

# Heartbeat



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## College goes continental

*This issue of Heartbeat has a distinctly continental feel to it, as we learn about the students who visited France recently, while on Page 2 our main story reveals how our Year 7 & 8 students were treated to performances from French Theatre Company, Theatre Volant.*

*First up, though, are our students who travelled to France. Among the staff that accompanied them was IT's Mr Summerfield, here is his account of the trip.*

On Thursday, 16 June, just after midnight, the Year 8 French trip coach left the College and headed towards Dover through the night for a crossing to Calais at 8am. From Calais, we went on to our place of residence for the next three nights, the Hippotel in Le Touquet.

Our luggage was left in our rooms as we were going straight into Boulogne to see the town and have lunch.

The pupils walked around the town to practise their French for the first time during the trip and to buy gifts.

After our visit to the town centre we went back to our hotel to unpack. After our evening meal in the hotel we went for a walk down to the beach in Le Touquet to work off our dinner by playing some games, making the most of the dry weather.

The following morning, we woke up and, after breakfast, went into Le Touquet for an early morning stroll around the shops. We then went back to the hotel for our lunch before heading straight out towards Boulogne-sur-Mer to visit the Nausicaa Marine Centre.

The group walked around the aquarium looking at the different varieties of marine life.

The pupils were once again extremely well behaved walking around Nausicaa, setting a great example for Sacred Heart. Mid-afternoon, we were joined by the coach so we could head towards the Les



Chocolats de Beussent (Chocolate Factory). A demonstration was put on to show how chocolate was made from cocoa beans.

After this fun-packed afternoon, we went back to the Hippotel to have our evening meal and change for the night time activity. We walked in to Le Touquet and went to a mini disco, which we were lucky to have complete exclusive access to. The Year 8 students seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves with Daniel O'Connor being the star performer on the dance floor.

Our last full day saw an early start as another busy day loomed. After breakfast, we were back on the coach again and heading towards the market in Le Touquet. The phrases and words learned during the students' French lessons were put to good use as they purchased gifts from the stalls. After visiting the market we went to Bagatelle to have our lunch in a picnic area before visiting the Bagatelle Theme Park. The group spent the day in the park with plenty of rides to go on without queuing. The rain managed to hold off during our visit, which it hadn't done for the rest



of the trip.

After the evening meal back at the hotel, we headed into the town centre of Le Touquet to visit the local musical festival. The pupils really enjoyed the bands and got involved with the locals. This turned out to be another late night out in Le Touquet; the bands were on for 24 hours.

On Sunday, we were up very early for our journey home from France.

We headed off to Calais to catch our ferry at noon. As we arrived back on English soil it wasn't long before the coach came into some difficulty. We ended up, luckily, in a service station. We were there for more than three hours before we could finally make our drive home.

We arrived back at Sacred Heart a few hours behind schedule but safe. A big thank you to all the Year 8 pupils who went on the trip; their behaviour was fantastic throughout.

# French lessons are child's play for theatre group

On Monday, 27 June, the French theatre company, Theatre Volant, visited Lower Site to perform for our Year 7 and 8 students.

Using full theatrical props, the show, entitled Vive la France, was aimed at helping to motivate the learning process and inspire the use of French.

During the show, which featured mime, comedy, illusion, juggling, balancing, music and dance, pupils were able to use vocabulary related to food, the weather, numbers, time, colours, gender and parts of the body.

French teacher, Mrs O'Grady, explained more about the show: "Vive la France, was directed towards interacting with the audience using their language skills and was an engaging experience of the French language."

Vive la France was certainly a hit with the students. Sarah Cunningham (7E) said: "I thought the French play was a fun way to learn French. It also included amazing tricks and effects and it was very funny." Laura Keeling (7E) echoed Sarah's comments by saying: "The French play was

very funny and organised. It made me laugh and it was a good idea to learn French skills. The actors were very talented and hilarious. I really enjoyed it. Similarly, Rosalyn Murtagh (7E) said: "I thought the French play was really funny and a great way to learn French words whilst having fun."

Even though some of the students had difficulty understanding all of the performance it still proved popular as Ted Hannigan (8H) explains: "Although I didn't understand all of the play, I still enjoyed it. It was very funny." The sentiment was shared by Charlotte Gibbons (8T) and Tia Whittaker (8H), who added: "We thought the French play was very enjoyable and funny. Although we couldn't understand some of it, they



really engaged us in the performance." The overriding feeling about the play was that the students enjoyed the performance and were glad Theatre Volant visited the College. Lauren Kinder (7E) summed up the mood by adding: "I thought the French play was really funny and entertaining. It really made me laugh and it helped with the French language. The actors were really funny and I am glad they came to the school."

## UK Maths Challenge students claim gold, silver and bronze

Congratulations go to our Year 7 & 8 students who took part in the UKMT Mathematics Challenge in May.

The results, which have recently been released, show a number of our students finished in the top 40% and, therefore, received either a gold, silver or bronze certificate.

The results are as follows:

### Year 8

**Gold Certificate and Best in the School:** Sean Carron (pictured)

**Silver Certificate:** Emily Bird, Adam Clarke, Ryan McDonnell, Gregor Gordan, Jack Clisham, Callum Hulme, John Costigan, Lucas Donohue and Mark Pierce.

### Year 7

**Bronze Certificate:** Christian Pinnington, Joe Wells, Emma Campbell, Matthew Payet, Tom Miller, Keir Flowerdew, Michael Waters, Rebecca Heath, Ted Hannigan, Lucy May, Ben Whitehead Kelley, Emma Fraser, Alex Cortlett, Laura Kelly, Hannah Delahunty, Andrew Doyle, Chloe O'Rourke, Matthew Foy, Jessica Smith and Joe Moorehead.

**Silver Certificate:** Kate Temple, Jack Gillam, Jamie Baker, Kate Carey, Robyn Foote, Matthew Thompson, Adam Lewis and Tom Mugarza.

**Bronze Certificate:** John Cooper, Laura Boylan, Ella Whitehead, Martha Furlong,



Beth Cheminais, Joshua Laidlow, Sarah Morrison, Faye Buck, Jack Kilbride, Gemma Sanders, Lucy Brett, Sophie Robertson, Adam Cahill, Chloeann Billings, Ryan Eames and Cameron Haverly.

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