

Heartbeat



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Y12 pupils REmember the Holocaust

Our Year 12 pupils have completed the National Open College Network Level 1 for general RE after they attended a three day course.

The focus was on human rights and responsibilities, with the first two days focussing on the Rwandan genocide in 1994, where almost one million people were killed in 100 days because of their race. Using film, discussion, reflection and art the students explored the themes of prejudice, the role of God in suffering, international intervention and peace.

Then, the students made a pilgrimage to Nottingham to the Beth Shalom Holocaust centre, where they met Rwandan survivor Beathe Uwazinka. She bravely told her story of how she was just 14 when her

family were killed.

Head of RE, Mr Moorhead, said: "Many of the students were amazed how positive and hopeful Beathe was. She had suffered but she wasn't bitter. There was a lesson in there for all of us."

The students also spent time in the memorial gardens and in the exhibition. The final day was spent exploring how the students could make a difference in their own corner of the world. Mary Cotter from the Salesian charity, Vides, led the workshop.

Through group work, model building, discussion and reflection, students identified their talents and how they could be the difference the world needed. Year 12 pupil,



Peter Riley, enjoyed the day, he said: "This was an enjoyable day and definitely gave you lots to think about."

Head of Year 12, Mrs Fagan was pleased with how the three day event went, she said: "It was a great success. Mr Moorhead asked them to come with a positive mind, which they did and their euthanasia, behaviour, sensitivity and creativity was impressive."

Y11 pupils Geog on with fieldtrip work



Year 11 pupils visited the Lake District recently, to collect data for their Tourism Fieldwork Investigation. The students travelled to Bowness-on-Windermere and completed surveys on the quality of the environment, traffic and interviewed local people to obtain their opinions about tourism. Head of Geography, Mr Kennedy, said: "There were lots

of tourists about but not too many locals. Nevertheless, the pupils rose to the challenge and used their perseverance and charm to conduct those vital interviews and collect the data. The data presentation, using ICT, has begun back in class. Good luck to all Year 11s with their investigations, which are worth 25per cent of their overall grade."

Helping the homeless

For the last two Tuesdays, groups of Sixth Form pupils have visited Seel Street to help serve more than 60 homeless people with a hot meal.

RE's Mr Bennet says he has been 'overwhelmed' by the large numbers of our pupils who have volunteered to help! In the next issue, read the thoughts and feelings of those who have, for the first time, met such a large group of homeless people.

The week in brief

The Year 7 CATs tests continue this week. On Thursday, pupils from Years 7 and 9 will have their school photographs taken. Also on Thursday is the Year 11 GCSE Information Evening. On Saturday, the Year 6 Gifted and Talented pupils will meet for more fun-filled weekend learning and the Year 13 Duke of Edinburgh pupils will also meet up.

Science Club is bouncing

Making toxic slime, bouncy custard and lava lamps may sound like ideas for some crazy children's TV show but these are the things our pupils get upto in Science Club. Our eager young scientists have been flocking to the Wednesday after school club to take part in all manner of madcap experiments.

Science teacher, Miss Niescier explains: "Sacred Heart Science Club has now started on Lower Site and we have had three very enjoyable sessions.

"In the first one, we made Lava Lamps which were pretty and scientific at the same time. We followed that up by making Bouncy Custard, which was really fun and it was surprising at how successful the bounces were - and, last week we made Toxic Slime.

"The pupils who have attended have been really keen and their laboratory skills are definitely improving.

"The club gives pupils the chance to carry out experiments not normally done in lessons but are still relevant to their learning."

Sacred Heart Science Club takes place at 3.40pm every Wednesday in L19 and all pupils are welcome to attend.



Net gain

Well done to the Year 7 Netball team who won the Sefton Schools Netball Tournament last week. The talented team beat St Mary's 3-0 in the final.

Congratulations, also, go to the Year 7 Rugby team, who won the recent Sefton Schools Rugby Tournament, held at Waerloo RFC. The Year 7s beat Maricourt 25-0, St Michael's 25-10, Chesterfield, 10-5 and Deyes 20-5. Well done to all.