centre. They had the opportunity to hear from, and chat with, successful women from across the city.



ON FIELD SUCCESS

The Year 7 and Year 8 girls' football team at Blue Coat School has been enjoying playing matches against other schools in Coventry this year. We've been happy to host the games at our school, with around ten schools visiting every few weeks. Recently, we managed a 2-1 win against Sidney Stringer, drew with Stoke Park and Ernesford Grange, and unfortunately lost 0-1 to Caludon Castle.

Emmy Hammond was outstanding throughout the tournament and was awarded the 'player of the tournament' title. Mrs Wood said "I was really proud of the team's performance and I want to congratulate the squad - they've been doing so well in all aspects of the game."



Our squad includes Emma Fomonyuy, Orna Picot Downey, Lily May McCarthy, Anna Holgate, Kimberley Boadi, Bailey Fletcher, Carys Hadley, Yamoh Shieh, Cassie Broomhall and Emmy Hammond.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2024

To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day in school, our Year 8 and Year 9 students took part in an online workshop and talk with a Holocaust survivor. The talk was with Yvonne Bernstein MBE and was hosted by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, and the Anne Frank Trust.



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
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WEST MIDLANDS POLICE COUNTY LINES AND GANGS



Early in March, all Year 10 students took part in a workshop with the West Midlands Police about county lines and gangs. This formed part of County Lines Week. We would like to thank the West Midlands Police for this important and engaging session.

SPOTLIGHT ON FUTURE JOURNALISTS

Several Blue Coat students, excited about media careers, recently joined the BBC 'Young Reporter Production Unlocked' event in Birmingham. Throughout the day, they eagerly participated in diverse workshops and had the opportunity to learn from many professionals in the media industry.



STAYING SAFE BEHIND THE WHEEL

Year 12 and Year 13 students gathered for a workshop that promised more than just words - it offered an unforgettable experience. Led by a dedicated team from the West Midlands Fire Service, the session delved into the perilous world of reckless driving. Through captivating demonstrations and discussions, the Post-16 students were transported into the reality of road tragedies. They departed with new-found awareness which will hopefully stay with them through every journey they take.



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Why not join our 1160 'X' followers who are the first in the world to hear our news?!

To follow us on X, formerly known as Twitter, search for @BlueCoatCE. We update X most days, in fact sometimes we update it several times a day! Why not take a look?!

We hope you like what you see!



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day 2024 was a great success and celebrations included a Harry Potter Escape Room Challenge, Tutor Door Competition, 'Guess the Narrator's Competition' for the WBD short story and staff dressed up in their favourite book characters to the delight of students!

In addition to this, the Library launched an ongoing whole school reading initiative called the '150 Book Challenge'. The initiative invites students from Year 7 to 11 to read 150 books during their educative years at Blue Coat School. Students choose books from a year group list which includes teacher, student, and librarian recommended books to inspire students to read for pleasure as well as wider reading to support their curriculum learning. Students choose, read and take book quizzes then repeat!

Students earn specially designed badges to celebrate their reading success and earn class chart points for every badge they are awarded.

Well done to everyone who took part and made it a memorable World Book Day.



"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



LANGUAGE TRIUMPH

Our Languages Department use a learning platform called Linguagenut. The software aims to help students to develop and practise their language skills and they can follow their progress.

One of our French teachers, Mrs Takacs, said *"We were delighted to learn that Rian Dodd, in Year 7, was awarded 7th place nationally in a competition using Linguagenut, our interactive language-learning app. Rian has worked extremely hard at home on his French vocabulary and it was wonderful to see his name within the top ten! C'est fantastique!"*



GERMAN CLUB

Amayah Leese, who is in Year 7 said *"German Club is a great way to have fun and expand your language vocabulary. It's open to all Year 7's on Tuesday lunchtime in H13. It's really fun and enjoyable and we learn by playing games, doing quizzes to do with culture and sometimes there's even snacks! The activities we do are always engaging."*

You are welcome to attend, even if you learn French and Spanish. Come and join us!"



SPANISH CLUB

Each Thursday, after school, H10 is filled with students who take part in quizzes, games and other exciting activities, all with a common goal - to improve their Spanish skills and have FUN!

