

# FULLNESS!

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



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This is the Easter edition of *Fullness!* Our newsletter brings you all of the latest news from Blue Coat School. We wish you a lovely, peaceful Easter holiday!

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS HENDEN

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of Our School Community,

As we approach the end of this Spring Term, I am filled with gratitude and excitement. This has been a wonderful term, and it continues to be a privilege to serve such a vibrant and supportive community. I am deeply honoured to be part of our school's journey, especially as we celebrate our Diamond Anniversary year of being at the Terry Road site. This milestone is a time to celebrate the enduring spirit and dedication of everyone involved in our school.

During this Easter season, we are reminded of the importance of renewal and reflection. Easter is a time of celebration and hope, as we reflect on the resurrection and the promise of new beginnings. It is also a time to live out our CHRIST values - Care, Hard Work, Respect, Integrity, Servanthood and Togetherness. These values are at the core of our school's ethos and guide us in our daily interactions and decisions.

As we look forward to the holiday season, let us embrace the spirit of Easter by showing kindness and generosity to those around us. Whether through acts of service, words of encouragement, or simply being present for one another, we can make a meaningful difference in our community.



I am excited about the future and look forward to many more terms of growth, learning and shared success. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter and a joyful holiday season.

**Mrs Henden, Headteacher**

## INSIDE BLUE COAT

Highlights and Achievements from This Term

Take a look inside to see the wonderful things that have been taking place at Blue Coat School this term.



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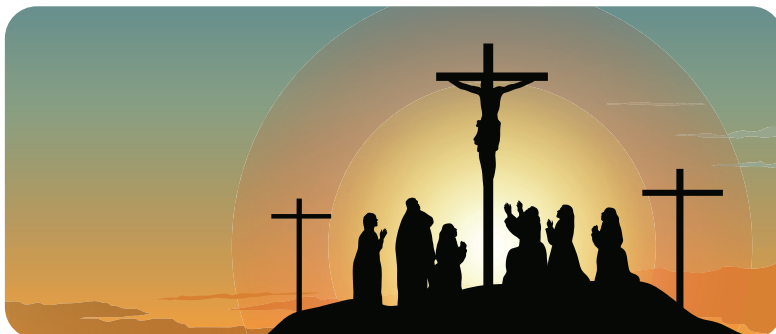
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*"For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him."*

1 Thessalonians 4:14

**Care Hard work Respect Integrity Servanthood Togetherness**



## OUR DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY SERVICE



On the morning of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, the school community joined together at our Diamond Anniversary Service at Coventry Cathedral. Invited guests included the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands, Pauline Black OBE, High Sheriff of the West Midlands, Douglas Wright MBE, The Lord Mayor of Coventry, Lady Godiva - Pru Poretta, as well as Christian and SACRE faith leaders.

The service started with a video highlighting the history of the school. A group of our original 1964 Alumni, led by Paul Matty, delivered a speech highlighting the memories they had in being the first students to join the newly opened school site. These former students then ceremonially handed a baton to our current Year 7 students inscribed with 'Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.' (Hebrews 12:1-2).

The commemoration service also included the commissioning of Mrs Henden as the new Headteacher, alongside choral pieces of music and Alumni, who are now staff, sharing testimonies of their own time at the school. The service finished with the Cathedral bells ringing by one of our own students, Oliver Poulton, and his family.



If you would like to donate towards our Diamond Anniversary Fund then we would be most appreciative - the link to the site is [HERE](#).



*"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

## NO MORE KNIVES TOUR

In early March, The Message Trust visited Blue Coat to deliver sessions to Years 7-10 as part of the 'No More Knives' tour. The sessions were designed to equip students with practical tips and techniques to stay safe and say 'no' to knives. This action packed hour contained PSHE curriculum content, live music, facts and stats, signposting and personal stories of hope on this theme from band members. The Message Trust is a Christian charity that has been working in schools across the UK for more than 30 years, helping young people explore life, faith and positive values and we were so thankful to have such a positive, engaging and inspiring session with them. The students were singing the theme tune many days after! Check it out here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7ZnhHE3SC4>





## DIVE INTO AUGMENTED REALITY WITH HADO

In January, some of our Year 8 and 9 boys had an exciting opportunity to try out HADO, an augmented reality dodgeball-style game. This game uses state-of-the-art equipment and technology to create a thrilling and immersive experience. The boys had a fantastic time playing HADO, which not only provided lots of fun but also helped them build confidence in teamwork and communication.

Mr O Hill, one of our PE teachers, said *"Although we lost out on first place to Sidney Stringer Academy, the boys loved it and they said that would definitely do it again!"* Mr Hill added *"The boys showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the game, making it a memorable experience for everyone involved."*

HADO combines physical activity with augmented reality, allowing players to throw virtual energy balls and dodge incoming attacks. This innovative game encourages players to work together, strategise and communicate effectively. Our students embraced the challenge and demonstrated excellent teamwork and co-ordination.

Overall, the HADO event was a great success and we are proud of the students for their participation and positive attitude. We look forward to more opportunities like this in the future, where our students can explore new technologies and develop important life skills. What a great experience for our students!



## NET ZERO PLAN

This term has seen the launch of our new Eco Ambassador scheme, which has included over 70 students from Year 7-12 taking part in our first meetings. Students have been able to share a range of thoughts on sustainability across the school site. As part of these meetings, students have formulated ideas on how we can spend the £3500 grant money, which has been secured for a re-wilding of the site with new planting areas having been identified. The first of these projects have enabled us to invest in raised allotment planters, so that Food Technology students can plant and harvest seasonal food to be used within lessons. Special thanks to the charities and organisations who have supported us. If you would like to support then you can donate to the cause on the link [HERE](https://www.blueccoatschool.com) or contact Mr J Sanders [j.sanders@blueccoatschool.com](mailto:j.sanders@blueccoatschool.com).



