

THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

HOUSE ACTIVITY DAYS BUILD TEAMWORK, LEADERSHIP AND HOUSE PRIDE

This week, every year group enjoyed an action-packed House Activity Day at Liverpool Cricket Club, taking part in a fantastic programme of physical and mental challenges designed to test teamwork, resilience and leadership. From assault courses and problem-solving tasks to team-building exercises and competitive challenges, students threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm, determination and an excellent sense of House spirit.

With valuable points on offer towards the coveted House of the Year Cup, competition was fierce throughout the week. Students worked together to overcome obstacles, think strategically under pressure and support one another to achieve success. While the desire to win was evident, the days also highlighted the importance of encouragement, perseverance and collaboration, with every participant making a positive contribution to their House.

The activity days form an important part of Blue Coat's wider commitment to enrichment, leadership and belonging. They provide every student with the opportunity to represent their House, develop confidence, step into leadership roles and strengthen relationships with their peers beyond the classroom. Whether leading a team through a challenge, motivating others to keep going or demonstrating resilience in difficult tasks, students embodied the qualities of courage, integrity and service that lie at the heart of our school community.

A huge thank you goes to our Heads of Year, Form Tutors and all members of staff whose planning, encouragement and support ensured the success of the week. We are also extremely grateful to The Military School, whose experienced instructors delivered engaging, challenging and enjoyable activities that inspired students to work together and achieve more than they thought possible. The House Activity Days were a wonderful celebration of teamwork, leadership and House pride, and we look forward to seeing how this week's results influence the race for the House of the Year Cup at the end of term.





WORLD CUP FEVER TAKES OVER BLUE COAT!



The excitement of the World Cup reached every corner of Blue Coat as tutor groups took part in our World Cup Form Room Decoration Competition. The creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm on display were truly outstanding, with classrooms transformed into colourful celebrations of nations from around the world. From handcrafted flags and football-themed displays to imaginative cultural decorations, every form made an incredible effort and embraced the spirit of the tournament.

The competition was judged by Mr Sexton and Mr Carney, who had the incredibly difficult task of selecting the winners from such a high standard of entries. After much deliberation, congratulations go to our winning forms:

Year 7: Curie

Year 8: Franklin

Year 9: Turing

Year 10: Franklin

Year 12: Tod

A huge thank you goes to every student and form tutor who took part. Your hard work, creativity and team spirit helped create a fantastic atmosphere across the school and demonstrated the sense of community that makes Blue Coat such a special place. Well done to all involved, and congratulations once again to our worthy winners!



AARAV SHINES AT EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Aarav on an exceptional performance at the European Triathle, Biathle and Laser Run Championships, held in the beautiful island of Madeira, Portugal.

Representing Great Britain against some of Europe's most talented young athletes, Aarav competed across four demanding events: the Individual Triathle, Mixed Gender Relay Triathle, Individual Laser Run and Mixed Gender Relay Laser Run. His hard work, determination and commitment paid off with an outstanding team gold medal in the Individual Laser Run, as well as a bronze medal in the Mixed Gender Relay Laser Run. Competing at this level requires months of dedicated training, resilience and the ability to perform under pressure, making these achievements even more impressive.



Aarav's success did not end there. His excellent performances throughout the championships have earned him qualification to represent Great Britain once again at the World Championships later this October. This is a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to his perseverance, sporting talent and commitment to excellence.

Everyone at school is incredibly proud of Aarav's achievements. He is a wonderful role model, demonstrating that dedication, hard work and a positive attitude can lead to extraordinary success. We wish him every luck as he prepares to compete on the world stage later this year and look forward to hearing about his continued success.



BLUE COAT GOLF DAY RAISES FUNDS FOR STUDENT ENRICHMENT

The Blue Coat Liverpool Golf Day, held on Friday 3rd July at the beautiful Woolton Golf Club, brought together staff, parents, alumni, governors, friends of the school and members of the local community for a fantastic day of sport, fellowship and fundraising. Played in excellent spirits, the event combined friendly competition with a shared commitment to supporting opportunities for our students beyond the classroom.

