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Congratulations to the Blue Coat students!

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The project is well underway, we will tell you what's happened so far, what key questions people are asking us and share the milestones for this exciting and important commitment to our community.

CEO UPDATE

Julie Hollis

I am very excited to be sharing with you the first edition of The Cranmer Education Trust newsletter. It is going to be a regularly distributed publication to let you know what is happening across our organisation. The words that underpin what we are all about are ambition, excellence and community. As members of our community, whether staff, parents, members of our Church or wider faith community, or our system leadership community, I warmly welcome you to read how our values, our mission, our vision and ethos permeate everything we do, so that the children and young people in our care can become everything they can be and are meant to be and become good people, good neighbours, good friends and good citizens whom we are proud to know.

A NEW CLASSROOM SPACE AT EAST CROMPTON ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

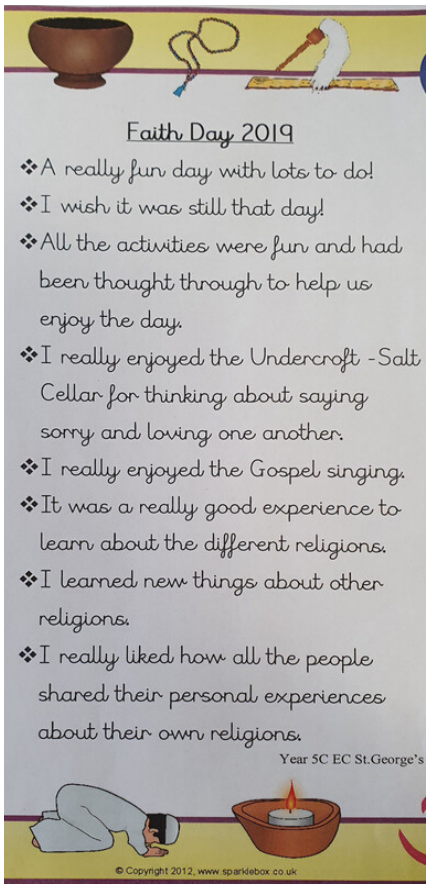
By Rachel Ross, Headteacher at East Crompton St George's

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome Mark, Bishop of Middleton to formally open our new Reception Classroom earlier this academic year. We were joined by parents and PTA for the cutting of the ribbon and Bishop Mark's blessing of the new and fantastic space. I have to thank our Site Manager Gary Semp who worked tirelessly and almost independently over the summer to bring this project in on time and way below the cost we were given by several building firms. Our children are very lucky to have an excellent classroom environment to learn in and we look forward to welcoming many more children through our doors in the future.

FAITH IN OUR COMMUNITY

by Richard Ford, Trust Chaplain

It is my pleasure and privilege to lead chaplaincy across our C of E Trust. I am a teacher of Science at the Blue Coat School and I also visit our primary schools where I work with Headteachers finding opportunities for worship, and finding ways to encourage creativity, curiosity and 'poetic imagination' as ways to find what's meaningful and spiritually rewarding in our lives. Last term, thanks to the Religious Studies department at Blue Coat, we hosted some wonderful faith days. Year 7 Blue Coat students of all faiths were joined by Year 5 students from Mayfield and East Crompton St George's to think about different faiths, and reflect on their own beliefs. All our pupils and students take part in part in fundraising initiatives, to help others locally, nationally and internationally.



