

# Heartbeat



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## Going Dutch... and German



Sacred Heart went European last week as we welcomed students from Germany and Holland.

The 14 pupils, seven from the Netherlands, seven from Germany, spent a week with Sixth Form hosts as part of the Comenius Exchange Programme.

During their week-long busman's holiday, the 14 visitors took part in lessons, school trips and visited the city to get a taste of our culture and what is expected of Sixth Form pupils at the College.

The two groups, both accompanied by one of their own teachers, arrived on the Saturday night and spent Sunday with their host families.

On the Monday, they were treated to a warm College welcome and took part in 'ice-breaker' activities which included a world record breaking attempt at paper plane flying. On the Tuesday, they enjoyed a trip to York and took part in various workshops on Wednesday and Thursday. Their last full day saw them take a tour of

Liverpool and enjoy a ride on the famous Duck Bus.

Dutch pupil, Aalze Vriezema enjoyed his time here, he said: "Sacred Heart is a very nice school and everyone is so polite and really friendly.

"The school is a lovely building and the work we have done has been very interesting. We concentrate more on the theory side back home, whereas here, there is a lot of practical work, which has been very enjoyable."

The Comenius scheme was set up to encourage students across the EU to meet each other in a way that allows international understanding.

Deputy Headteacher, Mr Harrison, said: "Students discover the many ways in which they are similar to each other and encourage them to respect national differences as ways in which their individual lives can be enriched."

Pupils from Sacred Heart will be hosted by their German and Dutch friends in April.



### Christmas Fayre

There is a Jospice Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 20 November at St William of York Church, Edge Lane, Thornton.

The Fayre will start at noon with the arrival of Santa and his fairies. There will be plenty of stalls, games and festive gifts available to buy. Jospice staff are still looking for unwanted goods to sell at the stalls. Anyone who has any good quality unwanted items to donate can do so by dropping them into Jospice.

\*Jospice is also running a Santa Dash in Crosby on Friday, 26 November. To register, or for more details, contact Jospice on 0151 932 6035 or visit their website on [www.jospice.org.uk](http://www.jospice.org.uk)

### College vacancy

Sacred Heart currently has a vacancy for a Temporary Part-Time Office Assistant/Receptionist.

Main duties will be to provide cover on a busy switchboard/reception during lunchtime and throughout the day when required. You will be required to assist with word processing and undertake general clerical duties as directed by the Office Manager. SIMS experience will be a distinct advantage. Term time hours are 11.45am - 4.45pm; holiday time hours are 11am - 4pm. For more details visit our website at [www.sacredheartcollege.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartcollege.org.uk)

### The week in brief

Our SVP group meet at 3.30pm on Tuesday, and the Feed the Homeless initiative continues on Wednesday, also at 3.30pm. Also on Wednesday, the Y8 girls will have their HPV injection during P1. The Y12 Consultation Evening takes place on Thursday and, finally, on Friday, our Y8 pupils visit London.

# They shoot... they score



Congratulations to our Year 7 football team (pictured), who have swept all before them recently. The talented team have won their last five matches, scoring an incredible 29 goals, conceding just three. Their barnstorming run started with a 9-0 win against Holy Family, this was followed up with a 7-0 victory over St Michael's, a 3-1 triumph against a very strong Cardinal Heenan side, a 1-0 success against Birkdale and the latest team to fall victim to the Sacred Heart Y7 goal machine was Kings, Chester, who were defeated 9-2 in the National Cup. Congratulations to all involved and good luck for the rest of the season.

## Heart to Heart

The British Heart Foundation has congratulated the College on its successful re-affiliation to the Heart Start Programme.

The initiative aims to teach pupils and also members of the general public what to do in a life threatening emergency. Sacred Heart science teacher and Heart Start co-ordinator, Mrs Doherty, said: "We are committed to saving lives by providing emergency life support training to our pupils which is delivered during our Science Club and also during some Health & Social Care lessons. They are able to pass on their knowledge to others. Congratulations to those pupils who have taken part and also to our trainers, Miss Niescier, Mrs Mellor and Mrs Roberts."



## Shop 'til you drop

Calling all shopaholics - the College PTA is holding a Christmas shopping night on Friday, 19 November, in the Lower School Hall. Doors open at 7.30pm and there will be a variety of stalls selling gifts and cakes, as well as demonstrations of beauty

products. Tickets are £3, which are available by returning the slip sent out by the College, or you can pay on the door. The bar will also be open, so you can enjoy a glass of wine while you browse and, hopefully, grab yourself a bargain.

## Friends Reunited

Were you a Sacred Heart pupil between 1981 and 1986? If you were, then you can catch up with all your old College friends at the Sacred Heart School Reunion party on Saturday, 20 November, at Hightown Cricket Club, Thirlmere Road.

Bring your dancing shoes, as there will be a disco, '80s bar and raffle. Tickets are £5 or you can pay on the door. The reunion is in memory of former pupil Liz Merriman. All proceeds from the night will go to Macmillan Cancer in Liz's memory.