

THE MESSENGER



Dear Parents & Carers,

As another school year comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank every member of our school community for the part they have played in making this year such a success. Our students have much to be proud of. In classrooms, on sports fields, on stage, and through countless acts of everyday generosity, you have demonstrated the values that make our school special. You have shown wisdom in your learning, service in supporting others, endurance when faced with challenges, kindness in your relationships, and hope as you look towards the future.

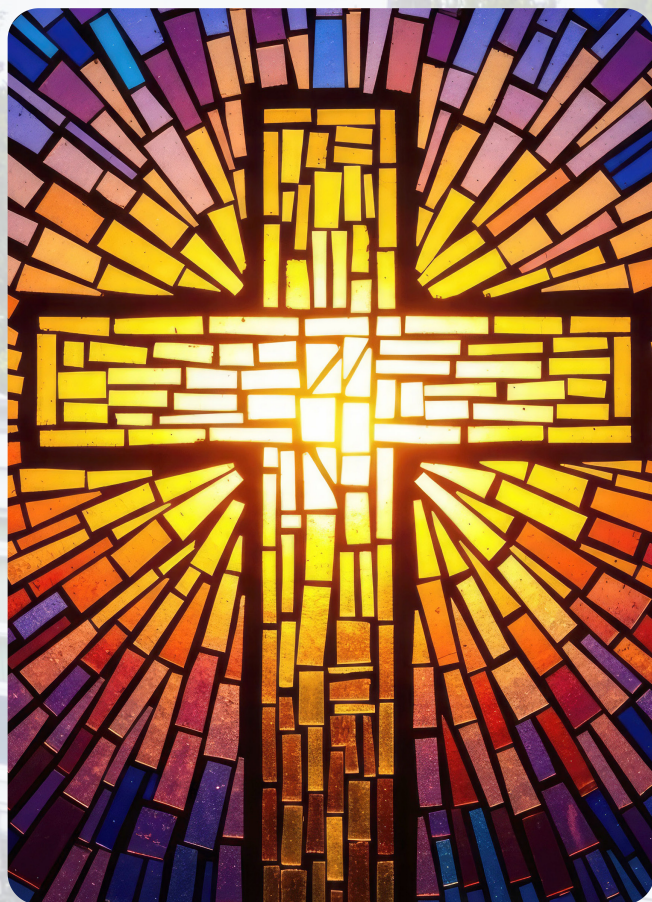
As we approach the end of another school year, it is nice to be able to pause to reflect on the many achievements and memorable moments from the past twelve months. While results and successes are important, I am also very proud of the way our students have grown as young people who live out our school values on a daily basis. My sincere thanks go to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and governors for their commitment and encouragement throughout the year. Together, we have created a inclusive community where young people can thrive.

To those students who are leaving us, we wish you every success in the next stage of your journey - we hope that they will always remember that they will always be part of the Blue Coat family. Take with you the confidence to pursue your ambitions and the values that have guided you during your time here.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved summer break filled with rest, happiness, and opportunities to make wonderful memories. We look forward to welcoming you back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting school year. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Mr D Smith, Principal

PRAYER CORNER



Loving God,

*As we come to the end of this school year, we thank
You for all we have learned and experienced
together.*

*Help us to grow:
in wisdom as we use our gifts well,
in service as we help others,
in endurance when life is challenging,
in kindness in all that we do and
in hope for the future.*

*Bless our school community, keep us safe during the
holidays, and guide us as we continue our journey.*

Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

• Tuesday 21st July last day of term

• Results Days:

A-Level Results Day - Thursday 13th August

GCSE Results Day - Thursday 20th August

} Please collect
from the
Tonks' building

• Back to school

Wednesday 2nd September

- Years 7, 12 and 13

Thursday 3rd September

- Years 11 (along with 7, 12 and 13)

Friday 4th September

- All Year groups in school

All Year groups are expected to be in at normal time and in correct uniform.