Year 8 students Isabel Freeman and Mollie Townsend said *"Spanish Club is a fun and engaging way to broaden our Spanish vocabulary. We play Spanish games using the laptops or we do team games. It is also a great way to meet new people and learn new Spanish words."*



How we celebrate Easter

Faith Amoako, who is in Year 10, says her favourite thing about Easter is *"Going to church and learning deeply about Jesus's crucifixion."* As well as going to church, Faith says her family celebrate Easter by eating chocolate and food together.



Year 8 student, Princess Erundu, says *"I celebrate Easter by going to Church with my family and getting know other people in the church."* Princess added *"My favourite thing about Easter is coming together with other believers and remembering Jesus's death, burial and resurrection."*



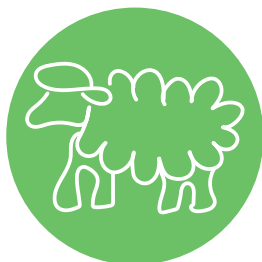
One of our Year 7 students, Avani Vishnu, says her favourite things about Easter are *"Painted eggs and Easter bunnies and worship."*

Emma Fomonyuy is a Year 7 student and she said *"My favourite thing about Easter is getting together with family and going to church to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ."* Emma added *"When I was younger, me and my younger brother used to have an Easter egg hunt but because I am older, I don't do that now."*



One of our Year 7 students who likes to celebrate Easter is Amayah Leese.

Amayah says *"My favourite things about Easter are all of the seasonal things like animals (chicks, lambs), food (marzipan, chocolate eggs, cake) and family events. Amayah says "Along with my family, we celebrate Easter by doing Easter games, no matter our age, we get together with our cousins and do an Easter egg hunt including games and challenges. My family go to the same area every year and it's just a nice tradition to go on holiday at Easter to see all family members. On Pancake Day, we have all pancakes for dinner, 3 courses; some mini pancakes with cheese and bacon, a savoury, and finally a desert pancake."*



Kevin Rasquinha, who is in Year 8, said *"At Easter our family tradition is meeting grandparents with chocolate bunnies and eggs and sometimes going abroad."* Kevin added *"My favourite thing about Easter is celebrating with my family."*



Thaneeksha Veerakumar, Year 7, says *"We buy Easter eggs and I celebrate with my family and my favourite thing to do is eat the eggs!"*



Jael Nzimana, who is in Year 7, said *"I enjoy the Easter holidays and I celebrate Easter by celebrating and praying with my family."*



Year 7 student, Jared Johnson, said his family tradition is to hide eggs around the house. Jared said *"My favourite thing to do at Easter is eat chocolate."*

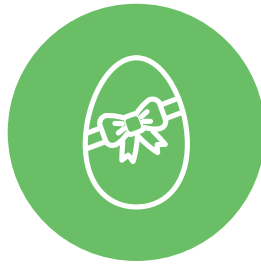
Year 8 student, Joshua Jere, said *"My favourite thing about Easter is celebrating with family and friends. We usually have a good meal and give Easter eggs."*

Elodie Campbell, who is in Year 8, said *"Every Easter, we do an egg hunt and have a roast dinner. I celebrate Easter with my family. My favourite thing about Easter is that we break up from school."*

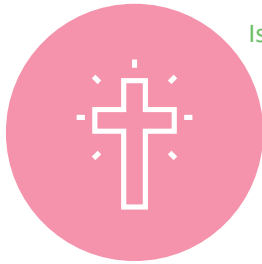


How we celebrate Easter

Year 7 student, Rian Dodd, says "My family do an Easter egg hunt which is a tradition. My favourite thing about Easter is collecting and eating the chocolate!"



Nevaeh Wiley, who is a Year 7 student said "My favourite thing about Easter is going on a hunt and eating the eggs with my family. Our family tradition is to have a basket to put the eggs in."



Isabella Hyacinth, who is in Year 9, said "My favourite thing about Easter is going to church on Easter Sunday and spending time with my family."

Tabitha Dinosi, who is in Year 7, said "My favourite thing about Easter is reflecting about the time when Jesus was brought back to life from the dead. I celebrate Easter with my family by going to church and praying to God about how He has stopped our bad habits taking control over us during Lent."



