

# Heartbeat



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## Work experience at the School of Science



**Good lad:** Niall Stevens walked up the tunnel to the pitch as the famous Z-Cars theme played and sat in manager David Moyes' matchday seat (inset) during his work experience

Year 10 pupils returned full of enthusiasm from their work experience placements last week, writes *Head of Year 10, Mrs Callaghan*.

Niall Stevens got his dream placement at Goodison Park, home of Everton FC, who were once labelled the 'School of Science' for their brand of passing football. Niall said: "I really enjoyed my two weeks, which showed me that there's a lot more to Everton than football. I worked in schools with the coaches from Everton in the Community, helping to develop children's skills in table tennis, volleyball, badminton and, of course, football. I also visited Alder Hey to encourage young, sick children to be as active as they can, with activities such as bean bag games." Niall will maintain his links with the club

as he has now become an official volunteer.

Crossroads Café was the venue for Valerie Anirah. Valerie said: "My placement was a great opportunity to connect with different social groups. Crossroads is a friendly environment, so getting into the swing of things was easy. I made a few mistakes, but the staff helped me out, and overall I had a great time."

Daniel Matthews spent his fortnight at Pier Head Housing Association. He said: "The people there were very welcoming and friendly, so I settled in quickly. I enjoyed working with different people in a variety of departments. In finance, I found out about the processes they use to manage the money going in and out of the organisation. I also visited a sheltered housing

scheme for the elderly and had to produce an information leaflet about the local area for potential residents."

The main purpose of the initiative is to give pupils an 'experience of work'. Some may find that a job they thought they would enjoy does not turn out how they expected. Most pupils find their own placements, which helps to ensure the time is most valuably spent. Sefton Education Business Partnership finds other placements, and we also use its services to liaise with all the employers to check all arrangements are suitable and safe.

We are very grateful to the participating employers, and have received many messages from them expressing how impressed they were by our pupils; some have even been offered part-time work!

# Big Apple for the teacher

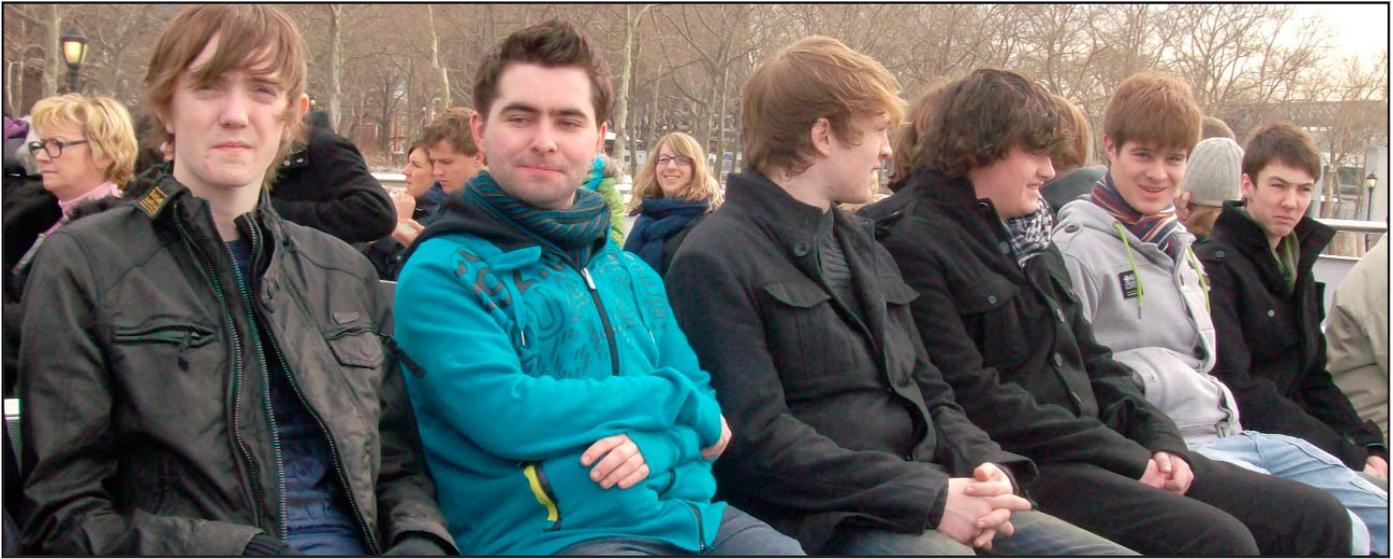
Twenty-one of our Business Studies pupils visited New York recently as part of their course. Head of Business Studies, Mrs Smith, was there with them. Here is her account of the trip.