Friday 11th September - School photographer for Years 7, 10 and 12

• Half term holiday

Monday 19th October 2026 - Friday 30th October 2026

Summer Term Highlights

Our Anne Frank Trust Youth Ambassador attends Downing Street



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more information,
click the headings
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logo



We are delighted to have been awarded Gold as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School



Pictured: Pastor Agyei, Mrs Virk, Sixth-Form Student Leadership Team, Head Boy & Head Girl and Year 7 Eco-Committee.

Sports Highlights

Match Result | U15 Cricket

Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Chasing **134 runs**, the team showed great confidence and composure to reach the target in just **12 overs** for the win and securing the next fixture.



THE ARBOR APP

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academic progress

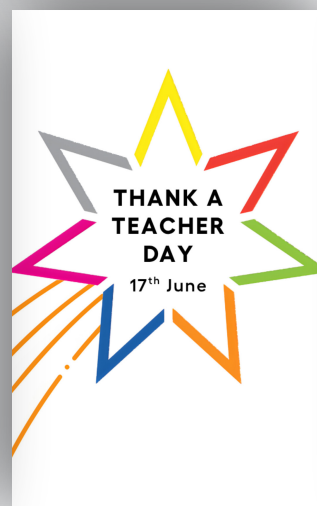
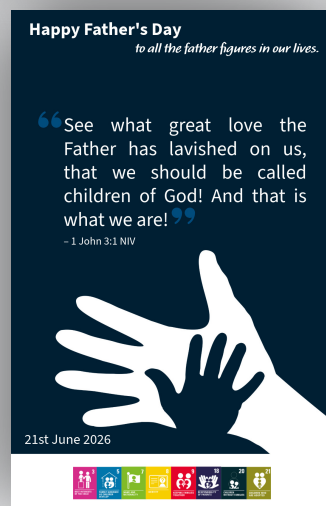
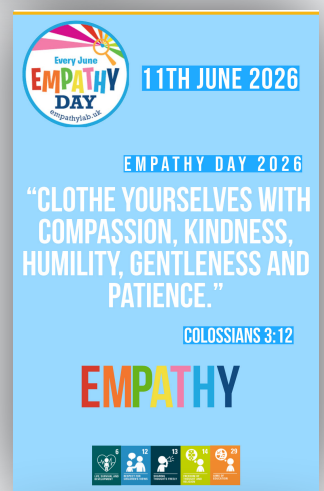
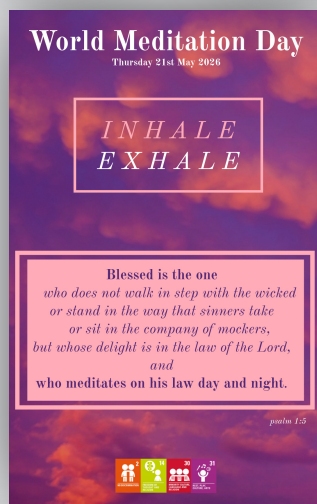
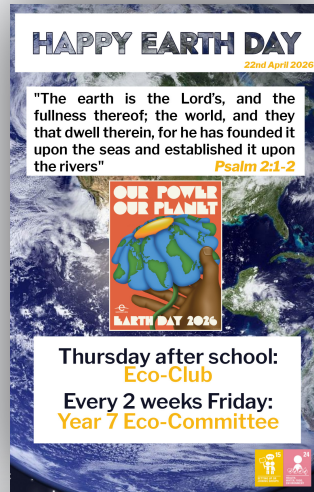
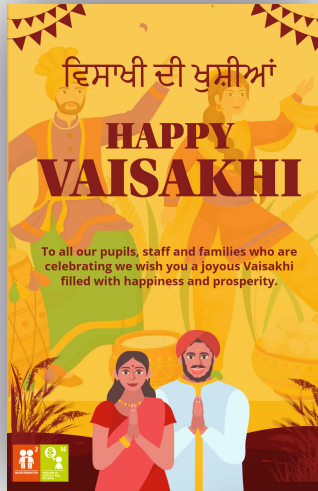
Stay updated on
school events

Update your own
contact details

Report absences

Awareness Days

Demonstrating our commitment to global citizenship and courageous advocacy within our school community and beyond.