Jasmine Boxall, who is in Year 7, says "I celebrate Easter by going to church and then we eat chocolate - it is a tradition that we go to church every Easter." Jasmine added "My favourite thing about Easter is waking up and seeing everyone."



Year 7 student, Sanjot Nagra, said "At Easter, me and my siblings take turns to open our chocolate eggs and we have a pattern of who opens it first! I celebrate Easter with my family by doing fun activities outside if the weather is nice! My favourite thing about Easter is when me and my family play games and when I get to eat my chocolate eggs!"

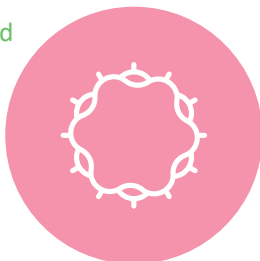


Year 7 student, Jael Nzimana says that he enjoys the Easter holidays and he likes spending time with his family and praying.

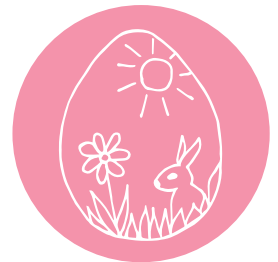


Year 7 student, Matthew Jonas, celebrates Easter with his family and their Easter tradition is "We wake up early to find a bucket of sweets around the house." Matthew added "Spending time with my family is my favourite thing about Easter."

Nina Mujeye, who is in Year 8, said "My favourite thing about Easter is Easter egg hunts with my little cousins, and seeing family. Our family tradition is to have a feast."



Year 11 student, Sunya Chaudry said that although she doesn't celebrate Easter, her family tradition is to eat lamb. Sunya said "My favourite thing about Easter is eating chocolate."



Aliyah Hassan, Year 7, said "My family and I have an Easter egg hunt and first one to get the most gets the big chocolate egg prize. My favourite thing about Easter is Chocolate!"

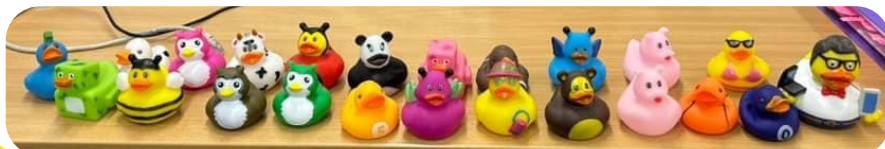
COMPUTING DEPARTMENT GOES QUAKERS!

This term Year 10 and Year 13 have been trailing a different way of improving oracy and literacy in Computing. As Year 10 build their skills up in python and Year 13 complete their programming projects, one way they can support themselves is to talk to the duck!

Head of Computing, Mrs Kershaw said *"The idea is that when a programmer needs to debug their code, they should explain the program line-by-line to a rubber duck. Often, the act of explaining the problem step-by-step will cause the solution to present itself. This is a safe way students can talk through their code, articulate what they are programming to help in spotting syntax errors, without being judged or feeling uncomfortable talking to others about what they want to code."*

The beauty of Rubber Duck Debugging is that it need not be confined to programming it can work across any subject when you need to solve a problem

Key Stage 3 will be introduced to this concept as we move into the programming element of their courses in the summer term."



BLOOMING SUCCESS

The Sixth Form Eco-Society worked with a local Ecologist to replant Bee Orchids in the garden of the new Rose Hudson-Wilkin Sixth Form block. Since then they have fundraised to buy bird feed for the bird feeders in this garden and also donated to the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.



YEAR 7 NETBALL

The Year 7 Netball team played their first fixtures during March, at the Year 7 netball tournament. They finished third which was an amazing achievement! PE Teacher, Mrs Wood, said *"I would like to congratulate Ereope Afolayan who was the Player of the Match, and say well done to the whole squad: Abigail Abrahale, Solyana Zecarias, Eliana Haile, Jasmeen Sharma, Felicity Gunn, Scarlett Moorley, Caitlin Baynes Clarke, Amaya Leese, Gabriella Sillah and Ereope Afolayan."*



ALLIES WEEK 2024

January 29th marked *Allies Week*, which is a national youth-led effort that encourages students to become allies and challenge discrimination that LGBTQ+ students face. Our Pride Group created a fantastic resource which has been delivered in PSHE lessons and assemblies.



ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

On February 9th our PSHE Ambassadors took part in an online session about online safety as part of safer internet week. Their feedback will be used to train teachers and school staff nationwide!



YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

The Year 11 Football team are into two semi-finals as well as quarter-final. The team overcame Phoenix Collegiate from Birmingham in the West Midlands Cup. The match ended 2-1 to Blue Coat which sets up an all-Coventry semi-final encounter. Following this success, the team also beat Caludon Castle 3-1 in the Coventry Schools' Cup. The team are the current holders of this cup and are all set to go all the way again! *"Fingers crossed!"* said Mr Johal.



**"He is not here;
he has risen!"**

Luke 24:6-7



2024 PRIZEGIVING CELEBRATION

Planning for the 2024 Prizegiving celebration is well under way and we are delighted that all of our invited special guests have confirmed their attendance. We are also now able to announce the confirmed awards that will be presented during the evening. These are as follows:

- Subject Awards (Years 7-11). Awards will be presented across 14 subject areas to a student in each of the year groups.
- Certificate of Completion. Certificates will be presented to all Year 13 students in recognition of their commitment and contributions to Blue Coat over their time at the school.
- Year 13 Subject Awards. Awards will be presented to students across 14 subject areas.
- Sixth Form Student Leader Awards. Awards will be presented to Year 13 students who have played important leadership roles across the school.
- **Vision Awards. Awards will be presented to a student from each house across Years 7-11 to students who have demonstrated they are living out the school vision to live life to the full.**
- **CHRIST Values Awards will be presented to a student from each house across Years 7-11 to students who consistently demonstrate our CHRIST values to an exceptional degree.**
- **Award for Outstanding Contribution to the School community. Awarded to a Year 11-13 student.**
- **Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Wider community. Awarded to a Year 11-13 student.**
- **Bishop Christopher Award. Awarded to a Year 13 student.**
- **Outstanding Student Award. Awarded to a Year 13 student.**



The award winners for the categories that are emboldened, will be determined through the review of nominations. Nominations can be made by the following groups of individuals. Students can nominate themselves.

Vision Award - Staff/Students/Parents and Carers

CHRIST Values Award - Staff/Students/Parents and Carers

Award for Outstanding Contribution to the School Community - Staff/Students

Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Wider Community - Staff/Students/Parents and Carers/Members of the Wider community.

The deadline for nominations is 3.30pm on Friday 12th April. Nominations received after this point will not be accepted.

Nomination forms are available on our website, and paper copies of the forms are also available from the school Reception. If you have any questions regarding nominations, please contact Miss K O'Connor, the Headteacher's PA.

Prize winners will be announced on Friday 3rd May and at that point, we will offer two tickets to the family and friends of every prize winner. As we would like to open up invites more widely, there will be a two-week time limit for reservations to be secured.

We are in the process of sourcing sponsorship for our Year 13 subject awards to allow for the purchase of trophies. **If you are a business owner or work for a company that would be willing to sponsor an award, please contact Miss O'Connor by Friday 12th April.** We would also welcome any financial contributions from the community to support the purchase of trophies, awards and to contribute to the general costs associated with the event. This allows us to reuse funds for other reward initiatives across the school.



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GET WELL SOON!

Some of our Year 7 Coventry City supporters were upset to learn that midfielder, Tatsuhiro Sakamoto (above), was badly injured recently, ending his participation this season. Showing their Blue Coat CARE value, they made posters which are to be given to the stricken player to wish him a speedy recovery. Tatsuhiro, who is Japanese and came to Coventry from Tokyo, quickly became a fans' favourite, not only for his on-field skills, but also his warm personality. Coincidentally, he was one of the players who, earlier in the season, took part in Rian's toast buttering challenge and Rian was saddened to hear that he was injured so wanted to make a poster too. Here are some of the group of Year 7's - Lily-May, Rian, Sanjot and Charlotte with their posters and get well messages.