CONGRATULATIONS TO BLUE COAT STUDENTS

By Rob Higgins, Headteacher at The Blue Coat School

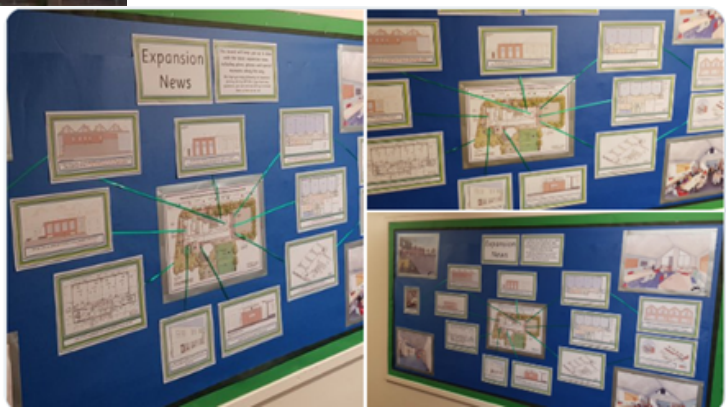
This year a record of six of our students have received offers from the prestigious **Oxbridge** Universities.

Rishit Dhoot, Kirsten Fletcher, Kian O'Connor, James Goddard, Samuel Williamson and Jack Bragg for Maths, Law, Law, Maths, Engineering Science and National Science respectively.

Congratulations to the **English Creative Writing** competition winners Grace Stocks, Tanzeelah Mahmood and Kenzi Walton-Thorpe.

Our **Advent Challenge** this year focussed on "community" and each form group was asked to produce a gift hamper. 33 local charities and agencies who support our local community received a hamper for Christmas from Blue Coat pupils to show their thanks for work they do. In return, our pupils received some lovely thank yous from delighted and surprised organisations!

The **MFL** department's participation in the European Day of Languages resulted in Blue Coat receiving national commendations for the quality of entries submitted by students. Well done to award winners, Maia Cuschera, Lucy Reeves, Hannah Cromwell, Shyla Khan, Elise Robson, Lucy Hindle, Alice Doggett, Katie Shawcross and Emily Hohman.



MAYFIELD IS GROWING

By Mark Couper-Barton, Headteacher at Mayfield Primary School

Mayfield Primary School is growing by an additional form of entry. From September 2020, we will have 60 Nursery and 60 Reception places. The school, together with the Trust and Trust architects, have been working hard at design stages, since we got the go ahead on funding from the Council. Construction will commence early Spring 2020.

MANCHESTER NEXUS SCITT

by Allison As, Director of SCITT, Deputy Head of The Blue Coat School

The Cranmer Education Trust is the accredited provider for the Manchester Nexus SCITT. Our SCITT delivers both primary and secondary school centred initial teacher training.Our mission is to recruit, train, develop and retain the best teachers for our pupils and develop and retain the best future leaders for our schools and the profession. 19 partner schools including secondary, primary, tertiary and special schools from 6 local authority areas have signed the Alliance's memorandum of understanding. This year we have 65 trainees, who are trained across the partnership in the "Nexus" way. This means that we can all talent-spot and recruit the best new teachers for all our schools.

NORTH WEST MATHS HUB

by Katie Dallender, Director of Teaching School & Rose Beale, Maths sub-hub Lead

Through our Teaching School, The Northern Alliance, we are a maths sub-hub. The core purpose of Maths Hubs is to help schools and colleges lead improvement in mathematics education. They seek to harness all the maths leadership and expertise within an area, to develop and spread excellent practice, for the benefit of all pupils and students. They are part of the wider development of school-led system leadership in England. As a sub-hub, we collaborate with a wide range of enthusiastic, talented and dedicated maths teachers and strategic partners. We are confident that together we will achieve our ambition to raise standards in mathematics and inspire a passion and love of this subject in children and young people.

> *"Through the training of Local Leaders of Maths Education we are developing excellence in maths teaching."*

BLUE COAT 2

Luceat Lux Vestra
"Let your light shine"
Matthew 5:16

Our new secondary school for Oldham will be a CofE school committed to the nurture, care and personal development and growth of all young people. The school will be fully multi-faith, multi-cultural, an intentional community that brings together young people of all backgrounds from across the borough, so the school will be a microcosm of the rich diversity of Oldham, and the pupils will thrive through all the social and cultural enrichment.
Our new school will be a beacon of integration and social cohesion. This school will be industrious. It will generate light and energy. The school's values emphasise the importance of working hard, working with others, learning new things, seeing things through, surprising yourself with what you can achieve when you give it a go and apply yourself. It will be a school that cherishes the highest standards – of personal behaviour, learning, achievement for each individual. We create shining lights. We commit to enabling young people to think about what "good" and "really good" actually means, what it looks like, why it is important, why we aspire to academic excellence and sporting excellence and artistic and creative excellence: that it is always for a purpose – to make our world a better place.

