

The Blue Coat School: Giving Update, April 2019

THANK YOU for your support

The impact of our School community's generosity continues to be felt across all three Key Stages, both inside and outside of the classroom. Gifts of all sizes help us to create and deliver the best opportunities and experiences designed to enhance Blue Coat School life. We are pleased to work closely with the Parents' Association, and regularly co-fund projects to achieve maximum impact for our students. Here is a small snapshot of some of the projects we've funded recently.

YEAR 8 ACTIVITY DAY

An activity day designed to **improve our Year 8 students' interpersonal skills and confidence** in working with new people, in a competitive and fun way, will take place in July. Funded by the Development Fund and PA, the day will also seek to help our Year 8 students establish new friendships outside of their Blue Coat House as they prepare to join Key Stage 4.



PROJECT REVISITED - FITNESS ROOM

Thanks to support from the Development Fund the quality and range of fitness equipment available to students seeking to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle has notably improved. Students now have access to **4 additional spin bikes, a new running machine and a smith weights machine.**

Reflecting on the recent investment Head of PE Mr Phelan said, *"not all students enjoy competitive sport and by having the ability to offer an alternative, that provides students with independence and responsibility to work on their own goals, is fantastic."*

For Year 12 student James the fitness room is becoming *"an increasingly popular space for friends to unwind after a challenging day. The upgrade in facilities has allowed me to adapt and develop my own work out programme and the mental and physical benefits are extremely positive."*

PROJECT REVISITED - BRASS BAND SUCCESS

Last month our **23 strong brass ensemble** entered the Wirral Festival of Music and Drama, in the secondary school ensemble class. **Our talented band put in an excellent performance and they were awarded a distinction** by the adjudicator who praised their excellent balance, strong, warm tone and bold playing.

Representing The Blue Coat School for the first time was Year 7 student and trumpet player Alexandra; *"It was a great experience and a valuable opportunity to develop collectively as a band and individually. I really enjoy being a part of the band and it has been a great way to meet new people. A lot of attention is focused on music exams, taking part in the festival was a great alternative and my confidence has definitely improved!"*

Access to this festival was made possible thanks to support from the PA and Development Fund.



ENGLISH LITERATURE WORKSHOP

During the Easter break our **Year 11 students** will have a valuable opportunity to work with a senior GCSE English Literature examiner, thanks to support from the Development Fund. This focused revision session will **develop and enhance our students' knowledge and understanding of set texts.** In addition to this resources and guidance outlining what is required to achieve the top grades will be shared.



BLUE COAT FOR ALL - PIPE UP

We are very pleased to report that our new Pipe Up campaign to raise money to fund our new Blue Coat Organ Scholarship has so far reached £10,000. Our grateful thanks to those who have sponsored some of the 1,224 pipes of our historic Father Willis organ.

Plans for our **Community Choir** are also moving ahead with the appointment of choir leader Dr Chris McElroy, Director of Music at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, and an Old Blue. If you are interested in joining our Community Choir please contact Peter Elson at p.elson@bluecoatschool.org.uk

You can support **PIPE UP** online at www.bluecoatschoolliverpool.org.uk/pipeup