The Golf Day raised valuable funds for student enrichment activities, helping to ensure that all Blue Coat students can benefit from the wide range of educational visits, leadership programmes, cultural experiences and extracurricular opportunities that are such an important part of life at the school. Every team that entered, every sponsor and everyone who supported the event has made a meaningful contribution to enhancing the experiences we are able to offer our young people.

Beyond the fundraising, the day was a wonderful celebration of the Blue Coat community. It was fantastic to see so many members of our extended school family enjoying the opportunity to reconnect, forge new friendships and support the school's vision of providing exceptional opportunities for every student. The generosity shown by our sponsors and participants once again demonstrated the strength of the Blue Coat community and its continued commitment to investing in the future of our students.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Thomas and Mr Melia for the time, care and hard work involved in organising such a successful event. We are also extremely grateful to everyone who took part, our generous sponsors, Woolton Golf Club for hosting us, and all those who contributed in any way to making the day such a success. We look forward to building on this year's event and continuing to raise funds that will enrich the lives and experiences of Blue Coat students for years to come.



HOUSE MATHS RELAY COMPETITION BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN BLUE COAT



Competition, collaboration and mathematical thinking were on full display as students from every House took part in this year's **House Maths Relay Competition**. Teams of students from across different year groups worked together in a series of exciting relay-style challenges, racing against the clock to solve increasingly complex mathematical problems. Success depended not only on individual mathematical ability but also on teamwork, communication and strategic thinking, with every correct answer helping to secure valuable points towards the overall House Championship.

The competition showcased the exceptional mathematical talent that exists across Blue Coat. Students demonstrated resilience, logical reasoning and determination as they tackled a wide variety of challenges, from number puzzles and algebraic reasoning to problem-solving activities that required creativity and precision. The atmosphere throughout the event was one of friendly rivalry, with Houses cheering one another on and competitors encouraging their teammates to perform at their very best.

Events such as these highlight that mathematics extends far beyond the classroom. They provide students with opportunities to develop confidence, perseverance and collaborative skills while celebrating the enjoyment and excitement that mathematical problem-solving can bring. It was particularly encouraging to see students from different year groups working together, sharing ideas and supporting one another in pursuit of House success.

A huge thank you goes to the Mathematics Department for planning and delivering another outstanding event, and to our dedicated Maths Prefects, whose organisation, leadership and enthusiasm ensured the competition ran smoothly from start to finish. Their commitment created an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone involved.

Well done to all of the students who took part. Whether competing, supporting teammates or cheering on their House, everyone contributed to an event that celebrated the passion for mathematics that is such an important part of life at Blue Coat. We look forward to seeing which House will continue to build on this success as the race for the House Championship continues throughout the year.





SIXTH FORM STUDENTS INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION AT MOSSPITS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Twelve of our Year 12 students recently visited Mossfits Primary School to deliver an engaging workshop on Living in a Democracy. Working with primary pupils, our students explored how democracy shapes everyday life, why voting and representation matter, and the importance of respecting different opinions. Through a range of interactive activities and discussions, the pupils developed a greater understanding of how they can become active and responsible citizens within their own communities.

The visit provided an excellent opportunity for our Sixth Form students to develop their own leadership, communication and public speaking skills while acting as positive role models for younger learners. Planning and leading a workshop for primary-aged children required confidence, adaptability and teamwork, and our students rose to the challenge with enthusiasm and maturity. It was wonderful to see them sharing their knowledge and encouraging the next generation to engage with the principles of democracy in such an accessible and enjoyable way.

This workshop is another example of Blue Coat's growing commitment to outreach and partnership with local schools. By working closely with our primary partners, we are creating meaningful opportunities for our students to serve the wider community while developing the leadership skills that will support them beyond school. These experiences reflect our commitment to ensuring that leadership is not confined to the classroom but is demonstrated through service, collaboration and making a positive difference to others.

A huge thank you to Mrs Heery for organising and supporting the visit and to the twelve Year 12 students who represented Blue Coat with such professionalism, enthusiasm and pride. Their excellent work at Mossfits Primary School is a wonderful example of our school motto, Non Sibi Sed Omnibus – Not for oneself, but for all, in action.



