

# THE MESSENGER



Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach Easter it is wonderful to be able to reflect on a very busy term and to take a few moments to pause to recognise some of the amazing things which have been going on in school over the last few months.

It is humbling to be able to reflect on the wide range of activities which have been going on in school including the Blue Coat Festival, Eid celebrations, the visit of former student and Walsall FC footballer, Jamille Matt, sporting successes and a range of enrichment activities.

Next term is a very busy one as the external examination season begins. We wish all of the students taking examinations this summer well and hope that their hard work and dedication pays off. While talking to students recently, I have tried to emphasise the importance of getting the basics right – eating a balanced diet, drinking plenty of water, sleeping well and exercising regularly to compliment all of the work which goes into exam preparation and revision. The exam season is an increasingly long one and a true test of endurance for the students.

I am grateful to all of those parents and carers who continue to support the work of our school. We are committed to continuing to improve and develop a school environment which challenges students but provides a safe and healthy environment where young people flourish. Easter is a very special time in the Christian calendar, a time to pause and reflect. I do hope that it will prove to be a restful break where everyone can recharge in preparation for next term.

Mr D Smith, Principal

## PRAYER CORNER

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we are filled with hope.

The empty tomb reminds us that no situation is beyond Your power and that new life is possible through Christ.

In times of despair, help us to hold on to the hope that Easter brings.

Renew our spirit and fill us with confidence in Your promises.

Amen

## SAVE THE DATE

- Friday 11th April - Last day of term (phased dismissal from 12pm)
- Monday 28th April - Start of Summer Term & Year 12 mock exams, GCSE & A-Level exams start
- Monday 5th May - May Day Bank Holiday, Academy is closed
- Friday 23rd May - Last day of term
- Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May - Half-term break, Academy is closed

## Word Jumble

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# Spring Term Highlights

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2025

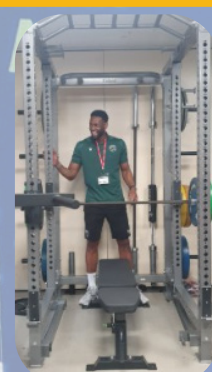
## Eid Celebration Day

Tuesday 1st April 2025

- different faiths
- different cultures
- different clothes
- one school community coming together



Blue  
Coat  
Academy



## Blue Coat Festival

The Blue Coat Federation in partnership with St Matthews Church celebrated 60 years since the schools moved to their new sites.

## Day after Eid

Eid Celebration Day saw the whole school come together to celebrate all the different faiths & cultures we share.

## Jamille Matt

Former pupil & Walsall FC Captain and striker visited Sixth Form pupils to train and deliver a Q&A session.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

THURSDAY 3RD & FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

JOIN US

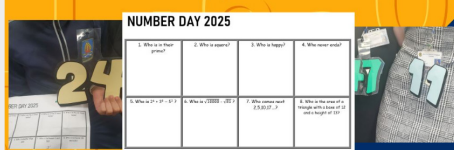
EVERY BOOK PURCHASED EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL



OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY- VISIT WITH YOUR CLASS OR AT BREAKTIMES & LUNCHTIME



## Number Day 2025 was held on 07/02/25



The winners have been notified. Certificates & prizes awarded. We raised £35.98 for the NSPCC. Well done to all involved!

## Sixth formers vs Staff charity cricket match



12.02.25

Raising funds for  
Camps International  
trip to Cambodia

£76.20 collected

Thank you to everyone  
for your support & generosity

## PREPARE YOURSELF FOR EXAM SEASON

Wednesday 26th March,  
3.30pm start

approx. 1 hour session

Walsall Community Health Team will be hosting a session on supporting parents/carers through managing revision & exam stress



# PUPIL PROGRESS

PASSION, PURPOSE, POSITIVITY = PROGRESS

## ART

Gianna YR7  
Daniel YR7  
Luisa YR8  
Zaina YR8  
Sakina YR9  
Evie-May YR9

## DRAMA

Victoria YR7  
Dani YR7  
La'Shayla YR8  
Zachary YR8  
Maria YR9  
Minnie-Mae YR9

## DT

Zulkifl YR7  
Lily-Jess YR7  
Sirat YR8  
Isabelle YR8  
Ammar YR9  
Destiny YR9

## ENGLISH

Mudasir YR7  
Marwa YR7  
Thelma YR8  
Tamana YR8  
Remi YR9  
Dayaan YR9

## ESOL

Arena YR9  
Rozina YR9

## FRENCH

Darasimi YR7  
Mehjabeen YR7  
Muhammad YR8  
Abdul YR8  
Destiny YR9  
Hajara YR9

## GEOGRAPHY

Haya YR7  
Mqhele YR7  
Usmaan YR8  
Blessing YR8  
Beau YR9  
Amelia YR9

## HISTORY

Stefania YR7  
Favour YR7  
Japneet YR8  
Usmaan YR8  
Oktawia YR9  
Zain YR9

## MATHS

Muhammed YR7  
Zulkifl YR7  
Zachary YR8  
Ayaan YR8  
Abdullah YR9  
Dawood YR9

## MUSIC

Maryam YR7  
Marissa YR7  
Noe YR8  
Abeeha YR8  
Ksymena YR9  
Denis YR9



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## PE

Haadiyah YR7  
Jamil YR7  
Sofia YR8  
Aayan YR8  
Faheemah YR9  
Milan YR9

## RE

Amari YR7  
Haya YR7  
Tamana YR8  
Daniel YR8  
Joseph YR9  
Francis YR9

## SCIENCE

Eesa YR7  
Faith YR7  
David YR8  
Mya YR8  
Zain YR9  
Beau YR9



KS4 recipients will be announced after their assembly which is delayed due to mock examinations.

