



# THE MESSENGER



Issue 2

## Exam Students

You may have seen on the news a lot has changed very quickly in the last few days, however it would now seem that we have some clarity when it comes to examinations this year.

January examinations at Blue Coat, due to take place were vocational and functional skills. The government advice is "Schools and colleges can continue with the vocational and technical exams that are due to take place in January, where they judge right to do so". It was decided that in the interests of keeping students and their families safe in the current situation that we would not be running these exams. It has also been decided that current mock examinations will not be held. It was confirmed by the secretary of state that they will not be asking students to sit SATs, GCSEs and A and AS Level exams this summer. Grades will be based on evidence of work produced by students including the work completed now and when they return to school. There has been no communication regarding vocational and functional examinations over the summer, however once this is communicated it will be shared.

## Smith's Myths

True or False?

Jupiter is the fifth planet from the sun.

New York is the capital of America.

Flamingos can fly.

A Violin has 3 strings.

Answers on next page

### Upcoming Dates

**Thursday 28th January**

Year 9 Parents Evening & Options Event  
(Virtual)

**Friday 29th January**

UCAS Deadline for Applications



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year to you all.

Unfortunately it has not been the start to the term we were all hoping for, however we continue to adapt to the changes.

We know the pupils of Blue Coat CE Academy will continue to adapt to the situation and we have been impressed by how well engaged the pupils have been through out remote learning.

We hope it is not too long until we can welcome all pupils back into the classroom.

We pray 2021 will be a year of hope and prosperity, with pupils back in classrooms and family and friends reunited. But until then please keep safe.

Kind Regards,

Mr Smith, Principal

## Food Bank Donations

A heartfelt thank you to all parents/carers, pupils and staff who kindly made donations to our annual food bank donation.

On Wednesday 16th December Black Country Food Bank collected all of the donations and just about fitted it all in their van.

A huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Homer for organising the donations and collection.





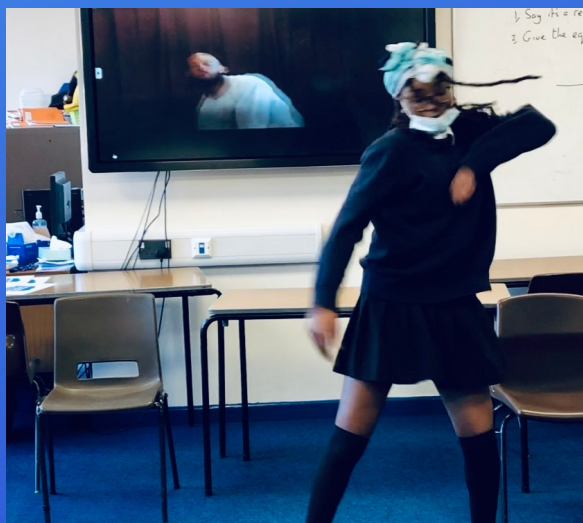
# Year 10 BTEC Performing Arts

Check out our Year 10 BTEC Performing Arts class performing and rehearsing professional theatre works in December!



Rehearsing 'Revolting Children' from the musical Matilda

Learning an extract from 'Into the Hoods' from the professional British hip hop dance company ZooNation, with one of their professional dancers online



## Prayer Corner

God of new beginnings,

As we walk into a new school year and a new school term,  
We face the future not quite knowing what the days will bring,

Be with us on our journey,

May we welcome all who come our way,

Deepen our faith to see all life through your eyes,

Fill us with hope for the future and an abiding trust that you are with us,

God of our past, present and future,

We praise you.

Amen

# Testing Begins

For now our school community has been asked to stay home and stay safe as the new variant of the virus has seen increasing numbers but work is continuing behind the scenes to ensure our school is as safe as possible when we can return.