BLUE COAT STUDENTS REACH THE NATIONAL CAREERS CHALLENGE GRAND FINAL



A team of Blue Coat students (Hana T, Shreya B, Krishank Y, Anisha A, Nieve C, and Sanjay P from Year 8) recently travelled to Telford to compete in the National Careers Challenge Grand Final, one of the UK's largest careers and enterprise events. Hosted by The Inspirational Learning Group, the prestigious competition brings together around 1,000 students from schools across the country to present innovative solutions to real-world challenges set by leading employers. Reaching the Grand Final is a fantastic achievement and reflects the creativity, teamwork and commitment shown by our students throughout the competition.

Unlike many academic competitions, the National Careers Challenge requires students to present their ideas without the use of presentation slides, placing the emphasis firmly on confident communication, collaboration and problem-solving. Throughout the event, our students demonstrated professionalism, resilience and the ability to think on their feet as they pitched their ideas directly to industry professionals. The experience gave them a valuable insight into the skills employers are looking for and the confidence to present their ideas in a high-pressure environment.

Taking part in the Grand Final was about far more than competition. Students had the opportunity to meet peers from across the country, engage with employers and develop the employability skills that will support them in higher education and their future careers. Experiences such as these reinforce Blue Coat's commitment to preparing students not only for academic success but also for life beyond school, equipping them with the confidence, leadership and communication skills needed to thrive in the modern workplace.

The team created an excellent presentation outlining their vision for a future airline and delivered it to the judges with confidence and enthusiasm. Their creativity, teamwork, and presentation skills impressed the judging panel, and their hard work paid off as they won the top prize: an exciting trip to Alton Towers.

A huge thank you goes to Ms Lewis from the Biology Department for organising and supporting the students throughout the competition. Her encouragement and commitment enabled our team to take full advantage of this excellent opportunity. We are incredibly proud of our finalists and congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.





YOUNG POETS TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT THE 'ALL EARS' POETRY EXPO

Ten students from Years 7 and 8 recently represented Blue Coat at the 'All Ears' Poetry Expo at the Exhibition Centre Liverpool, joining hundreds of young people from across the region to celebrate the power of poetry, creativity and spoken word. The event provided an exciting opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in a vibrant programme of performances, workshops and interactive activities led by acclaimed poets, writers and performers.

Throughout the day, students took part in inspiring creative writing workshops, listened to captivating live poetry performances and explored how spoken word can be used to express ideas, emotions and experiences. They experimented with different writing styles, developed their confidence in sharing their own work and discovered how poetry can give a voice to personal stories and social issues. Meeting professional poets and collaborating with students from other schools made for an inspiring and memorable experience.

The visit was a fantastic celebration of literacy, oracy and self-expression, reflecting Blue Coat's commitment to providing enriching opportunities beyond the classroom. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, creativity and maturity shown by our students, who represented the school brilliantly throughout the day. A special thank you goes to Mrs Conway for organising and accompanying the visit, giving our students the opportunity to experience such an inspiring celebration of poetry and the spoken word. We look forward to seeing the confidence and creativity gained from the event reflected in future performances and writing back at Blue Coat.



YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHERS EXPLORE THE LAKE DISTRICT



Our Year 12 Geography students recently travelled to Grasmere in the Lake District to undertake fieldwork as part of their A Level studies. Set within one of the UK's most iconic landscapes, the visit provided students with the opportunity to investigate physical geography in a real-world environment while developing the practical skills needed for their Non-Examination Assessment (NEA) and future geographical investigations.

Throughout the day, students collected and analysed primary data using a range of geographical fieldwork techniques. They practised key investigative skills, including sampling, environmental observations, data collection and recording, while considering the strengths and limitations of different research methods. The experience helped students understand the importance of designing robust investigations and evaluating the reliability and validity of the evidence they collect.

Alongside the physical geography fieldwork, students explored the impact of tourism on the Lake District National Park. They examined how this world-famous destination balances the demands of millions of visitors each year with the need to protect its unique landscapes, ecosystems and local communities. Through first-hand observation and data collection, students considered both the economic benefits and environmental challenges associated with tourism, applying the geographical concepts they have studied in the classroom to a real-life setting.

Fieldwork is an essential part of A Level Geography, allowing students to develop critical thinking, analytical skills and independence while experiencing geography beyond the classroom. Well done to all of our Year 12 geographers for their enthusiasm, professionalism and excellent engagement throughout the visit, and thank you to the Geography Department for organising another valuable learning experience that brought their studies to life.





