

Heartbeat

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Holocaust pilgrimage, was a 'profound experience'



A number of Year 12 students went on a 'profound' pilgrimage to the Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre recently, writes *Head of RE, Mr Moorhead*.

The Nottingham-based Centre is a memorial and educational facility focusing on the genocide in Germany during World War II and Rwanda in 1994.

Students remembered the innocent 1.5million children who died in the Holocaust at memorial gardens.

As part of a Jewish custom, the students were invited to place a stone in memory of those who died.

Among those students was Chloe Sheils (12T). She said: "We had a minute's silence after placing the stone. I felt saddened at the thought of the many deaths. "Those stones were only a fifth of the

amount of deaths. The thought is sickening."

There was also an exhibition showing how Hitler had persuaded a whole generation to hate. There were many posters, dvd clips and other artefacts. In amidst all the examples of hate and racism were stories of bravery and hope from those who fought back.

Jessica Sharpe (12T) was moved by one of the quotes she saw at the Centre. She said: "The most interesting quote I found was, 'my little light you've shone through the darkness. You've shone through the blackness of the night, but my child, your wait is still burning. I haven't forgotten your little flickering flame.'

"This quote gives me hope and it is touching to see that it is obviously from the par-

ent of a child. This is very sad."

There was also a talk by Rwandan survivor Beathe Uwazinka (pictured above, third left, with the students), who was only 14-years-old when her entire family were killed in 1994. She spoke very honestly and openly about her experiences.

Tom McIver (12E) was impressed with what Beathe said: "Beathe was very good to listen to and gave some very thought provoking answers to questions such as forgiveness and genocide."

Overall, the pilgrimage was a profound experience for all those who made the journey.

A special thanks goes to Dr Rahmat, Mr Sayer, Mrs Stewart, Miss Murphy, Mr Grocott, Mrs Brown, Miss Stevens and Mr Pye for all their help.



Success for athletics teams

Our Year 7 students beat off competition from a number of schools recently as they claimed first prize at an athletics event. The students travelled to St Michael's on Friday, January 27, where, along with the Year 5 and 6 pupils, they enjoyed a fantastic day of fun filled activities.

PE's Mrs Booth explains more about the day: "Our young athletes arrived at St Michael's excited and ready to compete. As the events took place, the pupils were full of confidence as they set about winning their events and succeeding in most activities.

"During the afternoon, it was a close competition between Sacred Heart and Chesterfield, with both fighting for the coveted top spot.

"As the day drew to a close and the results were read out, all pupils were on the edge of their seats. As each school was announced our athletes became more and more nervous.

"Then came second place and Chester-

field's name was called out. Our pupils cheered in excitement because they knew that they had won by six points. A fantastic achievement. Well Done Sacred Heart.

"I must also mention our sports leaders, who were a credit to our College and conducted themselves in a professional manner assisting with the day's events. All pupils were outstanding ambassadors for their schools."

Be right, stay left

This week, we will all be talking about walking on the left hand side of the stairs and corridors. This should help us all to get about more easily at busy times.

News in brief

The first of two Rags 2 Riches fashion shows is on Wednesday, see the advertisement (right) for details. The annual half-term Prague and Ski trips leave on Friday, which is an inset day.

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St. Edward Hall, SHCC

Wed 8th (Gt. Crosby)

+ Thurs 9th (Sacred Heart)

Feb 2012

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Show starts at 7:30pm



We sewed, we cut, we made some stitches...

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