

Heartbeat



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College kids catch catwalk fever at Rags spectacular

Students swapped the classroom for the catwalk last month as they wowed audiences with vintage Rags 2 Riches fashion shows, *write event organisers, Mrs Kays and Miss Murphy.*

The events took place on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February, raising more than £1,100 for the Waterloo Partnership.

Rags 2 Riches brought together departments such as Textiles, ICT, PE, Music and Art, as well as students from every year group to showcase their talents.

With kind donations of clothes and accessories, together with the hard work of Miss Murphy's Year 10 GCSE Textile students and R2R Lunchtime Club members, St Edward Hall hosted the new 'Vintage' outfits. They certainly proved to be this season's must have buys, with the clothes in great demand at the end of the show. Sales helped raise more than £350 for charity.

The hard work and creativity was also flowing at Great Crosby Primary School. Year 5 students not only helped to create their own outfits but oozed confidence modelling them on the catwalk.

The event not only highlighted the work done by the Textiles students but also our fantastic Year 10 dancers, led by Kathryn Snead (12T), who performed to *All That Jazz* in the second half of the show.

Joe Hewlett (11H) wowed the audience with his fabulous voice, singing *What A Wonderful World* and *Feeling Good*, before Mrs Wallis opened the stage to the daring staff who strutted along the catwalk wearing 1920s, 30s 40s and 50s fancy dress costumes, kindly loaned from Azania on St John's Road. Mr Burke was a sight for sore eyes in his Teddy Boy outfit, whilst Mr Bennett quickly transformed from a fashion expert compere into a 1920s gangster!

A big well done to Michael Woods (12R) and Liam Normile (12D) who expertly set up and ran the music and lights throughout both nights.

Both shows were excellent, a lot of fun and all involved are looking forward to the next one! A huge thank you to all the students, staff and parents who supported the event in so many different ways.





Like your style: Mr Bennett, Miss Lynch, Miss Court, Mr Burke, Mrs Campbell and Mr Summerfield show the students how to be catwalk models at one of this year's Rags 2 Riches fashion shows.

Rich Man Poor Man...



During Ash Wednesday, students took part in prayer and contemplated fasting before participating in a Rich Man Poor Man meal, *writes RE's Mr Bennett*. Pictured (above, left) are the lucky 'rich people' enjoying a full lunch, including waitress service courtesy of Mrs Marsh. Meanwhile, the rest of the students were invited to a 'poor lunch', consisting of a cup of soup and a roll of bread (above, right). This marked the

beginning of Lent, a season of fasting, in a way which allowed students to think about, and sympathise with, the many people in the world who have too little or no food. An added twist was the winners of the 'rich' tickets had to choose one friend to join them - leaving several friends to go 'hungry'. This illustrated the choice many parents have to make in deciding which of their children will eat and which go

hungry. The practical act of fasting followed on from the prayer services in the morning, where all pupils received ashes and reflected on how the season of Lent can be a time of growth.

News in brief

Year 10 work experience continues this week. AS Stalin lectures are tomorrow and the Year 7 Consultation Evening takes place on Thursday.