

THE MESSENGER

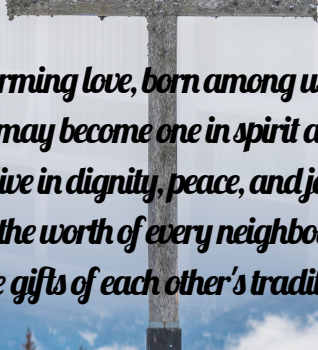


Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the end of another term, it is wonderful to be able to share some of the amazing opportunities which our students have been involved in over the course of this term. It is quite amazing to see the range of experiences which are made available to students which reflect the hard work and dedication of our staff to go above and beyond for our young people. I am delighted that we can continue to work with a range of partners and different organisations to promote awareness, develop understanding and celebrate the skills and talents of our students. It is always lovely to hear that visitors comment on how much they have enjoyed working with the young people at Blue Coat. I sincerely hope that the coming Christmas season will provide an opportunity for rest and restoration for everyone in our school community.

Mr D Smith, Principal

PRAYER CORNER



*Loving God, this Christmas season,
we remember the wondrous gift of Your transforming love, born among us in humility and hope.
Unite our hearts across our differences, that we may become one in spirit and purpose.
Kindle in us a passion for justice, that all might live in dignity, peace, and joy.
Help us to restore hope and honour, celebrating the worth of every neighbour as we receive the light of Christ.
Teach us to work together, gratefully receive the gifts of each other's traditions, and generously share Your love and joy with the world.*

SAVE THE DATE

- Friday 19th December 2025, last day of term. Term ends for all pupils, start of the winter break.
- Christmas break: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026.
- Monday 5th January 2026. Start of Spring term, all students due back at school.
- Friday 13th February 2026 last day of Spring half-term.

Word Jumble

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Autumn Term Highlights



Once Upon a Christmas Concert

Our students who have vocal lessons and are in our school choir performed at Walsall Arena. They were part of a 200-strong choir performing 10 songs telling different stories of Christmas.

UK Parliament Week 2025

Year Leads visited Walsall Council Chamber to learn more about the UK's democratic system. Whilst in school pupils took part in debates, interviews and voting.

Annual OAP Party

Thank you to our guests who braved the winter weather to join us in a festive evening of good food, good company and a few games and performances.



Mr Smith wins Sports Champion of the year from Walsall Football Club

A well deserved award for Mr Smith's dedication and continued partnership with Walsall FC.

Blue Coat have engaged with a number of programmes over recent years, including Assist 2 Achieve and Post 16 Football and Education. Well done Mr Smith and congratulations!

BCA hosts local employers

National Highways, Keepmoat and Core Attack Fitness Club joined us for Christmas Coffee Morning

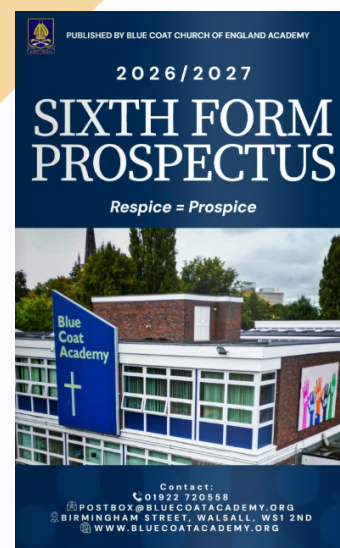
Forge relationships | Strengthen connections | Create opportunities



Local employers invited to a Christmas Coffee Morning

An event designed to strengthen connections with local businesses and the wider community, creating opportunities that could benefit our pupils. We are thrilled to share that, as a result of this initiative, we have already secured several work experience placements—making the morning a great success!

Sixth Form Highlights



Sixth Form Enrichment Trip
London and The Lion King



A-Level Geography Field Trip
in Talacre and Rhyl (North Wales)



Blue Coat Church of England Academy



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Applications for
September 2026
are now live on the
school website.

Sports Highlights

YEAR 10 LEAGUE OPENER OCTOBER 2025 MATCH REPORT

An outstanding start to the season for Blue Coat Academy's Year 10 team as they cruised to a dominant 5-0 victory over St Francis in their opening league fixture.

WINNERS!



Thursday 27th November 2025



KS3 football squad
triumphant at the
AVFC SEN Tournament



Get involved *Stay Healthy, Keep Safe*

WALSALL GIRLS' SQUAD NEEDS YOU

If you are in **YEAR 7 to YEAR 10**, there has never been a better time to join our growing cricket squad! Our coaching program runs for all junior ages and abilities. You can come and just play for fun, but we also have opportunities to join our u11, u13 and u15 girls only teams to play in the winter and summer leagues.

