

Heartbeat



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Rachel and John hope to have final word



Write on: John Broderick and Rachel Holbrook have been shortlisted for a writing competition and, inset, the Athenaeum Library

Congratulations to John Broderick (13S) and Rachel Holbrook (12R) who have both been shortlisted for the finals of a prestigious writing competition.

The two Sixth Form pupils entered the competition which is held by the Athenaeum, a private institution established in 1797 as a place of learning.

John chose to write a science fiction story for his entry, while Rachel focused on the photographer Kevin Carter.

John and Rachel were recently informed they had been short-listed for the finals and will join students from across Mersey-

side in the second leg, the Writer-In Residence Award, where they will compete for a main prize of £1,000.

They could also receive a year's honorary membership to the private Athenaeum club and library, based in Liverpool city centre, and be published in the Liverpool Daily Post. The pair recently visited the Athenaeum building, along with English teachers Mr Daw and Mrs Peterson. During their visit they saw the famous library and met the competition judges.

The final prize-giving ceremony will be held in February.

The week in brief

The Senior Citizens' Party takes place from 4pm today at Lower Site. Tomorrow, the SVP group meet at 3.30pm in Nazareth House and they continue their Feed the Homeless initiative on Wednesday, again at 3.30pm. Also tomorrow, there is a meeting at 7pm regarding the Eurodisney trip. On Thursday, the SVP Silver Surfers meet at 3.30pm.

Hop on to new website

The College website moved to a new home last Monday.

Since its inception four years ago, the Sacred Heart website has grown into a hugely successful and popular place to click on for pupils, staff and parents alike.

But, as a consequence of that growth, it was felt the website needed a modern look and more facilities to better serve its users.

Supplied by Frog, one of the UK's leading providers of learning platforms, the new site is still the first place to visit for all your College news but now boasts dedicated space for a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

Among those who have overseen the site move is Deputy Headteacher, Mr Paziuk. He said:

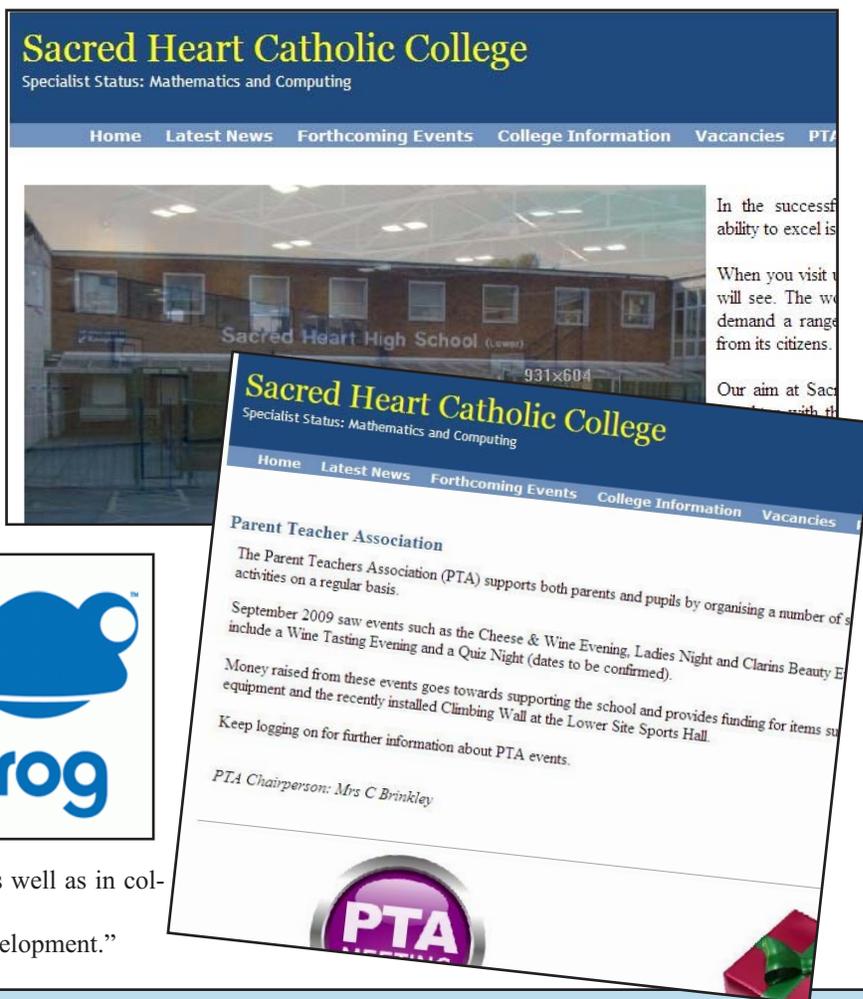
"The new look website is now live at www.sacredheart.sefton.sch.uk

"The aim of the website is to keep the college community up-to-date with information such as our latest news and forthcoming events.

"The website also provides a portal into the college's new Virtual Learning Platform called 'Frog' which is currently being developed.

"Soon, students will be able to access learning materials for all subjects from home as well as in college.

"We will keep you informed of this exciting development."



Give an extra gift this Christmas

Christmas is a time for giving and the Waterloo Partnership wants people to give a gift that really matters.

Your kindness could help give some of the poorest people in Africa the chance to shape their futures.

Among those involved with the Partnership is RE's Mr Moorhead, who explains what the charity group is hoping for. He said: "The Waterloo Partnership is a charity which aims to offer support, aid and friendship to the people of Waterloo, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

"If you want to make a real difference to people living in one of the poorest parts of the world, then our Christmas gift scheme offers you the chance to do so.

"After last Christmas, one child, Betty Nicol, cried and said, 'thank you so much for sending me to school because I never dreamed I'd ever get the chance to be educated.'"

Money you donate will help buy something which is truly needed and longed for, such as; seeds, farming tools, school uniforms and education, support for an engineering business for disabled adults, help towards building a bridge, or educational and healthcare facilities, a well or



help to provide clean water

WPUK has no paid staff, so you can be certain that all of your donation will support the gifts your money will fund. If you would like to give a gift that matters this Christmas, or require further information, visit the Waterloo Partnership website at; www.waterloopartnership.co.uk