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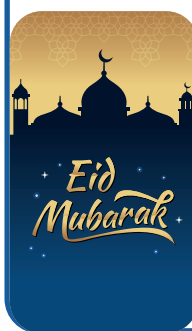


## RAMADAN



We marked the start of Ramadan by our RE display and ensuring students have a safe space to pray each day.

The RE Department also held an Eid party in the Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April.



## CELEBRATING HOLI

The RE Department held their annual Holi celebrations on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. It was wonderful to see our students share in the experience and festival of Colours, Love and Spring.







## DANCING DREAMS

One Friday in January, Ascension Dance Company visited our school to deliver exciting workshops for students in Years 7-9. These sessions focussed on celebrating youth creativity and talent, while helping students develop performance skills and explore creative tools. The workshops also highlighted local opportunities in dance and the performing arts.

Our students truly impressed, with special recognition going to Elisabeta Andunache, Anastajia Sakalauska and Arshen Visaiarupan, who were commended by the company for their exceptional talent.

Take a look at some of the pictures from the day! If you're interested in learning more about dance classes in Coventry, visit [www.ascensiondance.co.uk](http://www.ascensiondance.co.uk) or pick up a leaflet from Mrs Wood in PE.



## EMPOWERING MINDS

Thank you to Migrant Help who supported our personal development programme by delivering a great workshop to our Year 10 RE and PSHE students ahead of studying the thematic unit as part of their Religious Studies GCSE. Students learnt of the experience of refugees and migrants and also how students can get involved in supporting the charity in the future.



## SKATEBOARDING SENSATIONS!



In January, our Year 9 and Year 10 students had a fantastic opportunity to participate in our very first skateboarding workshop. The students showcased incredible talent, leaving the coaches thoroughly impressed. We can't wait to see them in action again soon!



## LESSONS FROM AUSCHWITZ

### *A Journey of Remembrance and Reflection*

Six of our Post-16 students took part in the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project in February. They attended a seminar in Birmingham ahead of their visit, exploring the history of the Holocaust, and its true impact on society today. The group then flew to Poland for the day and experienced a guided tour of Auschwitz and two concentration camps. They also took part in a reflection ceremony at the end of the day. It was a moving experience which will stay with them forever.



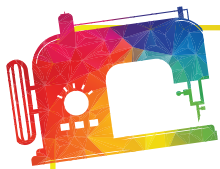
There are now several ways to keep up-to-date with goings-on at Blue Coat School. In the main, we use X (formerly Twitter) but we now also post news on Facebook and Instagram.

You can click on this link <https://linktr.ee/bluecoatcofe> to be taken to our social media links page or you can click on the individual logos to go to each page separately.

We hope you like what you see!

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## TEXTILES TRAILBLAZERS

*Discovering Future Fashion Stars*

The A' Level Trailblazer programme, led by Libby Elser from Artlabrtry and funded by Broadweavers & Clothiers of Coventry, aims to find outstanding students in textiles who want to study Fashion or Textiles at university. Selected students receive bursaries to support their studies.



Over five Saturdays, students participated in workshops, industry talks and mentoring sessions with experts.

### **Session 1: Fashion Illustration**

Students learned different media and techniques in fashion illustration. They observed and interpreted fashion garments, experimenting creatively to bring their ideas to life on paper.



### **Session 2: Weaving**

In this hands-on workshop, students explored fabric construction and technology in the fashion industry. They created woven samples using recycled materials, adding them to their portfolios. The session emphasised sustainability and provided insights into garment construction and fabric types.



### **Session 3: AI in Fashion**

Students discovered how AI is shaping the future of fashion. They worked together to create AI-generated designs and presented their ideas, fostering creativity, critical thinking and teamwork.



### **Session 4: Guest Speaker Lindsey Darcey**

Lindsey Darcey, a researcher from Loughborough University, shared her career journey and discussed various career opportunities in fashion and textiles. She also provided portfolio advice.



### **Session 5: Sewing Bee Challenge**

Students designed and made bucket hats from recycled materials in two hours, themed around their portfolio work. Guest judges included Mark Francis from the Sewing Bee, Anna Clarke from Broadweavers and Clothiers Guild, Dawn Foxall from Textiles Skills Centre and Libby Elser from Artlabrtry.

Here are some photos of the students enjoying their Saturday morning workshops.



## THE EASTER STORY

Year 7 RE students took part in the CLM Easter experience as part of their RE lessons this week. It was wonderful to see our students immersed in such a great discussion on, 'The Person of Jesus.'



## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Thank you to Blue Coat Pride group for delivering our Post-16 PSHE Assembly addressing LGBTQ+ History month in February. It was wonderful to see our students engaged in current issues and supporting equality, diversity and inclusivity.



## ALUMNI NETWORK

Our Alumni Network has continued to grow with us and has received contact from over 1500 former students. This network is an amazing way for former students to keep in contact with what the school is doing, and to contribute as we move throughout the academic year. We are grateful for Alumni who have already donated over £2000 to support a range of projects that we are doing as a school. In addition the 1964 Alumni were able to join us at our Diamond Anniversary Cathedral Service.



At the end of the academic year we will also be joined by Alumni who will actively partake in delivering our Environment Day and Climate Change Conference.

If you would like to join the Blue Coat Alumni Network then please fill in this form to be kept up to date with any events:

Former Students Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/CQvm74Eh1x>





## GAME ON!

### Celebrating the Launch of Our Elite 4G Astro-Turf Pitch

We are delighted to share some exciting news about a significant investment in our school's sports facilities. As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best opportunities for our students, we are pleased to announce the opening of our brand-new 4G Astro-Turf Pitch. This elite facility will enhance both our PE curriculum and extra-curricular sports activities, offering students a high-quality environment to develop their skills and enjoy physical education.