We are currently looking for girls to join us in our indoor **WINTER COACHING** sessions. Come along and have fun and make new friends at the same time!

For year 7 girls beginners, we can offer the first 6 sessions completely **FREE**, and a complimentary personalised T-shirt!

COME AND JOIN US

- No kit necessary
- Beginners welcome
- ECB qualified female coach

Important Info!

- Our winter girls coaching is on Tuesday evenings 6:00 - 7:30pm (except in Summer)
- Normally £5 to £8 per session
- ***Dynamics funded sessions - limited free spaces for year 7 beginners only

Interested?

For more information, please e-mail Monica at walsallccwomensgirls@outlook.com or call/message her on 07968-027823

Thank you to Walsall Cricket Club for allowing us to share this poster

MENTAL HEALTH YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Help us shape our service
Share your ideas

ARE YOU 12-18?

DO YOU WANT TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Come join us for our first meeting!

You can join for as long as you would like

There will be:

- Crafts / art activity
- Snacks available

MEETING ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

4.30 PM - 5.30 PM

Walsall CAMHS, Canalside
Abbotts Street, Bloxwich
Walsall, WS3 3AZ

For more information call: 01922 607 400 or email bchft.blackcountrycypd.co-production@nhs.net

SAFE SPACE

Walsall Police would like to let you know about a new local **Safe Spaces** scheme.

If you feel worried, upset, or need help while out and about, the safe spaces are there for you.

- somewhere safe to go
- help you call someone
- provide practical things like phone chargers, power banks and first aid kits

Each safe space is easy to spot. Look for the special window sticker.

This is a **WALSALL SAFE SPACE**

Rotary Club of Walsall Eileen Mason Photography

Young Photographer of the Year 2026

Theme: The Great Outdoors

Showcase your creativity and love of the outdoors!

FULL ENTRY DETAILS

Thank you to Eileen Mason Photography and Walsall Rotary Club for allowing us to share this poster

Awareness Days

Black History Month

Remembering and learning from the struggles and triumphs of black individuals in the UK.

October 2025

ROSH HASHANAH 2025

Shanah Tovah! May this new year bring peace and prosperity to you.

Have a Blessed Gurupurab!

Happy Guru Nanak Gurpurab

5th November 2025

Lest We Forget

REMEMBRANCE DAY

11th NOVEMBER 2025

21st October 2025

Diwali

Hoping you and your family experience new beginnings this

#diwali

World Children's Day

UNICEF

20th November 2025

Workshops, trips & visits



Year 9 Royal Navy Workshop

Tuesday 7th October 2025

TEAMWORK

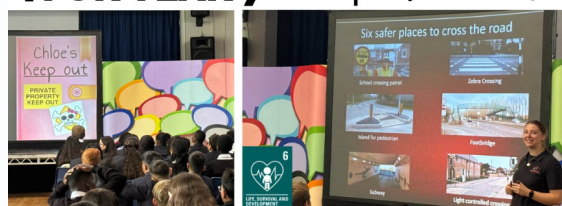
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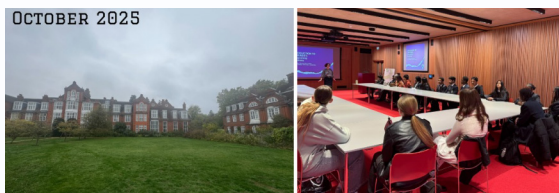


STREETWISE WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 7

Monday 6th October 2025



OCTOBER 2025



YEAR 11 VISIT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY



Year 10 & 11 visit Walsall Manor Hospital

Tuesday 10th November 2025



Simulation based techniques

Immersive technologies

Different NHS
roles



NAFEESA HAMID, LOCAL POET & PLAYWRIGHT, DELIVERS POETRY WORKSHOP TO YEAR 8



THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2025



TAKEOVER
DAY

21ST NOVEMBER 2025

Christmas at St Matthew's

Sunday 14th December

10.45am | Civic Carol Service

Carols in the Pub

Mon 15th Dec 8pm | The Black Country Arms

Wed 17th Dec 8pm | The Wheatsheaf

Sunday 21st December

10.45am | Nativity Service

6.30pm | Traditional Carol Service

Christmas Eve

5pm | Christingle Service

11.15pm | Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8.45am | Holy Communion

10.45am | All Age Christmas Communion

1pm | Asian Congregation



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

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