Sunday Despite there being only 21 of us, we travelled to Heathrow in a 52 seater coach, owing to the size of the luggage we took! All the travel arrangements went smoothly and after a quick check-in at the Edison, out we went to The Empire State Building. Some students who had visited New York previously had never made it to the top, because of the length of the queue. It was astonishingly quiet. We realised that for Sefton students at least, a fixed half term put us a week ahead of the rest of the country, and so it was for the rest of our visit. At midnight (5am our time) the lure of having a bite to eat on Times Square proved too much for most of our students.

Monday morning saw us out bright and early to visit Liberty Island, Ellis Island and Ground Zero. The weather was cold, although blue skies and sunshine were added extras. Security was tight as you would expect in these tourist destinations, but queues were non-existent. Dr Hunt gave an impromptu chemistry lesson on oxidation to our students, explaining why copper turns green under certain conditions. Even the Americans took an interest! Ellis Island gave students a chance to check their namesake with lists of migrants and to witness the conditions of entry into the USA until the 1960s.

Later in the day, we visited the iconic 'Top of the Rock'. The lift had a glass ceiling, upon which a picture of Marilyn Monroe was projected, with lighting up the elevator shaft and the top of the lift. Scary if you don't like heights! The views at the top were magnificent, providing many photographic opportunities. We returned to the hotel where Dr Hunt presented the females in the party with Red Roses, whilst Mrs Smith gave the males Valentine chocolates. We later returned to the ice rink at the Rockefeller Building. It certainly beats Chevasse Park hands down with its golden statue of Prometheus, glistening trees, and the flags of the 50 states of America fluttering in the wind. In terms of ice skating, I don't think the students are quite ready for Dancing on Ice, and Torvill and Dean are unlikely to be challenged any time yet. But it was greatly enjoyed by all, who are now threatening to visit Deeside Ice Rink to practise their death spirals and triple Lutzes!





**Tuesday** morning was given to a visit of The Metropolitan Museum of Art. The building, on the edge of Central Park, was impressive enough itself and there was an exhibition of Cezanne and Monet paintings. However much time given, it would never be enough to do justice to the enormous number of exhibits and artefacts. In the afternoon, our group visited Macy's whilst Dr Hunt queued at the ticket booths in Times Square for half price tickets for a show on Broadway. It is the first time on the New York trip that we have 'done a show'. Mary Poppins was worth every cent of the \$60, and we unanimously agreed it was a great show and a great night out, with many renditions of Supercalifragilistic on the way back to the hotel.

**Wednesday** After breakfast the group made its way across Manhattan to visit Grand Central Station (limitless photographic opportunities), the Chrysler Building and the United Nations. A tour was not possible on this day, but the symbols of peace outside the building were understood by all. Students were given an hour to visit Bloomingdales, but Dylan's Candy Store next door proved a bigger attraction. The highlight of Dr Hunt's week came with a visit to Madison Square Garden to see the New York Knicks v Atlanta Hawks. The Knicks won convincingly, and are clearly on their way up the league. Our college name was on the LCD at half time and the students all sported foam fingers, most of which have travelled back to the UK.

**Thursday** Dr Hunt was up bright and early to see Lady Gaga who was being interviewed by the ABC network in Times Square. After elbowing the paparazzi out

of his way, he managed a few close shots, which we can expect to be syndicated around the world (not!). After clearing up and packing, with the luggage left secure, we went on the Liverpool trail, firstly to the Dakota Building outside which John Lennon was killed, after which we crossed the road into Central Park where the memorial 'Strawberry Fields' is placed. As we were taking pictures Yoko Ono walked past, but her assistant asked us not to take any photographs. It was a surreal moment. Our last visit was to South Sea Port, via Wall Street, on the East River and with the Brooklyn Bridge in the background; it was warm enough to sit out on the pier, in the sunshine, for lunch. Our intrepid students still managed to find the shops and Abercrombie and Fitch exported at least another suitcase full of clothes back to the

UK.

Our flight back to London was at 9.30pm, and most students got some sleep on the return journey.

**Friday** As the coach arrived at Heathrow, Dr Hunt and I were congratulating ourselves on the incident-free trip, until Philip Mott suddenly remembered he had left his wallet on the plane! We spoke too soon. Luckily, he got it back.