To ensure that all students can fully benefit from this outstanding new facility, we kindly remind everyone of the importance of wearing clean and appropriate footwear during lessons and enrichment activities. Proper sports shoes, designed for use on artificial turf, will help maintain the quality of the surface and ensure the safety of all participants. The image to the right shows which are suitable footwear, and which are not.

Additionally, we take great pride in maintaining high expectations for our students' PE uniform. All students are expected to bring the correct kit to every lesson, in line with our school uniform policy. Wearing the correct attire not only promotes a sense of discipline and unity but also allows students to participate safely and effectively in all activities.

We are excited for our students to experience this world-class facility and look forward to seeing them thrive in their sporting endeavours. Thank you for your continued support in upholding the standards that make Blue Coat CE School a place of excellence.

If you have any questions regarding the new pitch, appropriate footwear, or PE uniform requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the PE Department.

#### Blue Coat C.E School 4G Astro-Turf Footwear Regulations



**CORRECT & CLEAN FOOTWEAR MUST BE WORN DURING P.E LESSONS & ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES**



## TRANSFORMATIONS TRIUMPH

### Celebrating Creative Writing Success!

Since November, some Year 9 and Year 10 students have attended weekly workshops run by English Literature undergraduates from the University of Warwick "Transformations" project. Each week students discussed an extract of literature on the theme of dystopia, and used these as a stimulus for their own creative writing. At the start of March, our three school winners - Bubay Peters (Year 9), Oliver Sikowski (Year 10) and Eva Nicholas (Year 10) - attended the Transformations celebration event, along with students from ten other Coventry and Warwickshire schools. After a tour of the university campus and a workshop on the relationship between texts and images lead by an academic from the English Department, we were thrilled when Bubay was announced as the overall runner up with her story "The Legend of Afoama the Unyielding". Mrs Reid said "Well done to everyone who participated in the project - all pieces of writing will also feature in a professionally published anthology. Hopefully we'll repeat our success when we participate in the project again next year!"

## HELPING HANDS

Well done to Blue Coat Sixth Form students who took over the Helping Hands Soup Kitchen in Leamington Spa recently. They had the opportunity to prepare and cook breakfast for local people. It was wonderful to see our students showing kindness and engaging with the local community. So far the group have raised over £500 for the charity this year. This is fantastic - showing true Blue Coat values!





## WORLD BOOK DAY

This year's World Book Day Celebrations took place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and students were invited to take part in a '*Dog Man Escape Room Challenge*'.

Leading up to the day students had to complete four challenges:

- Reading a book and completing a quiz
- Designing a National Book Token
- Solving '*The Case of the Missing Diamond Anniversary Baton*'
- Designing a Blue Coat School Diamond Anniversary bookmark.

Upon completing all four tasks, students unlocked the chance to escape the library and enter the 'Chief's Office', a space recreated from the Adventures of Dog Man. Here, they were rewarded with a mystery prize for successfully completing the challenges.

In addition, throughout the day all students in Year 7 to 10 listened to an audio story narrated by teachers. Students were invited to take part in the 'Guess the Narrators' competition to be in with a chance of winning a goody bag.

Staff also embraced the spirit of World Book Day by dressing up as characters from their favourite books, creating a buzz and fun atmosphere around school that highlighted the importance of reading. Over 500 students voted for their favourite teacher costume, with the winner receiving an Amazon voucher.

The '*Dog Man Escape Room Challenge*' spotlighted the importance of graphic novels in encouraging students to read for pleasure. The event was hugely successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all participating students, making this World Book Day one to remember.



## YEAR 13 PHYSICISTS SHINE IN BRITISH PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

Well done to our amazing Year 13 Physicists on their achievements in Round One of the British Physics Olympiad. Here are Sarita, Hirusha, Gabriel and Sam with their certificates. You have all done brilliantly and we are so proud of you!



## EXPLORING 'THE PROBLEM OF EVIL'

RE A' Level students attended a national RE conference at Coventry Cathedral on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The conference focused on the exam topic of '*The Problem of Evil*' and enabled students to engage with a wide-range of scholarly views ahead of their preparation for their Year 12 mock exams. This conference was led by leading Philosopher, Dr Peter Vardy.



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from Cactus, Year 8,  
in Cantonese

Wesołego  
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from Alex, Year 11,  
in Polish

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Pâques

from Oba, Year 7, in French

Buona  
Pasqua

from Vihara, Year 8,  
in Italian

Wesołych Świąt  
wielkanocnych

from Laura, Year 8, in Polish

Vrolijk Pasen

from Elodie, Year 9, in Dutch

Wesołych Świąt  
Wielkanocnych

from Julia, Post-16, in Polish

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from Scarlett, Year 7, in Kinyarwanda

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from Yision, Year 8, in Cantonese

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from Tofunmi, Year 7, in Yoruba

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from Amisha, Year 8, in Hindi

Paște Fericit

from Andreea, Post-16, in Romanian

A ku ọdun ajinde

from Dammy Year 7, in Yoruba



**Paște Fericit!**

from Sara, Year 8,  
in Romanian

**A ku odun Easter o**

from Dare, Year 8, in Yoruba

**復活節快樂**

from Markus, Year 10, in Cantonese

**Frohe  
Ostern**

from Ara, Year 7, in German

**Priecīgas  
Lieldienas**

from Karlina, Year 11,  
in Latvian

**Joyeuses Pâques  
à tous!!!**

From Matthew, Year 8, in French

**Paște Fericit!**

from Rebecca, Year 8,  
in Romanian

**Happy Easter**

**Joyeuses  
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from Chloe, Year 10, in French

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from Kedaar , Year 8, in Malayalam

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from Peniel, Post 16,  
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from Ereope, Year 8, in Yoruba

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Bahut Bahut  
vadhaiyaan**

from Rishi, Year 9, in Punjabi

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Year 12 RE students created our Holocaust Memorial Day display and the Art Department supported by creating a memorial, which was displayed on the Sixth Form building, in remembrance of all affected by the Holocaust. Sixth Form students also attend a local Holocaust memorial event held at the Belgrade Theatre along with our Sixth Form choir who performed at the event.



