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College staff Hungary to strengthen Comenius links



Euro stars: Our photographs show host school Headteacher, Ferenc Abraham, far right, with a framed photograph of Sacred Heart, and above, Mr Gordon and Mrs Stewart taking in the sights of Hungary during the Comenius fact-finding tour.

A delegation of staff travelled to Hungary during half-term as the College looked to build upon its already flourishing Comenius links.

Headteacher, Mr Walker, and Mr Gordon and Mrs Stewart from the Technology department visited Szeged to attend the MSP seminar.

The trip aimed to strengthen ties and build on the success of the exchange visits that took place in the autumn, when our Year 12 students hosted their German and Dutch counterparts, and the Easter exchange when our students visited their European hosts.

During the trip to Hungary, our three representatives were joined by similar delegations from schools from Italy, Germany, Poland and the Netherlands, and Mr Gordon explained that all the visitors received

a very warm welcome from the Headteacher of the hosting school, Ferenc Abraham, before going on to explain what Comenius offers to students.

Mr Gordon said: "As part of the EU's Lifelong Learning Programme, the Comenius initiative aims to help young people and educational staff better understand the range of European cultures, languages and values.

"They also help young people acquire the basic life skills and competences necessary for personal development, future employment and active citizenship.

"At Sacred Heart, this experience is offered to those students who enter Year 12, while students who are currently in Year 11 will have the opportunity to become involved in the very near future."

During the two day seminar, the multicul-

tural exchanges were discussed by the member countries.

Aiming to give students who enrol for the exchange a more positive and rewarding experience, changes to the project were suggested and will be implemented during the next period.

The week in brief

Examinations continue this week at Upper Site, while Year 7 Assessments start today at Lower Site. Elsewhere, there is a meeting at 7pm in the Drama Studio tonight regarding the forthcoming Music trip to Barcelona. The SVP group visit Nazareth House tomorrow and their Feed the Homeless initiative continues on Wednesday.



Fab four's first

Congratulations to four of our young running stars who won the Fitness Connection Waterloo 3K Senior Girls Trophy. Georgina Hannaway, Shannon Moran, Kirsten Moran and Chloe Nall-Smith, claimed first at the event in May. Race Director Mike Wilkinson congratulated the team and wished the College well in defending the title next year.

Caring collectors count coppers for Cafod cause

Students have helped raise more than £500 for Cafod by handing over their loose change.

The 'slummy money' campaign, which saw students empty their pockets of coppers every morning, raised £540.

The amount raised is enough to help 77 children attend school by providing them with essentials such as pens, books, a uniform, school fees and daily meals. Many parents and carers in developing countries cannot afford the costs of schooling. Even if education is free, they still have to find the money for uniforms, books and sometimes even soap and loo roll. So the money raised could make a life-long difference to other children's lives.

Miss Clarke, Citizenship co-ordinator, has been impressed by the collection. She said: "Good citizenship is all about helping others and the success of the CAFOD Slummy Money campaign shows how many active citizens we have in College. Well done to all concerned!"



Thumbs up: Students who participated in the 'slummy money' campaign give a thumbs up after the final count saw them raise more than £500 for Cafod.