Inspirational Women



I have two inspirational women! The first is **Jameela Jamil** who is an actress and activist. Jamil has a podcast named 'I weigh' that encourages radical inclusivity and creates a safe space for people to share their thoughts. The podcasts cover a range of present-day issues like debunking diet culture, body neutrality and mental health.

The second is **Dr Phyll Opoku-Gyimah** who is known for her work for racial, gender and LGBTQ+ equality. She is the co-founder and chief executive of UK Black Pride and former executive director of Kaleidoscope Trust. She has raised the issue of racism in the LGBTQ+ community and spoken about the importance of intersectionality.



Miss Clemo



Amanda Brown (with credit also given to Brigid Kerrigan) is an American novelist who wrote the novel *Legally Blonde*, which was the basis for the 2001 film and 2007 musical of the same name. It is also the inspiration for our recent school production *Legally Blonde!* The screenplay for the film was written by Karen Lutz and Kirsten Smith and then performed brilliantly by Oscar winning actress Reese Witherspoon.

The musical was part written by Nell Benjamin and Heather Hach and our performance will showcase some of the amazing female performers (and some boys) from our school (directed and choreographed by the amazing Miss Boyle).

Mr Walls



Sarina Wiegman is inspirational for her work in English football history, she was the first coach to lead the Lionesses to a major title when England won UEFA EURO 2022 on home soil. Not only was it historic for the Lionesses, but also for Sarina as she became the first coach to win back-to-back tournaments having led her native Netherlands to the Euro 2017 title five years earlier. She is widely regarded as one of the best international coaches in the women's game, Sarina began her role as England head coach in September 2021.

Mrs Curtis



Hedy Lamarr was a Hollywood actress - a star in the golden age of cinema, but her true passion was inventing. It is because of Hedy's frequency-hopping invention that we have Bluetooth and Wi-Fi today. I love that this Hollywood actress, known for her looks, was in fact a vital part of our modern technology - a true reminder that we shouldn't judge people based on how they look.

Katherine Johnson was a mathematician whose calculations were vital during America's race to the moon; calculating the trajectory for the May 5, 1961, space flight of Alan Shepard, the first American in space. Katherine worked during a time of racial and gender barriers - but she ignored them - she simply told people she had done the work and therefore she belonged there.



Miss Preece



Rosa Parks is inspirational to me for her bus boycott and how she stood up for the lives of Black People in America.

Sophie Williams, Year 8

Jacinda Ardern inspires me because she became the youngest female Prime Minister of New Zealand and was the youngest female head of government in the world. She was also the first Prime Minister to be pregnant whilst in office and she inspires women never to compromise on what they want, and to believe that anyone can have power, a career and a family.



Mrs Gates



Malala Yousafzai for me - I love that Desmond Tutu nominated her for the children's peace prize. She is the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Malala is a global phenomenon known for her campaigning for women and children's education. In her home town of Mingora in the Swat region of Pakistan, she was an active blogger and human right campaigner, working with international journalists to document life in the area, being later nominated by Desmond Tutu for the International Children's Peace Prize.

Mrs Hathaway



Inspirational Women

Anne Lister - Her diary was the first account of a lesbian woman, and she is classed as the first modern lesbian. Her diary told the love story between her and her partner Ann Walker, and demonstrated the challenges that they faced as queer women in the 17th century. Anne Lister was an entrepreneur and subverted the outdated gender roles of the time.



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Princess Sophia Duleep Singh - the Sikh suffragette princess. She was the daughter of deposed Maharaja Duleep Singh and god-daughter of Queen Victoria. She used her fame, position, and tenacity in the fight for gender equality in the early 20th century. Sophia's philanthropy extended far beyond women's rights and she supported many groups, particularly Indians and Sikhs wherever she encountered them. Her life was truly dedicated to the fight for equality and the support of others.

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Rupi Kaur is a spoken word artist/poet recognised for writing poetry on feminism, immigration and self growth. Some of her poems have a specific connection to her Indian heritage.