## PRIZEGIVING

This year will see the return of our Annual Prizegiving event at Blue Coat School on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June. We are thrilled to announce that we will be being joined by Coventry Paralympic Athlete, Kare Adenegan. Kare is an ambassador for 'Christians in Sport' and has won silver medals in three Paralympic Games, as well as holding several world titles. She will be joined by our alumni, Jordan and Wesley Henry. You might remember the two brothers from their appearance on *The Voice*, where they made it to the semi-finals.



In order to make this a special celebration once again, we are reaching out to the school community to see if any local businesses would be able to sponsor a subject award for just £25 which includes a number of benefits and exposure opportunities for your business. If you are able to support then please email Mr J Sanders [j.sanders@bluecoatschool.com](mailto:j.sanders@bluecoatschool.com) to be sent the packages on offer.

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***"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



## YEAR 9 NETBALL TEAM TRIUMPHS IN THRILLING MATCH!



Earlier this term, our Year 9 netball team travelled to President Kennedy School for an exciting game against their Year 9's. Despite a challenging start and, being behind for the first two quarters, our team showed incredible determination and skill. They fought back to level the score at 9-9 in the third quarter. In a nail-biting finish, we emerged victorious with a final score of 11-10.

Well done, girls! What a fantastic comeback!



## YEAR 9 GIRLS TACKLE NEW CHALLENGES



In February, a handful of Year 9 girls went to President Kennedy School to participate in a Rugby workshop.

Most of the girls had never played Rugby before, but came away from the event with a huge smile on their faces and wanting to look into play Rugby outside of school!

One of our PE teachers, Mr O Hill, who accompanied the girls, said *"The workshop focused on passing, tackling and game understanding. Huge progress was made and, after a reluctant start, the girls were loving getting stuck into the mud!"*

Carys Hadley, walked away from the workshop with the 'Best Sportsperson Award' - although she spent half of the morning running away from Hope Davis who was trying to tackle her! Grace Okwuosa and D'Abigale John-Neza demonstrated great teamwork and hard work by getting involved in a brand new sport which they will be looking to participate in more. River Hazelton showed off some of her Rugby skills which she had learnt at her local club, and showed great servanthood by helping others who were struggling.

This was a thoroughly enjoyable workshop on a soggy and cold Wednesday morning at President Kennedy.



## BUILDING SKILLS AND SPIRIT



The Year 7 and 8 girls' football team have had their first couple of matches against Bishop Ullathorne and Finham Park schools. Both were tough games that unfortunately we lost. Mrs Wood said *"Most of the girls are new to the game and it is fantastic to see them improving their confidence and football skills. They have shown great teamwork and resilience. Keep up the good work!"*



## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY YEAR 8 NETBALL TEAM

At the end of February, our Year 8 Netball team competed in the under-13 Netball tournament and finished as runners-up! The team played incredibly well and only lost 1-0 to King Henry VIII School in the final. They either drew or won all their other matches, including a fantastic victory against Bablake School on their way to the semi-finals and final.

Mrs Wood praised the team, saying, *"This was an excellent achievement. Finishing second out of ten schools is amazing! Well done to all of you."*



## MEET OUR NEW, AMAZING EAL AMBASSADORS!

At Blue Coat School, we have an incredible group of students known as the EAL Ambassadors. Originally, this team was made up of students who speak **E**nglish as an **A**dditional **L**anguage. Now, it has grown to include students who have joined Blue Coat from overseas, even if they speak English fluently.

Our EAL Ambassadors are super important to our school. They welcome new students to Blue Coat and help with translations. Starting a new school can be scary, especially if you're in a new country with a different language, culture and school routine. But with the help of a friendly student who speaks your language or has had similar experiences, new students can settle in more easily. All of our team's new additions help to make our school community even richer and more diverse. Their Pledge for 2025 is *"When a new student arrives into our school we will show them our CHRIST values, make them feel welcome and give them a sense of belonging."*

Here's a photo of our latest EAL Ambassadors after their training session. They can't wait to welcome new students, including the Year 6's, when they join us for their transition day in July!



## YOUR LOCAL GOVERNING COMMITTEE

Blue Coat has a Local Governing Committee (or Local Governing Board) made up of a number of individuals who are passionate about seeing the school continue to thrive and live life in all its fullness. Our committee consists of two elected parent representatives, two elected staff representatives and six foundation governors. In addition, Mrs Henden, Mr Darling (DCEO Inspire Education Trust) and other members of the school's senior leadership team attend. The committee meets four times a year and you can find out more about the LGC here: [Local Governing Body](#) | Some members of the LGC have a special link role e.g. for Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Pupil Premium, Health and Safety.