SUPPORTING OUR OXFORD APPLICANTS

As part of our commitment to supporting students in securing places at the country's most competitive universities, staff have been making use of an excellent admissions resource published annually by the University of Oxford. The resource provides valuable insight into how applications are assessed across every subject, offering detailed feedback on the admissions process at both college and university level.

One of the most useful features is the subject-specific guidance on admissions interviews. For many courses, applicants can view examples of the types of questions and tasks used during interviews, helping students to understand what tutors are looking for and how they can best prepare. Although each subject guide is concise, the advice provides an invaluable starting point for students applying to Oxford and other highly competitive universities.



At Blue Coat, we are committed to ensuring that every student with the ambition and potential to apply to leading universities receives the highest quality support. Resources such as these complement our programme of academic mentoring, interview preparation and university guidance, helping students to develop the confidence and critical thinking skills needed to succeed. Staff are encouraged to explore the subject guides and share their insights, ensuring that our applicants continue to benefit from the very best preparation for their future aspirations.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS COMPLETE GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD ASSESSED EXPEDITION

Congratulations to our Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants, who recently completed their Gold Assessed Expedition in the stunning South Lakes. Over several days, students navigated challenging routes through the Lake District, carrying all of their own equipment and working together to complete the expedition independently. The experience tested not only their physical endurance but also their resilience, organisation and determination in a demanding outdoor environment.

The expedition required students to apply the skills they have developed throughout their Gold Award journey. Using maps and compasses to navigate unfamiliar terrain, managing campsites, preparing meals and making decisions as a team, they demonstrated excellent leadership, communication and problem-solving throughout the assessment. Despite the challenges of long distances, changing weather and difficult terrain, the groups showed remarkable perseverance, supporting one another and maintaining a positive attitude from start to finish.

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award is widely recognised as one of the UK's most prestigious youth achievement programmes, encouraging young people to develop confidence, independence and resilience while preparing them for future education, employment and life beyond school. Completing the assessed expedition is a significant milestone, and our students should be incredibly proud of the commitment, teamwork and maturity they displayed throughout the experience.

Well done to every student who took part for representing Blue Coat with such enthusiasm and determination. Thank you also to the staff who gave their time to support the expedition and ensure it was both a safe and rewarding experience. We wish our Year 12 students every success as they complete the remaining sections of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award and move one step closer to achieving this outstanding accolade.



SPORTS REPORT

Blue Coat students have continued to achieve outstanding success in both cricket and handball, with teams competing at the very highest level of school sport.

Cricket

Our Year 12 Cricket Team secured an impressive victory over Canon Slade School in the Lancashire State Cup, earning their place in the quarter-finals of the competition. The team produced an excellent all-round performance, demonstrating skill, composure and determination to overcome strong opposition. Congratulations to the players and coaching staff on another fantastic achievement, and we wish the team every success as they continue their cup campaign.

Handball

Meanwhile, our Handball teams have enjoyed exceptional success on the national stage. The Under-13 team won every one of their group matches before narrowly missing out in the quarter-finals, finishing as the 8th best school team in the country. The Under-15 team battled hard throughout the tournament, finishing third in their group before winning all of their play-off fixtures to secure an outstanding 9th place nationally. To finish among the top ten schools in England is a remarkable accomplishment and reflects the hard work, commitment and talent of our players throughout the season.

Congratulations to all of our students who represented Blue Coat with such pride, sportsmanship and determination. These achievements are a testament to the dedication of our players, coaches and PE staff, whose commitment continues to provide students with opportunities to compete and succeed at the highest levels of school sport.



KEY DATES

Date	Event
Saturday 4th July 2026 - Tuesday 7th July 2026	Y12 DofE Gold assessed expedition
Tuesday 7th July 2026	Y7 & Y12 school performance at The Everyman Theatre
Wednesday 8th July 2026	Summer Concert
Friday 10th July 2026	Y7 trip to West Kirby
Sunday 12th July 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026	Spanish trip to Salou/Barcelona
Monday 13th July 2026 – Thursday 16th July 2026	Y12 Geography trip to Freiburg
Friday 17th July 2026	Term Ends



ETHAN (9RO)



YADIAIL (7FR)



POPPY (8TO)



YADIAIL (7FR)



HANNAH (8TO)



JEDIDIAH (10SE)



SUPPORT THE EXPERIENCES THAT HELP SHAPE STUDENTS

From clubs and competitions to creative projects and performances, our students gain so much from extracurricular opportunities, and your support keeps them going.

