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Surf's up for the young at Heart

Mature learners who attend the College's after school technology class have produced a booklet highlighting the changes in their education, to how pupils learn now.

The Sacred Surfers contributed and designed the 20 page booklet having been taught, not by teachers but by current College pupils. Having been a regular feature under various guises over the past eight years, the Sacred Surfers gives older members of the local community a chance to learn about IT, both from teaching staff such as Mr Bennett and Mr Langton and students who volunteer their services. One of the 'mature students' who contributed to the booklet is Terry Doran, he said: "I am currently learning computer skills at Sacred Heart, the school I went to in the 1970s. My tutor is young Sam D'Auvin (10T), who is light years ahead of me but has seemingly inexhaustible patience."

The unique publication features a variety of Sacred Surfers and offers a wonderful insight into teaching methods during



Helping hand: Sam D'Auvin helps a Sacred Surfer improve his IT skills

their schooldays. One such Surfer is Veronica O'Callaghan, she said: "I have been coming to these classes since September 2009. There are many differences in the way pupils learn today. There is less formality between teacher and pupil, much more discussion, which makes for a happy atmosphere."

Helping to organise the Sacred Surfers are Mr Bennett and Mr Langton and they are delighted with the success of the club. Mr Langton said: "The Sacred

Surfers has been running now for approximately eight years. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to offer this one-on-one tutelage in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. We give people the chance to learn about different software packages, how to use e-mail and surf the World Wide Web. We are delighted with the regularly high numbers we get and we are extremely grateful to our pupils who help. It is nice to offer something back to the local community."



Year 9 triathlon girls scoop first prize

Congratulations to Erin Donagh (9O), Olivia Byrne (9R) and Alice Cribb (9S) who won the team event in the Intermediate Triathlon recently. The event is held annually in Crosby but the pupils train all year round in anticipation. Alice said: "It was a great team achievement and we're all surprised but delighted." The talented trio each received a medal to recognise their achievement, these were presented by Liverpool FC defender Jamie Carragher and Everton FC Ladies goalkeeper Rachel Brown.



The week in brief

A number of Year 12/13 pupils will enjoy a trip to the theatre on Tuesday night. The following day, Wednesday, all students finish for half-term. On Thursday, there is the College Open Evening, which starts at 6.30pm. On Friday, Y8 pupils leave for a College trip to Ypres and on October 23 and 24, the Y13 Duke of Edinburgh pupils will meet up.

Feeding the homeless

Over the past three weeks, a number of our Sixth Formers have been helping homeless people in Seel Street. The Year 12 and 13 pupils have helped by serving hot meals to more than 60 people, who are less fortunate than others. Helping organize the volunteer sessions is RE's Mr Bennett; here is his take on the homeless and the pupils who give up their time to help.

A regular part of the week sees pupils from Years 12 and 13 visiting Seel Street to help Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity to serve a hot meal to people who are homeless. Apart from providing

a valuable service – there are normally between 60 and 80 to serve – this is something of an eye-opener for the pupils. While some undoubtedly fit the stereotypical image of the homeless, such as those who have made mistakes and have drink/drugs problems, there are many others who have fallen on hard times for different reasons.

Seel Street is a place to find the well-educated, the foreigner who has been left stranded, the ones who simply cannot cope with life – the reasons are as varied as the number of people there. All, however, are treated with respect. The main

point is that the Sisters – and our Sixth Formers – do not ask, 'why are you here', they ask, 'how can we help?' The biggest problem from the College's point of view is that so many Sixth Formers have volunteered. They have to wait to help! As we learn more, we will be offering practical help such as making sandwiches, providing items of clothing and batteries.

One of the Year 12 pupils summed up the mood of the group of volunteers with his thoughts by saying: "The trip was a real eye-opener. We realised how lucky we are and we all can't wait to go back."



Sixes and sevens

Well done to the Year 7 football team (pictured), who recently beat their Maricourt counterparts 6-1 in the Sefton League. The same team also put in a really impressive performance despite narrowly losing 2-1 to Cardinal Heenan in the Merseyside Saturday League.

Finally, congratulations, also, to the Year 11 football team, who beat Mosslands 4-0 in the Merseyside Cup.