#### Some words of thanks

To our brilliant students, fully co-operative, funny and kind.

To Sefton MBC for having a fixed Spring Break, it was nice to hear American accents in New York, rather than British!

To Dr Hunt for his encyclopaedic knowledge of trains, planes, and American sport.

*Mrs S.M. Smith*



# Year 9s reach Cup Final



## The week in brief

A2 Drama night takes place on Tuesday, Year 13 Cookery Club is at 3.45pm on Wednesday and Silver Surfers meet at 3.30pm on Thursday. Also on Thursday, Y12 pupils start a two-day Geography fieldtrip.

## Read all about it

Pupils should find extra comments in their exercise books over the coming weeks as teachers aim to boost the students' understanding of assessment. It is hoped pupils will read these and take on board the advice offered.

Congratulations to our Year 9 football team who last week reached the final of the Merseyside Cup after a magnificent 4-1 semi-final win over Halewood. Leading 3-0 at half-time, the boys showed their superiority when, having conceded a goal early in the second half, they immediately restored their three goal advantage by adding a fourth. Sacred Heart goalscorers were Joe Ralston (2), Luke Crilly and Michael Gilmore. IT's Mr Summerfield, who helps run the Y9 team said: "All 15 players in the squad played a big part in this fantastic win. They were honestly outstanding all over the pitch." The 15 players are: Philip Hoose, Jack Antonio,

Joel Woods, Ben Howard, Joe Connor, Tom Snape (not pictured), Luke Crilly, Dylan Doyle, Lewis Culshaw (not pictured), Michael McKeivitt, Joe Ralston, Liam Turner, Michael Gilmore, Adam Kelly, Joe Philips. The date and venue for the final has yet to be finalised. Also on the Cup trail are our Year 7s, who have reached the Quarter Final of the Merseyside Cup and the Semi Final of the Sefton Cup. PE's Mr O'Malley, who helps run the Y7 team, said: "This is an outstanding achievement as the boys have had a very busy season, playing more than 20 games." Well done and good luck to all involved.

## GCSE Study Support Sessions

### Monday

\* Textiles: Mrs Hannigan, noon, G8

### Tuesday

\* Maths Higher: Mr Darmody, noon, M2  
\* Health & SC: Mrs Callaghan, noon, G8  
\* Textiles: Mrs Hannigan, 3.30pm, G3  
\* Art: Mrs Hannigan, 3.30pm, G3  
\* Textiles: Miss Gamble, 3.30pm, G20  
\* English: Mrs Mawdsley, 3.30pm, F10  
\* Drama: Mrs Walsh, 3.30pm, G10  
\* Business St: Mrs Smith, 3.30pm, G8  
\* Chemistry: Mr Williams, 3.30pm, S13  
\* Chemistry: Miss Niescier, 3.30pm, S13  
\* Physics: Dr Rahmat, 3.30pm, S1

### Wednesday

\* Art: Mrs Hannigan, 11.20 am, GA2  
\* Music: Mrs Morison, 11.20am, F7  
\* Spanish: Mrs Fagan, 3.30pm, GB5  
\* Climbing Wall: Mr O'Malley, 3.30pm, LS Gym  
\* English: Mrs Mawdsley, 3.30pm, F10  
\* Health & SC: Mrs Mellor, 3.30pm, G6  
\* Biology: Miss Cutler, 3.30pm, S13  
\* Art: Mr Daley, 3.30pm, F26  
\* Physics: Mr Radford, 3.30pm, F2  
\* Biology Additional Sc: Mrs Allday, 3.30 pm, S14

### Thursday

\* Textiles: Miss Gamble, 11.20am, G20

\* OCR IT: Mrs Bennett, 11.20am, S20  
\* Chemistry: Mrs Doherty, 3.30pm, S13  
\* Spanish: Mrs Fagan, 3.30pm, GB5  
\* Graphics: Mr Grocott, 3.30pm, F22  
\* English: Mrs Peterson, 3.30pm, F12  
\* PE Theory, Mr O'Malley, 3.30pm, Sports Hall  
\* Biology: Mrs Riley, 3.30 pm, S12

### Friday

\* Textiles: Mrs Hannigan, noon, F22  
\* Textiles: Miss Gamble, noon, G20  
\* Maths F: Mr Darmody, noon M2  
\* PE Theory: Mrs Booth, noon, G19  
\* Biology SS: Mrs Allday, 3.30 pm, S14  
\* Graphics: Mr Grocott, 3.30 pm, F22