## 1 MILLION WORDS

Yunus YR7  
Zulkifl YR7

## BEST CONDUCT

Zulkifl YR7  
Mya Devi YR8

## HIGHEST ATTAINER

Darasimi YR7  
Sofia YR8  
Destiny YR9

## MOST IMPROVED CONDUCT

Mqhele YR7  
Umar YR8  
Nicole YR9

## MOST IMPROVED STUDENT

Minnie-Mae YR9

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Semi YR7  
Victoria YR7  
Mya YR8  
Olly YR8  
Bilal YR9  
Alyesha YR9

## MOST PROGRESS

Dani YR7  
Raheema YR8  
Simbarashe YR9

## PROGRESS LEADER AWARD

Darasimi YR7  
Zulkifl YR7  
Raheema YR8  
Destiny YR9



# Sixth Form Highlights

## First Aid success is a first for Sixth Formers



## Farmyard fun as Year 13

### Media Studies students

start filming



## Sixth former's visit to the Mayor's Parlour



Toured:

- ✦ The Town Hall
- ✦ Mayor's Parlour
- ✦ Council Rooms

## SIXTH FORM FUTURES WEEK

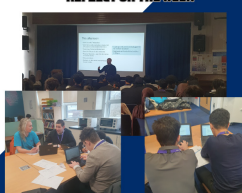
WEDNESDAY-  
@DMULEICESTER



THURSDAY-  
CREATING/UPDATING  
PERSONAL STATEMENTS



FRIDAY  
CV MASTERCASSES &  
REFLECT ON THE WEEK



## Sixth Form Go Ape

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

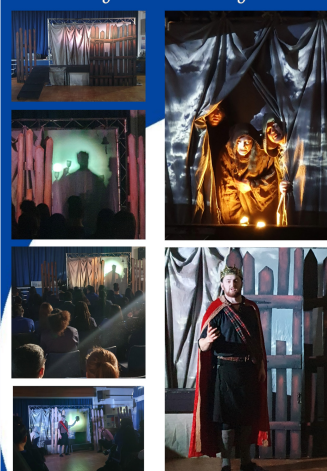


## Walsall FC's Jamille Matt back at Blue Coat Academy



# Workshops & visits KS3 & KS4

## "Something wicked this way comes..."



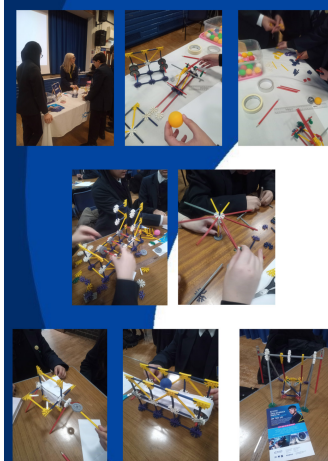
Theatre performance of Macbeth for Year 10



## Anne Frank Trust YOUTH CONFERENCE

"I will make my voice  
heard, I will go out  
into the world and  
work for humankind!"  
11th April 1944

## Year 9 STEM workshop @incomm\_training



## Future Engineers Session from P.O Grandison & Mckenzie





# Staying well during revision and exams



We asked young people to give us some wellbeing advice for exam time and this is what they told us:

1. Always take a moment just to breathe, whether in the exam, before or after.
2. Remember that school does offer support, just reach out and ask!
3. Keep your work balanced. Spend time revising, but socialise and relax too.
4. Keep a self-care routine so that your revision is the most productive it can be whilst you feel as good as possible.
5. Break up revision with food and exercise to make sure you stay energised.
6. Remember that results do not define you.
7. Find a revision space and style that works for you: silence, background chatter, music with or without lyrics.
8. Work to your own pace – everyone is different in how they work.
9. If you feel nervous about the time pressure of an exam, practice timing yourself when you revise, or try some test papers.
10. Plan in some treats to reward yourself, and celebrate when it's all over!



# Easter Services at St Matthew's Church

## Palm Sunday

**Sunday 13th April**

**8:45am Parish Communion**

**10:45am Morning Praise**

**6:30pm The Evening Service**

## Maundy Thursday

**Thursday 17th April**

**7pm Holy Communion**

## Good Friday

**Friday 18th April**

**10:00am Walk of Witness (Town Centre)**

**12pm – 3pm Church open for private prayer and  
reflection at the cross**

**7pm Good Friday Service**

## Holy Saturday

**Saturday 19th April**

**4.00p.m. 48 Hours in Jerusalem (St. Gabriel's Church,  
Walsall)**

**A new, original production, stepping into the lives of  
Jesus' followers as they face life without their Master.**

## Easter Sunday

**Sunday 20th April**

**8:45am Parish Communion**

**10:45am All Age Easter Celebration**

**1.00p.m. Asian Congregation**





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