

# Heartbeat



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## GCSE pupils honoured on special night

Honoured guests, governors and parents joined staff and students on November 12, for the College's annual presentation of prizes and certificates for performance at GCSE.

Monsignor John Furnival opened the proceedings with a reflection and prayer. The Chair of Governors, Miss Fraser, then invited Headteacher Mr Walker to give his first address at such a gathering.

Actor, writer and director of stage and screen, Ian Redford, was on hand to distribute the certificates and prizes – having earlier taken part in Drama workshops.

Among those overseeing the event was Mrs Wallis, she said: "The majority of the students present had chosen to continue their education at Sacred Heart and are now part of a flourishing Sixth Form. It was, however, a pleasure to see former pupils returning for this very special occasion."

Among the evening's prize winners for outstanding performance at GCSE were Rachel Holbrook and Eve McMahan, both having achieved 11 A\*s in their GCSE examinations, and Matthew Cranny and Hannah McKevitt, with 11 GCSEs with 10 at

A\*.

Mrs Wallis added: "A wonderful evening ended with all guests and students joining together for drinks and light refreshments."

### Special Trophies

#### *The Philip Scott Trophy for Sport:*

Elizabeth Owens,  
Christopher Doyle

#### *The Fitzgerald Trophy for Physical Education:*

Joshua Francis,  
Hannah Nilsen

#### *The John Clarke Memorial Shield for Religious Education:*

Daniel Backland,  
Rosie Duffy

#### *The Una Malcolm Memorial Award:*

Mary Gray

#### *The Yvonne Brigden Memorial Shield for Art:*

Eve McMahan

#### *The Kathryn O'Hare Memorial Shield for Service to the School and Wider Community:*

Charlie Corkin (pictured, right).



### The week in brief

The Year 11 Mock Exams start today and conclude on Friday. There is a two hour Rainbows session in the Drama Studio at 4pm tomorrow. Also tomorrow, the SVP group meet at 3.30pm in Nazareth House and they continue their Feed the Homeless initiative on Wednesday, also at 3.30pm. Finally, on Thursday the SVP Sacred Surfers meet at 3.30pm.



## Choir singers' super show

Pupils from the College Choir dazzled parishioners at St Nicholas Church, Blundellsands, with a stunning concert.

Sarah Lee, Clare Marsh, Beth Billingsley and Alice Callaghan all sang with the choir as part of a service for the 'faithfully departed'.

Additionally, Clare performed a solo on the flute during time for reflection. The music before and after the service was composed by Beth for her A/S coursework and was the first time it had been performed live in a liturgical setting. Joining the four was former pupil, Danielle Thomas, who sung, 'I Know That My Redeemer Liveth. The concert proved to be a great success and, Head of Music, Mr Foy was delighted with the response, he said: "Many parishioners commented on the quality of the girls performances and have requested they return on a regular basis."

# Cake sale raises dough

Sacred Heart's Amnesty International had their cakes and sold them recently as the group held a successful fundraising event. The caring pupils organized a cake sale which raised £52.80 – the event also saw many students and staff sign the petition to help stop the discrimination of Romani children in Slovakia.

RE Teacher, Mr Moorhead, explained what Amnesty is about, he said: "Amnesty is an organisation that fights for justice around the globe. It helps free prisoners of conscience who are imprisoned for simply speaking out against the government and have committed no crime. A man in China sent an e-mail that criticised his government and he was jailed for ten years.

"Without Amnesty fighting for their release, many innocent people would be forgotten." Amnesty member, Paul Quarton (12D), echoed Mr Moorhead's sentiments, he said: "When we found out that children were not getting the basic right to a good education in Slovakia because they were Romani, we knew we had to do something. Signing the petition will help make the authorities listen and hopefully do something."

Fellow Amnesty member, Eve McMahon (12C), was happy with the group's efforts, she said: "The cake sale was a good way to



raise money as everyone loves sugar. We made the cakes ourselves and even iced some with the Amnesty logo."

Mr Moorhead was delighted with the efforts of the group, he added: "I am so impressed with all the members of the group who organised the whole event from publicity, bringing and selling the cakes and collecting the signatures for the petition.

"Thank you to everyone who supported this venture."

Anyone interested in joining the Amnesty group are most welcome. The group meets every Monday lunchtime in S7.

