

Heartbeat



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All white: Sacred Heart has always been a beautiful and impressive building - none more so than during the winter months. This picturesque image was captured at the height of last month's heavy snow.

Mock the week

As pupils were getting in the party mood during the last week of term, our Year 11 students were taking part in Mock Interviews.

Ann Edwards from Sefton Education Business Partnership (EBP) arranged for a number of employers in the area to come into the College for three days from December 14 to give guidance on interview techniques and completing application forms.

Among the companies who volunteered their time were; Hugh Baird, Merseyside Police, Storm Consultancy, the RAF, UK Border Agency, Santander and Asset Training.

Ms Edwards explained the aims behind the sessions. She said: "Sefton EBP co-ordinate the program throughout all the schools in Sefton. "The aim is help the pupils gain the necessary people skills, how to fill in an application form and how to conduct themselves in an interview.

"The three days have been brilliant and the pupils a credit.

"The employers come on a voluntary

basis and, on behalf of Sefton EBP, I would like to thank them all and, obviously, the College for allowing this to continue."

Liaising with Ms Edwards was Assistant Head of Year, Janet Holmes, and she too was delighted with how the three days went. She said: "The experience was very rewarding for the many pupils that took part. "Pupils filled in anonymous feedback sheets and the comments were all positive:"

"It was brilliant; this gave me lots of confidence"

"She helped me understand how much I need for college and recommended some things"

"A very professional and realistic experience which will help many people for later life"

"It gave me self confidence and brought out the positive parts about me"

"The interview was very helpful and gave advice on how to improve my application form and body language"



Shake hands: Ann Edwards, left, from Sefton EBP meets Halina Beduhn, 11H, during the Y11 Mock Interview sessions that took place last month.

Pupils give gift of hope



During the festive period, a group of young freedom campaigners were involved in a Christmas card campaign that sought to spread seasonal cheer to the persecuted, writes Madeleine Keenan and Eve McMahon .

All the pupils throughout the school were invited to write a short message of hope that would then be sent to someone who was in need of a kind word this Christmas. Amnesty member, Jessica Furlong (12A) explained. She said: "The Christmas card campaign gives people hope in their dark-

est hour.

"All the stories are extremely moving and include cases of human rights abuse all over the world."

Fellow Amnesty member, Emma Haggart (12C), showed her strong feelings about the aim of the campaign. She said: "Christmas is my favourite time of year and I feel really lucky to have such a happy life. I think it's important to give something back to the world that's given me so much!"

Amnesty leader, Mr Moorhead, summed

up the group's sentiments. He said: "The greatest gift you can ever give to anyone is hope.

"Thank you so much to the group and everyone at Sacred Heart who took time out of their busy Christmas schedules to remember our forgotten brothers and sisters who are fighting for justice, often locked away and tortured in prison cells."

*** The Amnesty group now meet on Thursdays in S7 at 3.30pm; we hope to see you there!**

Christmas round-up

Pupils from the College were in fine voice in the run-up to Christmas, taking part in various services and concerts.

More than 2,500 people packed into the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral for the Alder Hey service for those who have suffered the loss of a child. Rebecca Cheminais (13A) performed violin solos before and after the service, including Vaughn-Williams' *Lark Ascending*. Also performing at the service was Katy Kneen (13E), who

sang three solo pieces. At St Peter & Paul's Church, the College choir and orchestra presented a Christmas Service, 9 Lessons & Carols, to Years 7 and 8. Readings were given by pupils from Years 7-13, College staff and Father Furnival. The congregation joined in with carols, which were also performed by the choir. Also, a selection of old and new Christmas songs were performed by Year 10-13 pupils. The singers were accompanied by a 13-piece band.

The week in brief

GCE Modular Examinations and Year 13 ICT Controlled assessment both start today.

At 5.30pm this evening, there is Dry Ski Run practice in Runcorn.

The SVP group meet at 3.30pm in Nazareth House tomorrow and on Wednesday, the Feed the Homeless initiative continues at 3.30pm.

On Thursday, the Silver Surfers meet at 3.30pm and the Year 11 Consultation Evening takes place from 4.30pm at Lower Site.