A contribution of just £10 per term (£30 per year) per student makes a real difference. Plus, every £10 donation earns a chance to win £50 in our monthly raffle!

See Parentmail for payment details and give today, together we can keep our enrichment programme rich, varied, and open to all.



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Chemistry teacher, Mrs Burns

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!

We're inviting alumni, families, and friends to leave a lasting (and rather stylish) mark by sponsoring a personalised plaque on one of our chapel pews. For just £100, you can dedicate a plaque in your own name, your family's name, or in memory of someone special—creating a small but meaningful legacy that will be seen by generations to come.

Feeling sociable? You can even team up with friends—up to seven names can share a bench—making it a wonderful way to celebrate friendships as well as memories.

It's a lovely way to honour your connection to the school, support our beautiful chapel, and secure your place as part of its story!



Email: foundation@bluecoatschool.org.uk for more information



Top Tips for Adopting SAFE & HEALTHY ONLINE HABITS

Everyone has so much going on in their lives, and that includes children: from exams and deadlines to anxiety and mental health struggles. It's quite easy to send memes, make jokes and vent online about the things that irritate us, but when was the last time you – or your child – took a moment to share something kind or positive instead? In fact, when did you last stop and think about your family's online activities? To help keep them safe and teach them healthy online habits, we need to develop our children's digital resilience. There are lots of ways that children can become more digitally resilient, and we've pulled together some popular strategies here...

WHAT IS DIGITAL RESILIENCE?



Resilience doesn't mean being so tough that nothing gets to you, and it's not about "putting up with things" either. Instead, it's the ability to recover from setbacks. Everyone feels sad, worried, scared or upset at times: it's how we respond and adapt to those situations which is important. Digital resilience is about making choices that keep us safe and happy online, even when we're exposed to something negative or upsetting. Building your child's digital resilience will help reduce the impact of potential risks as they engage with and navigate around the online world.

MAKE POSITIVE LIFESTYLE CHOICES



- ✓ Make time for the people and things that make you happy.
- ✓ Monitor your screen time and stick to your limits.
- ✓ On social media, follow people that make you feel good about yourself – and unfollow the ones who don't.
- ✓ Spread some positivity: post good reviews, leave encouraging comments and share good news.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH IN MIND



- ✓ Try to factor in regular breaks offline and away from your screen – ideally, outdoors for some revitalising fresh air.
- ✓ Exercise is a brilliant stress-buster: even a walk around the block, a bike ride or a stroll to your local shop can really work wonders.
- ✓ Be strict with yourself about putting devices away in plenty of time before bed: they can interfere with a good night's sleep, which is essential for staying healthy.

REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT



- ✓ If you have a problem online, don't be afraid reach out to specialist people or organisations that could help.
- ✓ Follow people on socials who have the same values and morals as you.
- ✓ You could always talk to a friend, or a trusted adult like a teacher or family member for some advice.

PUT SAFETY FIRST



- ✓ If you see something online that upsets or worries you, tell a trusted adult about it as soon as possible.
- ✓ You could also report the content that's making you feel uncomfortable to the site or app that you saw it on, so they can look into it.
- ✓ Another option is to block the person or the account that's causing you a problem – or you could go one step further by totally deleting the app you were using.

GET THINGS CLEAR IN YOUR HEAD



- ✓ Ask yourself what kindness online actually looks like. Can you remember the last time someone was kind or supportive towards you online? What did they do?
- ✓ Think about how it makes you feel when someone sends you a positive or funny message online.
- ✓ What about the opposite: has someone ever been deliberately unkind to you online? What did they do and how did it make you feel?
- ✓ If someone's behaviour online is causing you stress, try to remind yourself of all the steps you can take if a person's being unkind online.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a registered counsellor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, working in private practice to offer counselling to children, teenagers and young adults. She is the founder of Ingage Support, a mobile app focusing on mental health awareness with the goal of providing resources and solutions to schools worldwide.



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