

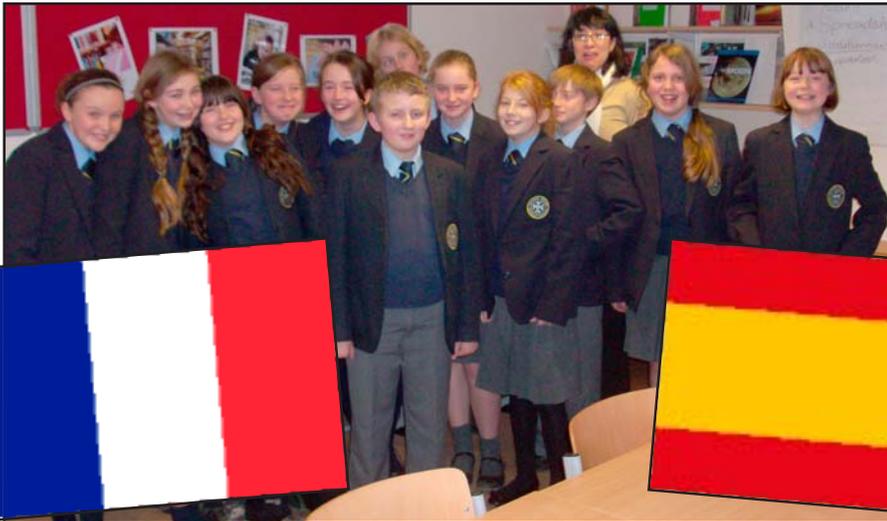
Heartbeat



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Oh là là, pupils love learning at lunchtime club



Bonjour: Pupils who attend the lunchtime Languages Club at Lower Site

Pupils at Lower Site are getting a bitesize learning treat during their lunch break as they choose to learn French and Spanish. The cosmopolitan Year 7 and 8 youngsters have been giving up their dinner break to attend Mrs O'Grady's lunchtime session in the hope of becoming multilingual and learn about European culture. Mrs O'Grady explains: "The purpose of this club is to enhance pupils' linguistic skills in an informal setting through games using our ICT facilities." And the lunchtime club appears to be a hit with pupils eager to learn more. One such pupil is Jamie Livingstone (7E), who enjoys the lunchtime session. He said: "I think it is exciting and worth it because I can have extra fun in the club."

His thoughts were echoed by fellow 7E pupil Sophie Edwards. She said: "It is a fun way to learn French or Spanish through games and you can also make new friends."

While the emphasis is on fun and learning in a relaxed setting, hard work is rewarded with merits and additional prizes. Although the club has proved popular, Mrs O Grady says more Year 7 and 8 pupils would be welcome to come along. Rosalyn Murtagh (7E), believes pupils thinking about joining have nothing to lose. She said: "It is good fun. I really enjoy it and love having the opportunity to learn more about French culture."

French and Spanish club takes place in the Lower Site Library on Tuesdays from 12.05pm.

Celebration of Mass



Charlie Corkin (pictured, above left), one of our Year 12 pupils who is also a Eucharistic Minister, has written about how we celebrate Mass in college.

He said: "Since September, Mass has been celebrated in Sacred Heart each week. Venues alternate between

Upper and Lower Site and, through the year, all pupils have the opportunity to attend and celebrate the Sacrament. Each Mass is attended by small groups representing each year group. This is one of the rare occasions when year groups can have a shared experience.

Pupils take part by reading, sharing thoughts and providing items for the Offertory Procession.

"The masses have been an incredible success and staff and students have greatly appreciated the work of the Chaplaincy Team in making this a moving and thought provoking experience."

The week in brief

There is Dry Ski Run practice in Run-corn at 5.30pm today. The SVP group meet at 3.30pm in Nazareth House tomorrow and on Wednesday the Feed the Homeless initiative continues at 3.30pm. The Mission Impossible Maths Challenge also takes place on Wednesday. On Thursday, the Year 10 Consultation Evening starts at 4.30pm.

Pupils slope off

Our pupils have been swapping their studies for the slopes this month as they prepare for next month's ski trip.

With less than five weeks to go, the final preparations are taking place to ensure everyone is fully prepared for the slopes of the Salzburger Sportwelt Ski Amade.

Hour-long ski practice sessions started at Runcorn Ski Centre on January 10, and will continue each Monday until January 31.

One of the trip organisers, PE's Mr Burke, explained what happens during the sessions. He said: "Whilst there, they learn the basic skills of putting on ski boots, getting in and out of their ski bindings, how to walk around with skis on, how to fall over safely and how to get back up again - which is absolutely vital for any beginners - how to do basic skiing such as 'snow ploughs' and, perhaps most important of all, how to stop safely.

"We have no doubt at all that there will be much fun and laughter had by all as they attempt these new skills for the first time. However, by making the most of this opportunity it is hoped that most members of the party can get off to a flying start when they step out onto the real snow for the first time in Austria."

The ski trip party will set off from College on February 11.