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Nettie, Bikramjit, Noah, Mihnea, Cactus and Rian said that their inspirational person was their **mum**! Miss Clemo said *"It was wonderful to read all the contributions and learn about all the fantastic women in their lives."*



Maria Skłodowska-Curie. She inspires me because she is the first woman, and the only one to date, to receive the Nobel prize in different fields of science (chemistry and physics) she also was one of the women at the time to have a driving licence for passenger car and trucks.

Because of her discoveries and research, she has helped millions of people in the world. She could speak five languages. In that time she was a great inspiration to many women.

Franciszek Trelowski



Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – she uses her work to inspire women around the world in breaking gender constructions, stereotypes, and sexualities that have been made to subjugate women in society.

Mrs Kaur

Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin is an inspirational figure to us for her pioneering role in religious communities, and breaking down barriers of both gender and race. Bishop Rose became the UK's first Black female Bishop in 2019 when she was appointed Bishop of Dover.



RE Department



My choice for an inspirational person, for Women's International Day is Liz Pichon. I chose her because of the books she wrote and how they are based on her childhood passions. Tom Gates is a popular (9+) series, written about a boy who is in Year 5 and about his wacky adventures. Her books are highly relatable to school children with a big imagination. The reason why I chose Liz Pichon is because I have read most of her books about Tom Gates. My favourite book of hers is, Random Acts of Fun.

Andrue Norman

Inspirational Women



My inspirational female figure is Esther from the Bible. I find that she was a brave and thoughtful woman, and respected God and her people no matter what the consequences. She is important to me because she is a person in the Bible who saved many people's lives and put her life at risk for them.

Rebecca Pop-Sador



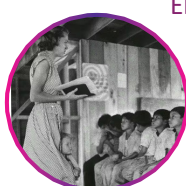
Madam C. J. Walker, born Sarah Breedlove in Louisiana, USA in 1867 before slavery was abolished. She worked in a hair company and decided to create her own company, so she was one of the first black women self-millionaires.

Mbonwi Fawah



Grace Darling - I chose her as she showed amazing bravery. She had risked her life for people caught on sea unable to (by themselves) reach safety. She is important to me as she shows me that doing the right thing overthrows the fear of risk and it can and always can be dodged. Fun fact, she is one of my extremely distant relatives - I am inspired that someone who is part of me did a really brave inspirational thing. She did what was right, right is what she did.

Jasmine Boxall



Elisabeth Elliot – Elisabeth and her husband went to serve as missionaries in South America in the 1950s. Her husband was killed by a tribe they were seeking to make contact with. Their daughter was 10 months old at the time. Instead of giving up, she forgave them and continued to try and reach, and later live with, the tribe. Many became Christians as a result. It is an amazing story of resilience, courage and love.

Mr Bedford

Sandi Toksvig – She is a lesbian who co-founded the women's equality party who protest and try to "Imagine a world where women enjoy the same rights and opportunities as men. Where gender inequality is a thing of the past.



Where everyone can flourish. That's what WE are here to achieve". Sandi is also a famous comic and presents the TV show QI.

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Sophie Wilson CBE - She is an English computer scientist and trans woman. She helped to design a range of BBC computing educational devices such as the BBC micro which helped the creation of the Acorn. She also began the design of the ARM Processor. This processor type was later to become one of the most successful IP cores – a licensed CPU core – and by 2012 was being used in 95% of smart phones.

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Lorraine Hansberry - She was a black, queer play writer who wrote "A Raisin in the Sun" this is about the struggles of black Americans in her city Chicago. She also wrote about her struggles as a lesbian and the oppression of the queer community in her hometown. She won the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award – making her the first African American dramatist.

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Julie d'Aubigny - She was a famous opera singer acclaimed fencer and bisexual woman. She regularly fought and won against men in fencing from a young age. She joined the Gaultier de Marseilles a famed French opera company and played both men and women in their operas.

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LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

TRAE FARRELL

- In November, Trae had an exciting opportunity to join Leicester City under 12's Academy for a football tournament in Salou, Spain.

- Feeling nervous about playing football at an international level, Trae was unsure of what to expect. However, once he stepped onto the pitch, he found that it was just like any other game. This tournament also marked Trae's first time away from home without his family, adding to the excitement and nerves.