*Social, Health, Environmental & Religious.
Local, National & Global.
Individual & Community.*

Workshops, trips & visits

Year 8 theatre trip to see Noughts & Crosses

Tuesday 24th March 2026



YEAR 10 VIRTUAL DECISIONS WORKSHOP

GIVING VALUABLE
INSIGHT TO HELP
SHAPE REALISTIC
AND AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCES.



WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2026

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS & CONSENT WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY BLACK COUNTRY WOMEN'S AID

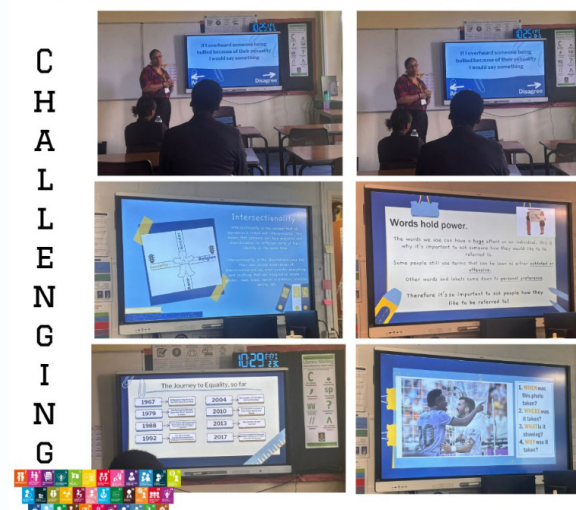
TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2026



ANNE FRANK YOUTH TRUST WORKSHOP

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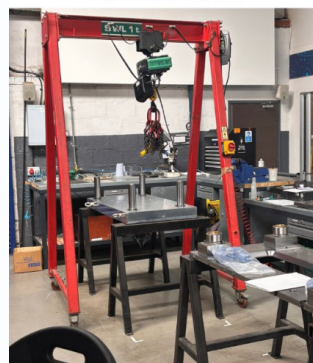
THE KING'S TRUST ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

TUESDAY 19TH MAY 2026

YEAR 10 DELIVER ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY SMOOTHIE PITCH



YEAR 10 APPRENTICESHIP TASTER DAY



MONDAY 18TH MAY 2026

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Right 28: Secondary and higher education
should be available to every child.

Right 29: Children's education should help them fully
develop their personalities, talents and abilities.

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AIMS OF
EDUCATION

Careers Education



Year 7 **DISCOVERING THE WORLD OF WORK**

Year 7 kicked off their careers journey with hands-on teamwork challenges and their first taste of the world of work. A year of curiosity, confidence and new beginnings.

Year 8 **INDUSTRIES, ENTERPRISE & OPPORTUNITY**

From discovering local enterprise opportunities to understanding salaries and workplace skills, Year 8 built a strong foundation for future decision making.

Year 9 **STEM, APPRENTICESHIPS & FUTURE THINKING**

Year 9 explored cutting edge STEM careers met apprenticeship experts and visited higher education institutions — a year of big ideas and future planning.

Year 10 **WORKPLACE READY & FUTURES DAY**

With inspiring speakers and practical workshops, Year 10 stepped confidently into the world of employability — preparing for interviews, statements and real world expectations.

Year 11 **POST 16 PREPARATION & PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

Year 11 sharpened their professional presence through mock interviews, personal statement writing and sixth form tasters — ready for the next chapter.

Year 12 **PROFESSIONALISM & FUTURE PLANNING**

Year 12 Level 3 developed high level employability skills, preparing for competitive pathways with resilience, professionalism and purpose.

Year 13 **INDEPENDENCE & NEXT STEPS**

Year 13 focused on life beyond school — independence, financial literacy and hearing from those who've already taken the next step.



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a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School**