

Headteacher update:

I hope that you and your families are well and have had a good week.

- This has been a slightly calmer week in terms of government, DfE and LCC announcements! It has given us the chance to consider our next steps and to ensure that we are supporting our home learning provision as best we can.
- At the same time, we are still planning in the background for the opportunity of providing our Y10 and Y12 students with some face to face support from their teachers. We will keep you updated.
- Ms Holland (Assistant Headteacher) has been providing webinars this week with Y12 and Y13 students in support of their CIAG and next steps. It has been good to see so many students join the online meetings for guidance and reassurance from Ms Holland and form tutors.
- So, we have reached half term and a bank holiday. Blue Coat will be open Tuesday to Friday for students of key worker parents and a few others. We have a team of teachers who have volunteered to come into school to ensure this provision can continue.
- We expect our students to have a good break (including those in school as much as they can!) from intense study and take time to recharge and hopefully enjoy the sun.

It is incredible to note that we have hit the milestone of the May half term break with home learning still the norm and schools up and down the country not able to run as proper schools. I, along with many, am eagerly awaiting the day when all students and staff return to school and we are a full school community, together again. I am completely aware however, that this is a long way off.

So, whilst we wait for that time, senior leaders remain strongly committed to leading and supporting all members of our community in whatever way we can, conscious of the demands, challenges and anxieties these conditions bring.

As usual, please do get in touch with us with any concerns or queries you may have.

May I wish you and your families a restful half term.

Deputy Headteachers' update:

Teaching and Learning Update

Next week will be our half-term and naturally the students would and should get a rest from the academic rigour and have the opportunity to relax. This is something that as staff we think is very important for our students, as often in the quiet times, it gives all of us the opportunity to reflect and consider what should be done next.

I would urge students to consider and reflect what they have been able to accomplish so far, and what it is that they still feel that they must achieve after half term. In some cases, a reflection could mean that there is a need to possibly organise and consolidate what has been done, whilst with others they might need to pick it up a little!

As with anything that we build, the foundations are not always the most glamorous of tasks, but they are essential to ensure that what is laid down on top, has a solid surface upon which it will sit. Therefore, we would urge all students to consider this period as a time of 'foundation setting', understanding that the work done now will be of great benefit to their journey later on.

Remote learning work can be accessed on the school's website next week via <https://www.bluecoatschoolliverpool.org.uk/school-life-2/information-for-parents/> in preparation for week commencing 1st and 8th June.

Have a good half-term, have fun, and stay safe.

Deputy Headteachers' update:

Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

- This week has been Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme for this year is Kindness. This is an incredibly fitting choice for this year due to the ongoing challenges and anxieties that we are all facing during the pandemic. The students have been encouraged to take part in the '7 Acts of Kindness' challenge, which has included self-kindness and have been provided with links to access a range of resources to support this.
- With many students unlikely to return to school before September, the Key Stage Leaders are working hard to offer opportunities for students to take part in activities outside of their academic studies. It has been pleasing to see many students getting involved in challenges, competitions and even contributing to a welcome video for our new Year 7 cohort. Please encourage your children to check their emails and the school's social media pages for updates on the latest events.
- Although school is closed to the majority of students, we continue to remain open for the children of key workers and vulnerable students. If either of these criteria apply to your child and you have not accessed our school provision but would like to, please contact the school office (office@bluecoatschool.org.uk) and we can organise this for you.