NEW SCHOOL FAQS

1 **Where will it be?**

2 **When will it open?**

3 **What will it look like?**

There are more questions and answers than will fit in this newsletter. Follow **#BlueCoat2** on social media and sign up for updates on our website
www.cranmereducationtrust.org/new-school

OUR MISSION, VISION, VALUES AND ETHOS

The Cranmer Education Trust

Ambition **Excellence** **Community**

Our Mission

- To transform the life chances of children and young people through excellent education and outstanding schools.
- To build on the inspiration and legacy of Thomas Henshaw, who founded schools which have enabled young people in Oldham to build their future for nearly 2 centuries.
- To nurture our pupils to become good people – good friends, neighbours, citizens, parents, whom we are proud to know.

Our Vision

- All our young people will enjoy a rich, stimulating education that enables them to become everything they can be and are meant to be.
- All our staff will model behaviours for our young people of high expectations, kindness, personal responsibility and generosity of spirit.
- We have the highest expectations of all our children and young people on their educational journey: to achieve excellence, meet and exceed national expectations, and be able to progress confidently to further education, training, employment and life.
- Our Trust will balance the need for central systems for consistency, effectiveness and strategic planning with the need to foster and support responsibility, creativity and commitment at the individual school level.

Our Values and Ethos

- We believe in the unique worth and value of every individual. As a Christian foundation, we express this in our belief in every child as a child of God, equal, worthy of respect, entitled to nurture, opportunities and a future where they can and will do good as they go along.
- We serve children and young people of all faiths and denominations and none. We will nurture Christian children in their faith, support children of other faiths in theirs and seek to ensure that all children understand the significance of faith.
- We are committed to the development of all staff throughout their careers; and to growing inspiring, committed, highly skilled and reflective teachers.
- We work collaboratively. We commit, we share, we invest and we learn, to build a system that enables all children and young people, and those who serve them, to thrive.
- Our schools are communities that bring together young people from different social, cultural and faith backgrounds to build a cohesive, integrated, respectful community for all.

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THE CRANMER EDUCATION TRUST IS GROWING!

The Cranmer Education Trust is a specialist education charity which runs and improves schools to create a better future for children.

Our Mission is to transform the life chances of children and young people through excellent education and outstanding schools, and to nurture our pupils to become good people, good neighbours, good friends and citizens we are proud to know; to become everything they can be and are meant to be.

In the next 3 years, we will:

- Expand our existing schools in response to local demand;
- Expand our training arm to be training 100 new teachers per year by 2022;
- Open a new 8 form of entry Church of England secondary school in Oldham;
- Welcome a 6 form entry Church of England secondary school in Rochdale;
- Welcome another 2 primaries into our school trust.

We are looking for new teachers, education support staff and leaders who are as invested in the life chances of young people as we are. We are looking for people who are up for the challenge of working in an outstanding, dynamic Trust, and developing their skills and their career in a range of contexts and settings.

We offer:

- The closeness of thriving Manchester, accessible by the Metro, vibrant Leeds and Bradford just up the motorway, the moors and the beautiful Peak District;
- Affordable, attractive housing across local townships;
- Parking on all our school sites;
- Pay scales and benefits which mirror national pay and conditions for teachers and local government for support staff
- Outstanding opportunities for professional development;
- Teaching and career development through deep collaboration to improve the quality of education.

Send us your CV and join our talented pool.

AMBITION EXCELLENCE COMMUNITY