The Trust's Scheme of Delegation sets out in detail the responsibilities of the LGC. Key responsibilities include:

- helping to develop the school's vision, values and development objectives
- monitoring the school's progress towards achieving those objectives
- monitoring the school's compliance with Trust and school policies and statutory requirements (including safeguarding and health and safety)

Governors are the link between the school community (staff, parents and the wider community) and the Trust. In addition to our scheduled meetings, we conduct monitoring visits where we come into school to meet with staff, talk to students and see what the school is doing. Last term governors were welcomed into school to monitor; safeguarding, health and safety, progress in meeting development objectives in relation to the Sixth Form and Special Educational Needs. These visits were all very informative, giving governors first hand experience of school life as well as providing opportunities for discussion and evidencing of how the school is rising to the challenge of its ambitious development plan. In addition, as individuals we attended a variety of school events including the open evenings, plays, concerts, the exciting announcement of Bishop Sophie's appointment and the end of term service.

In our recent January meeting we reviewed progress towards achieving the school's objectives for this year. We also reviewed data relating to students' progress and attendance including contextual data relating to safeguarding, to the progress and support of children identified as having a SEND and pupil premium students. We approved the school's admission arrangements for the academic year 2026/2027 following the closure of the public consultation. We also received a number of Trust policies and approved three school specific policies.

This term we are planning visits to look at provision for students for whom English is an additional language (not their first language or the language primarily spoken at home), initiatives to support pupil premium students and Church of England initiatives. We will also be following up last term's SEND and Safeguarding visits. We are very much looking forward to the celebration of the school's Diamond Anniversary on 6th February and hope to have the opportunity to meet you at various school events over the course of this term. It is a privilege to serve the Blue Coat School community of which we feel very blessed to be a part.

**Charlotte Marten, Chair of Governors**





# LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

## TOMAS ROBERTSON

- During the last summer holiday, Year 7 student, Tomas, along with his family, visited a National Trust garden, Hidcote. There was a sign encouraging people to take photos around the gardens and then submit them for the photography competition. Tomas did this and was successfully short-listed for inclusion in the winter exhibition. Tomas and his family visited Hidcote again after Christmas to see his photo in the exhibition. Tomas was one of two children whose photos were included.



- The link to the exhibition website is [HERE](#), should anyone wish to visit the exhibition and maybe you will be inspired to take your own photos!

## TRAE FARRELL

- One of our talented Year 8 footballers, Trae, went on a trip to Germany in February, along with his team-mates from Leicester City Football Club. Luckily the 5 vs 5 futsal tournament was indoors as the outdoor pitches were covered in snow!
- This was an amazing experience and they didn't let their disappointment of being knocked out of the Champions Cup deter them, as they went on to then win the Gold Cup!

## SUBHAAN TAJ

- Subhaan, who is in Year 7, has had some incredible results after his completion of the Quran at the Madrasa he attends.



- He had a final test and his examiner said Subhaan was outstanding and achieved one of the highest scores in the UK. He achieved a double A\*, an A\* in Quran recitation and an A\* in the character section.

- With the fantastic results he is now able to move into the Hifz class where he will be memorising the Quran. Well done, Subhaan - impressive work!

## NATAN ENGLISH

- At the end of February, Natan took part in an event to raise money for The Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity. The aim of the event was to raise funds for the Oncology unit of a Polish children's hospital. From 8am to 9pm, Natan's energy and dedication were contagious as he helped with preparation and actively participated in the event, raising money. His presence truly lit up the celebration and countless attendees couldn't stop raving about his fantastic personality and unwavering commitment that day, said Natan's proud mum!



## SAMUEL LUCK

- Samuel, who is in Year 8, has been playing field hockey since 2019 and this season he has continued to play for Leicester Westleigh Hockey Club and Leicestershire under 13's. At the beginning of this season Samuel was asked to play in goal for the men's fourth team and, during the season, he managed to keep five clean sheets! At the end of season 'Golden Glove' award, which runs across all six teams at the Hockey Club. Samuel finished in second place behind his sister Hannah, who is a former Blue Coat student. Hannah kept eight clean sheets playing for the ladies first team at Leicester Westleigh.



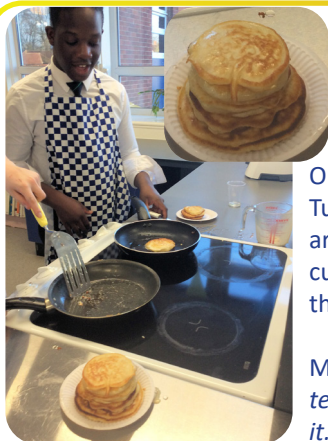
## NICHOLAS LAW

- Nicholas, in Year 7, competed for Coventry Swimming Club in a gala on 16<sup>th</sup> March, winning a bronze medal in the 50m back stroke. Well done, Nicholas, keep swimming!!



If you have anything that we can celebrate about our wonderful students, from outside of school, please send the details, along with a photograph, to [admin@bluecoatschool.com](mailto:admin@bluecoatschool.com).

- At the annual awards dinner, Samuel received the men's fourth team 'Player of the Season' award, which is quite an achievement as he has only just turned 13 and is playing against adults. Well done Samuel, what an achievement!



## YEAR 10 PANCAKE DAY: A DELICIOUS SUCCESS!



Our Year 10 students had a fantastic time making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. The Food Technology classroom was filled with the delicious aroma of freshly made pancakes. The students showed off their culinary skills, creating some brilliant outcomes which you can see in these photos.

Mrs Jandu said "It was a wonderful day of fun and teamwork, and the students enjoyed every moment of it. Well done to all our Year 10 pancake chefs!"



## YEAR 10 GUARDIAN BALLERS



Over the Autumn Term, some of our Year 10 students took part in a series of mentoring sessions with Kieran and Hoey from Guardian Ballers. The sessions involved a variety of well-being activities, encouraging our students to identify ways to reach their full potential and thrive, both in and out of school. The students worked so hard in these sessions, and Kieran and Hoey treated them to a trip to David Lloyd Gym at the end of the programme, to have some fun playing racquet sports and trying out the exercise class 'Blaze'.