- Despite the initial jitters, Trae and his team put in their best efforts. Their hard work paid off as they emerged victorious, becoming the champions of the tournament. Trae himself scored an impressive total of four goals throughout the competition, contributing significantly to their success.



NOAH TARKA

- Noah helps out at a local Beaver group and in this photo he is showing beavers how to light a fire and cook pancakes.



RIAN DODD

- In January, Rian was invited to BBC Centre in London where he took part on the Sunday Morning Live TV programme. Rian was invited to take part in the BBC1 show to highlight the difficulties he, or anyone with a limb difference, face on a day-to-day basis. As well as challenging the presenters to butter toast with one hand, Rian also challenged them to tie their shoe laces one-handed and put on an inside-out sock - as you will see from the footage which can be seen by clicking [HERE](#) and forwarding to 45m 59s - the presenters certainly struggled with these tasks - ones which most of us take for granted as being easy with two hands. As you will see, it's not so much with one!!



MEADOW DANIEL and LOVEEN GAKHAL

- Meadow Daniel and Loveen Gakhal recently spent their Sunday crafting an art piece for their Religious Education homework on "The Passion" theme. This photo showcases their brilliant work and the enjoyment they had collaborating. Their dedication and creativity shine through in every detail, serving as a testament to their commitment to their studies and faith.



SHAMOYA LAWRENCE



Shamoya is enjoying playing basketball and attends the Guardian Ballers which support young girls and boys with well-being discussions plus activities for personal growth and development.

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](#).

BRINGING HOPE, SAVING LIVES

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Join us to find out more...

EMPOWERING VOICES

A Journey in Poetry with Antony Owen

This half-term, our Year 12 A-Level English students had the wonderful opportunity to work with local peace poet Antony Owen. The session focused around the idea of being 'a song in the noise' and empowering our students to use their voice, through poetry, to document their experiences. The students were an absolute credit to the school, as they eloquently discussed what the phrase 'I can't breathe' means to them. Mrs Freeman said "The poetry that was created in the session was nothing short of awe-inspiring and Antony was incredibly impressed with the sensitivity and maturity that our students displayed when exploring their emotions and feelings. We are very excited to work with Antony in the future and are very grateful to him for spending the time to work with our students."



POETRY PRODIGIES

Some of our students in Year 7 and Year 8 were fortunate enough to take part in a fantastic poetry workshop run by well-known local poet Emilie Lauren Jones. They engaged really well and produced some truly amazing poems. Despite the seemingly impossible task of choosing 6 finalists, we managed to create a team filled with the strongest performers and writers to represent Blue Coat in the poetry slam final. Mr Panesar said "Congratulations to Emilia Aston, Princewill Irabor, Taggy Ismail, Senaya Robinson, Danielle Shepherd and Noah Tarka. We are looking forward to competing against other schools and showcasing our talent at the end of April."



CULTURAL DAY

Our school is a vibrant tapestry of cultures, reflecting the diversity within our community. We celebrated this with a Cultural Day just before we broke up for the Easter Holiday, ending the term with a great celebration.

Following the success of previous years' events and listening to our students' voices, we were delighted to hold another Cultural Day. On this day, students showcased their identities by dressing in attire that represented their cultural heritage, religious affiliations, sports teams or sports team or club (such as Guides, Scouts, Cadets etc) they belong to, or by wearing their school House colours.

It was fantastic to witness the creativity and enthusiasm of our students as they embraced this celebration of diversity. Here are some snapshots capturing the spirit of the day, showcasing the efforts made by our students to commemorate their unique backgrounds. Let's cherish and celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures that make our school community truly special!