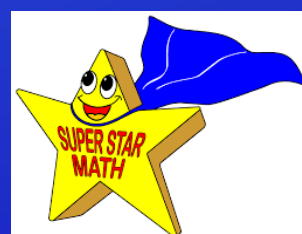
We have prepared the site and staff have undergone training ready to deliver the mass testing programme within school.

We hope this programme will put us all on the road out of the pandemic.



## Star Mathematicians

Well done to our 'Mathematicians of the Week' from Term 1 who have each received a £5 Love2shop voucher from the Maths Department! Congratulations Oscar, Opeyimi, Delair, Alessia, Chevell, Dennis, Alishba, Zoe, Ikhlalas, Hollie, Tayyibah, Aleena, Mohammed and Raj. Keep up the good work!





# Trashion Project

In December Year 9 textiles carried out a "Trashion" project. How amazing are their garments made out of recycled materials? Why not give this a try at home and see what you can make using recycled materials.

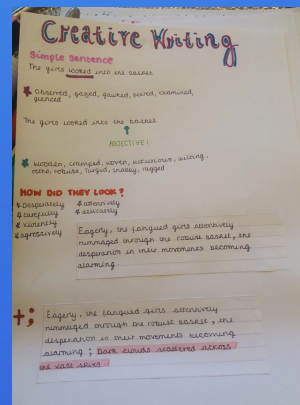
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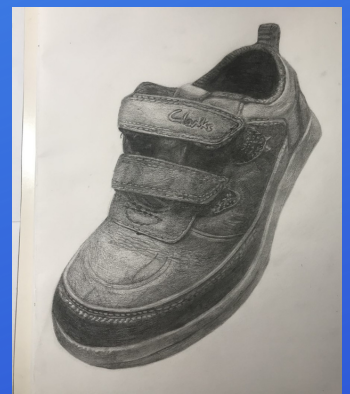
Trashion project garments by Year 9

Every day may not be good but there is good in everyday

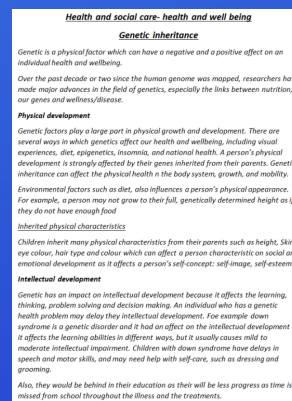
There has been immense planning and hard work put in by staff to achieve a good platform for home learning. As a school we are extremely proud of our pupils for adapting to remote learning and continuing to flourish. We have received some amazing work already and it certainly puts a smile on our faces during these uncertain times. Keep up the good work! To send in your pictures please use your school email address and send to your subject teacher.



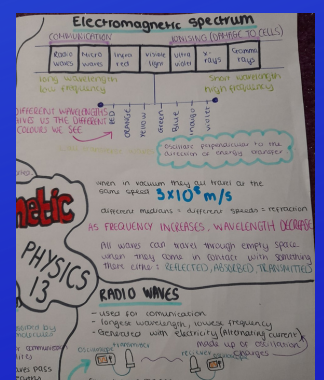
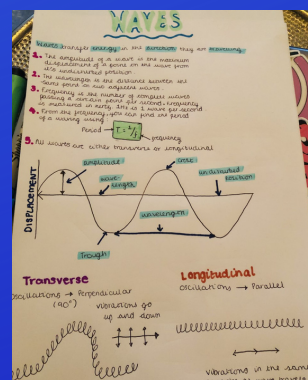
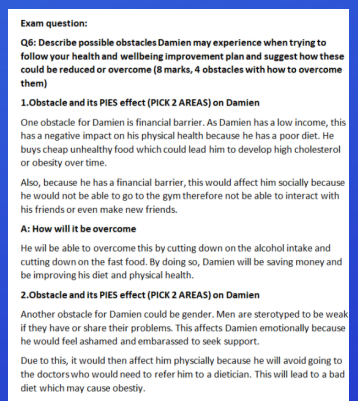
Year 11-English



Year 10- Art



Year 11- Health & Social



Year 11- Physics