## COMMONWEALTH SERVICE 2025 AT BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL

Mrs Hathaway and Mrs Kaur had the privilege of attending the Commonwealth Service 2025 at Birmingham Cathedral, recently. As a school, we deeply value the importance of belonging and interconnectedness, and this event was a powerful reminder of the unity and diversity that the Commonwealth represents.



The service was filled with uplifting hymns, inspiring speeches, and the presence of dignitaries from across the world, celebrating our shared values of peace, friendship, and cooperation.

A truly special occasion that reminded us of the strength in our global connections!

## MATHS DEPARTMENT NEWS!

We are excited to share the fantastic achievements of our students in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. A total of **178** students from Years 9, 10 and 11 took part.

- **44** students earned a Bronze award
- **26** students earned a Silver award
- **7** students earned a Gold award

A special shout-out to Cleatus Cheung, Kelly Yeung, Eli Hammond, Markus Wong and Charlotte Tizick for being invited to the next round!

We are also thrilled to announce that Charlotte has been invited to the 2025 National Mathematics Summer School because of her excellent performance. This is an amazing opportunity, and we wish Charlotte all best!



## Girls Open Training Session

Are you looking to develop your football skills and join a team for next season?

Our FA-qualified coaches will be running a structured training session for girls of all experience levels. Whether you're already playing or trying football for the first time, this is a great opportunity to get involved.

To register interest or for more details, complete the form in the comments below or contact Richie.

- When: Saturday, 7th June, 10.00-11.30
- Where: Massey Ferguson Sports Ground, CV4 9WH
- Ages: U9, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16.
- All abilities welcome!
- Register: <https://forms.gle/7vjGKMfRi8W3Me3AA>
- Contact: Richie 07920 485 940



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**Safer Internet Day 2025**  
Slides for use with 11 to 14 year olds

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**Too good to be true?**

**Protecting yourself and others from scams online**

All scenarios and examples used in these materials have been created for educational purposes and are not real.

**What is a scam?**

- A scam is a way of tricking people into handing over money, valuable items, or personal information.
- Scams can happen both offline and online.
- Online scams can be seen on websites, in games, emails, on social media and in text messages.
- If you have been the victim of an online scam, it is not your fault.

**Types of Common SCAM**

**Phishing Emails:**  
These emails often look official and ask you to click on a link or share personal information. They might seem like they're from your bank, social media account, or even a celebrity.

**Fake Online Offers:**  
Have you ever seen a "too good to be true" offer for free gadgets, concert tickets, or discount codes? Scammers often create fake websites that look genuine but aim to steal your credit card details.

**Online Job Scams:**  
Some scammers will offer "easy money" jobs, but they only want your personal information or a payment upfront. Always be cautious when you see job offers that seem too good to be true.

**Impersonation Scams:**  
Scammers might pretend to be someone you know, such as a friend, a teacher, or even a celebrity. They'll try to convince you to send money, share your passwords, or download harmful attachments.

**SCAM?**

<b>S</b>	<b>'Seems too good to be true'</b>	Some scams seem to offer something amazing. For example, winning a prize for just going on a website.
<b>C</b>	<b>'Contact you did not expect'</b>	Some scams involve getting a message or something appearing on your screen that you did not expect.
<b>A</b>	<b>'Asked for personal information'</b>	Some scams ask you to fill in personal information that is normally kept private, such as your name, age, address or password.
<b>M</b>	<b>'Money or trade being asked for'</b>	Some scams ask you to spend money or trade something valuable.

**How to Protect Yourself from Online Scams:**

**Be Sceptical:**  
If something looks too good to be true, it probably is. Always question suspicious offers, especially ones that promise free products, prizes, or large amounts of money.

**Don't Share Personal Information:**  
Never give out sensitive information, such as passwords or credit card details, unless you're certain the website or person is trustworthy.

**Check for Signs of Scams:**  
Look for red flags like spelling mistakes, strange email addresses, or urgent requests for money or personal information. Real businesses and people will never rush you.

**Use Strong Passwords and Two-Factor Authentication:**  
Protect your accounts by using strong, unique passwords. Where possible, enable two-factor authentication (2FA) for an extra layer of security.

**Report Suspicious Activity:**  
If you suspect you've encountered a scam, report it immediately to the relevant platform or to a trusted adult. You can report scams to **Action Fraud**, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre.

**What Support is Available?**

If you or a friend has been targeted by an online scam, there's support available. Don't hesitate to speak to a trusted adult, such as a parent, teacher. If necessary, you can also report scams to:

- **Action Fraud** ([www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk))
- **National Cyber Security Centre** ([www.ncsc.gov.uk](http://www.ncsc.gov.uk))
- **Childline** ([www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk))

Additionally, many platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp have tools to report scams directly.



**Protect Yourself from Online Scams**

Safer Internet Day 2025 Tuesday 11 February  
Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre  
saferinternetday.org.uk

- Never share personal information,** financial details or passwords in response to an email, gaming chat or text message.
- Update your privacy settings** on apps, games and websites.
- Be sceptical.** If something seems too good to be true, it probably is!
- If you're ever worried, upset or confused** by anything you see online, **ask a trusted adult** for help.
- Think before you click.** Only open attachments and emails from known and trusted sources.
- Beware of copycat web addresses. Look for the padlock and use websites that start with **https://**. The S stands for **SECURE!** Scams are less likely on these sites but still possible.
- Keep your **antivirus software** updated.
- Use **strong passwords** and change them regularly. Include a mix of upper and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols.

Digital and Online Safety Education: Children should be shown how to use the internet safely and responsibly. Children should be consistently reminded of the Safer Internet Centre's advice for online safety. Devices should be used in a public area with internet access at all times.