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CULTURAL DAY



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*To all of the students who celebrated their birthdays recently and in the coming weeks.
Happy birthday to all of you!*



Solyana, Milena, Ruth, Nicole, Fahim, Yohannes, Demi, Ben, Elijah, Ibby, Jamie, Ife, Felicity, Matthew, Danielle, Shev, Hope, Ava, Dante, Ann-Diyana, Iman, Enya, Jacob, Verity, Orna, Yamoh, Namrath, Heung Yin, Emmanuel, Eldad, Lex, Becky, Harpartap, Tamani, Amayah, Courtney, Samuel, Jana, Humaid, Bailey, Rebecca, Jasleen, Charlotte, Emilia, Maanvi, Harvey, Shaun, Abbey, Caleb, Hamudi, Karolina, Bailey, Sanjot, Daniel, Sara, Elisabeta, Frances, Emma and Sawshan

Tynisa, Keelan, Erin, Divine, Jeremiah, Sosun, Roxana, Luis, Kornelia, Franciszek, Jernail, Lena, Dawid, Halima, Munzr, Liliana, Abdilahi, Kaysan, Stevie, Ethayani, Jeevan, Raghad, Rienna, Monalisa, Rabia, Thikas, Isaac, E J, Ciara, Sharan, Nathan, Kasey, Yanet, Samuel, Dara, Ibukun, Summah, Isabelle, Rebecca, Faizah, Maisy, Emmanuel Agbai, Dhanoj, Lucia, Adelaide, Harley, Alice, Daniella, Kyle, Jacob, Oscar, Najib, Shalom, Humayraa, Smith, Clara, Alex, Kevin, Amy, Isabel, Niya, Luke and Carys



Noah, Mikal, Beatrice, Shalom, Sophia, Shaun, Hussain, Zachary, Isaac, Bright, Marcus, Libby, Rylan, Burhan, Chloe, Praise, Cathrine Njeri, Yashwant, Saachi, Lilly, Gurjot, Tom, Gaby, Lydia, Nettie, Naween, Isaac, Faariha, Manasse, Sam, Elizabeth, Zoe, Bassam, Aaron, Jaya, Natalina, Mihnea, Gideon, Jaypreet, Cristabell, Saifullah, Spencer, Ezra, Elison, Kian, Vinek, Jayveer, Sean, Neecia and Amethyst

David, Harry, Cynthia, Jackson, Valyna, Alexis, Nathaniel, Divine, Judah, Zohal, Nathan, Sahibjot, Daniel, Abner, Noureyn, Melissa, Cami, Charmaine, Shannon, George, Rebecca, Rae, Jessica, Emily, Chloe, Stephen, Priya, Junaid, Jacob, Amelia, Natasha, Ermias, Ann Sarah, Sem, Anna, Zahrah, Austin, Hubert, Nathanael, Ahmad, Alicia, Lea, Millie and Elijah



Georgia, Pitiyas, Zofia, Andreea, Joseph, Maty, Krish, Lucy, Anna, Zafraan, Farhan, Victoria, Buchi, Amelia, Amelia, Georgi, Ilerioluwa, Nathan, Simon, Ananthalakshmi, Jodie, Rhys, Rut, Ky-Marni, Aimee, Mohammed, Adele, AJ, Harry, Yotam, Chris, Leila, Thea, Justice, Sam, Niamh, Omeed, Elizabeth, Jakub, Daniel, Sanya, Josiah, Lili, Liam, Greg, Peace, Peculiar, Felicity, Amaan, Annelie, Ebony-Louise, Ralph, Peter, Sabrina and Owen



Abby, Tom, Ioghama, Kriti, Jordan, Mischa, Zak, Gursimran, Charlie, Jessica, Caitlin, Nikol, Lois, Daniel, Rachael, Obinna, Shantel, Chino, Eloise, Ehema, Sharusha, David, Isobel, Amina, Timilehin, Kirstie, Gurjeevan, Esther, Joel, Temi, Daniel, Noah, Kulachelvi, Madembe, Jack, Grace, Isaac and Riyan



Flynn, Lucy, Priscilla, Amelia, Ruth, Jason, Sadia, Samuel, Jerome, Gabriel, Lamia, Sophie, Zainab, Evie, Krupa, Carlton, Nathan, Ria, Serena, Nadira, Molly, Mollie, Sam, Madeline, Oliwier, Serena, Amani, Tyrese, Ella, Davina, Fantasia, Theodore, Esther, Grace, Mekhai, Mical and Laura



Melanie

IMPORTANT DATES

**School re-opens
after the Easter
holiday on Monday
8th April**

**Whitsun half-term
27th to 31st May**

*"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."*

John 3:16