# My Easter

Easter is my favourite holiday because we dedicate it Jesus Christ who died for our sins on the cross.

*Emma, Year 8*

Easter, to me, means a time to celebrate and remember Jesus Christ and how He was resurrected, and a time to rest and spend time with family.

*Neveah, Year 8*

Easter means the world to me, not because my birthday is the same day this year, but also because I spend time with my family and friends and worship the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*Ara, Year 7*

Easter is about the death and resurrection of Jesus. To me Easter an important celebration because Jesus saved all of us from sin.

*Tofunmi, Year 7*

During Easter my church organises a convention in the city centre where people gather to worship There's a sermon and a play by Sunday School children to commemorate Christ's crucifixion for our sins. This convention lasts for at least three days and may take as long as seven days. We observe a fast and complete it on Easter Day. We later have a communal dinner where everyone prepares food and brings things to be shared. This act of kindness and love caters for all poor and needy people in the society. After we dance to the glory of God!

*Renee Princessa, Year 11*

## What does Easter mean to me?

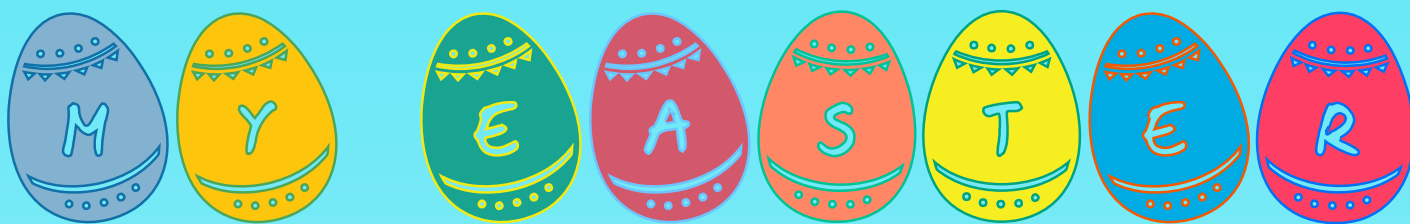
Easter is a time of remembrance and celebration of the salvation received by all those that put their faith in Jesus Christ. It is so key to understand the depth of the love Jesus has for every single one of us. He died for us so that we could join Him in eternal paradise once we pass on from this life. Easter is also a time where I get to meet with family and give thanks to Jesus for His kindness, as well as have fun eating all the Easter eggs.

## What is my response to Easter?

I believe that it's a time to reflect Jesus's character as a humble servant, giving generously to those who need it. This can look like spending quality time with your grandparents instead of on your phone; be extra kind to people around you, or you could even ask your family or some close friends to go and volunteer at a local charity or food bank.

*Noah, Post-16*





To me, Easter means spending time with my family and having a meal to celebrate.

*Isaac, Year 9*

We fill a basket with goodies including painted eggs, sweets, biscuits and anything else you want blessed e.g. jewellery, which we then get blessed at the church.

*Andreea, Post-16*

I choose to celebrate Easter by completing Easter egg hunts.

*Amisha, Year 8*

We can eat chocolate Easter eggs and pray faithfully at a catholic cathedral with my family.

*Cactus, Year 8*



# CULTURE

Our school is a colourful mix of cultures, showing the diversity in our community. We celebrated this with a Culture Day just before the Easter Holiday, ending the term with a big celebration.

After the success of past events and listening to our students, we were excited to have another Culture Day. On this day, students showed their identities by wearing clothes that represented their culture, religion, sports teams, groups (like Guides, Scouts, Cadets) or their school House colours.

It was amazing to see the creativity and excitement of our students as they celebrated diversity. Here are some pictures capturing the spirit of the day, showing the efforts made by our students to honour their unique backgrounds. Let's cherish and celebrate the rich mix of cultures that make our school community special!



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*To all of the students who celebrated their birthdays during the Spring Term or who will be celebrating in the Easter holidays. Happy birthday to all of you!*



Ibrahim, Kais, Khaled, Lily, Joe, Maryam, Ramsey, Jessica, Shaniya, Aniya, Ishwari, Dubem, Imi, Gurmukh, Kadir, Precious, Raghav, Joshua, Amelia, Olivia, Joshua, Hamda, Denniss, Jeremiah, Darren, Khurun, Brooke, Aaron, Joel, Saralkavin, Abia, Aymen, Dia, Willow, Jacob, Oliver, Lynn, Toby, Samuel, Tyrone, Hannah, Rosie, David, Jacob, Ark, Jayden, Elisa, Alarice, Scarlett, Yasar, Seb, Yussif, Saswin, Terry, Ling, Jonathan, Ethayaveni, Vika, Amreeta, Janice, Haneen, Ben, Milo, Daniel, Ada, Sara, Lemuel, Hattie, Myah, Keerut, Shlok Sagar, Brooklyn, Gyan Naveen, David, Lena, Tanya, Tabitha, Ara, Heliz, Jaden, Liliana and Jeshurun

Aya, Jean, Dare, Jack, Dammy, Ilham, Ronaldo, Ella, Elsa, Senaya, Liana, Ahmad, Mohammed, Aravind, Scarlett, Sameeha, Ayden, Caitlyn, Ivy, Sienna, Niamh, Adekanyinsola, Milena, Ruth, Nicole, Fahim, Yohannes, Demi, Ben, Elijah, Ibbi, Jamie, Ife, Felicity, Matthew, Danielle, Hope, Ava, Abdul, Dante, Tyresse, Ann-Diyana, Iman, Enya, Jacob, Ruby, Verity, Elijah, Orna, Yamoh, Namrath, Cactus, Emmanuel, Eldad, Briannah, Lex, Becky, Harpartap, Tamani, Amayah, Courtney, Samuel, Jana, Hebah, Humaid, Bailey, Rebecca, Jasleen, Charlotte, Rashid, Emilia, Maanvi, Harvey, Shaun, Abbey, Caleb, Hamudi, Karolina, Bailey, Sanjot, Daniel, Sara, Elisabeta, Frances, Emma and Sawshan



Ishan, Miracle, Ibrahim, Isaac, Miran, Noah, D'Abigale, Yusra, Ruby, Bob, Bianca, Nicola, Devesh, Michael, Leah, Sam, Joud, Erika, Tilly, Hamoud, Jack, Emmanuel, Sameer, Toby, Kristine, Nashe, Anesu, Elrod, Tikira, Burhan, Jenni, Callum, Vital, Keelan, Erin, Divine, Megan, Jeremiah, Sosun, Roxana, Luis, Kornelia, Franciszek, Jernail, Lena, Dawid, Halima, Munzr, Liliana, Abdilahi, Kaysan, Stevie, Ethayani, Enoch, Jeevan, Raghad, Rienna, Rabia, Thikas, Isaac, E J, Ciara, Sharan, Nathan, Awais, Kasey, Yanet, Rachit Jain, Nadia, Samuel, Dara, Elizabeth, Ibukun, Summah, Isabelle, Rebecca, Faizah, Maisy, Emmanuel Agbai, Dhanoj, Lucia, Harley, Alice, Daniella, Kyle, Jacob, Lancya, Oscar, Najib, Shalom, Humayraa, Smith, Clara, Alex, Kevin, Amy, Isabel and Niya

Philip, Maya, Kingsley, Aisha, Priscilla, Nadia, Obaayaa, Daniel, Kabir, Habebah, Julia, Isabella, Mbonwi, Richardson, Prince, Tamas, Keeley, Dillon, Ayaan, Isla, Sophie, Alicia, Simrut, Angela, Hattie, Amrita, Janelle, Salome, Ivan, Teni, Minal, Jacob, Keeyan, Dylan, Hayden, Ayomide, Basil, 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, Zoe, Farhan, Aaron, Jaya, Madalin, Natalina, Mihnea, Jaypreet, Cristabell, Saifullah, Spencer, Kendra, Ezra, Elison, Vinek, Jayveer, Sean, Keziah, Neecia and Mimi



Mohammad, Amena, Ahmad, Angel, Jade, Chiderah, Thomas, Jack, Manbir, Ghasan, Arbion, Anya, Aisha, Bartek, Ellie, Rosie, Joel, Jayson, Valerie, Aaron, Summer, Rina, Tahlia, Esha, Adarshini, Sophie, Ekkam, Denni, Maame, Alex, Muhammad, Humza, Eden, David, Harry, Cynthia, Jackson, Valyna, Alexis, Divine, Judah, Zohal, Nathan, Sahibjot, Daniel, Abner, Noureyn, Melissa, Cami, Charmaine, Shannon, George, Rebecca, Rae, Jessica, Emily, Lily, Stephen, Priya, Junaid, Jacob, Amelia, Natasha, Ermias, Ann Sarah, Sem, Anna, Zahrah, Kanimoly, Austin, Hubert, Nathanael, Ahmad, Alicia, Lea, Millie and Elijah



Summer, Tyler, Luna, Anna, Elia, Jasmine, Taran, Darcey, Ann, Thianna, Mateusz, Helen, Taylor, Andreea, Joseph, Oluwaseun, Lily-Ann, Anna, Farhan, Aysha, Amelia, Amelia, Ilerioluwa, Nathan, Simon, Ananthalakshmi, Jodie, Rut, Aimee, Adele, Aj, Rukiya, Yotam, Chris, Thea, Sam, Niamh, Omeed, Jakub, Nihal, Sanya, Lili, Menahel, Greg, Felicity, Joshua, Dora, Annelie, Ebony-Louise, Ralph, Peter and Azizat

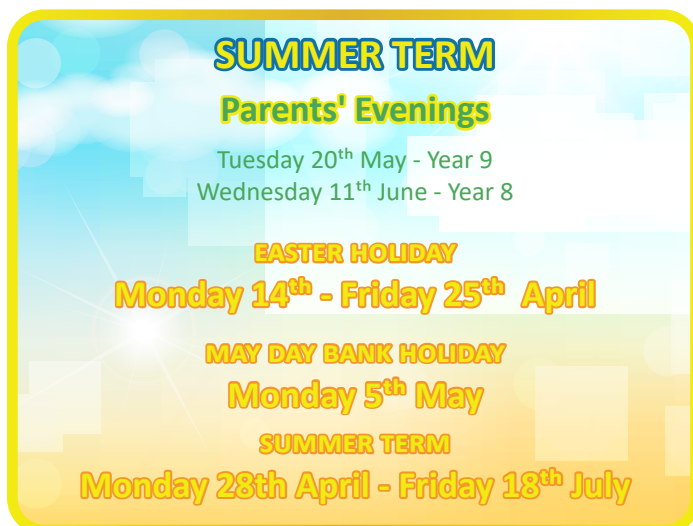


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Gabriel





## CALLING ALL PARENTS!

### *Volunteer for Year 10 Work Experience Day*

We are looking for enthusiastic parent volunteers to take part in our Year 10 Work Experience Day on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

This is a fantastic opportunity to support students in developing key skills for their future, showcase your industry and inspire the next generation.

By sharing your expertise, you can help encourage curiosity, identify future talent and give students a valuable insight into different career paths. Plus, it's a rewarding and enjoyable experience for everyone involved!

If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Mrs M Cheshire at [m.cheshire@bluecoatschool.com](mailto:m.cheshire@bluecoatschool.com).

Thank you for your support!



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

*Matthew 28:6*