

Heartbeat



Tuesday, June 12

Issue 33

Year 7 & 8 catch Olympic fever in world record attempt

The kids are all red

Olympic fever gripped the College on Friday (June 1), as our Year 7 and 8 students broke a world record.

Children from 50 Sefton schools descended on Crosby beach to view the Olympic torch as it passed through Merseyside.

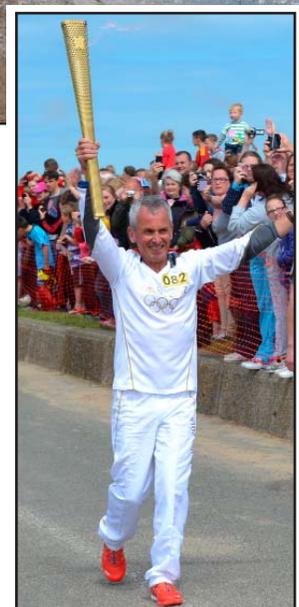
As well as viewing the iconic torch, students formed part of the red circle as part of a world record attempt to form the largest human Olympic rings logo.

Each circle was made up of 1,000 people to make a total of 5,000 participants. Officials from the Guinness Book of World Records were on hand to verify the attempt, which smashed the previous record by more than 4,000 people. Earlier, the students had taken part in a hop, skip and jump event.

Director of Lower School, Mr Burke said: "Fifty of Sefton's schools signed up for the event and Sacred Heart managed to secure 450 places – the largest amount of any of the schools taking part!

"This enabled us to take all students from Year 7 and Year 8 along to what was a truly memorable occasion."

Among those taking part was Harvie Dorian (7T), he said: "It was very exciting to be a part of this event. We have all really enjoyed it and to be part of a world record is something very special. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity."



News in brief

Examinations continue this week. There are Eucharistic services at 8.20am today and Thursday. The Y8 trip to France departs on Wednesday - returning on Saturday. Silver Surfers meet at 3.40pm on Upper Site. On Friday at 1pm, there is a Rounders tournament at Upper Site.



SVP members unite to celebrate their work

A 92-year-old SVP member has been recognised for his work in the community after being presented with a certificate from the group's youngest member, 13-year-old Milley Cooney. Millie (9A), presented Tony Hebbert with the certificate at a special ceremony at St Helen's Church to celebrate 75 years of the work of the SVP group. Groups from all the local parishes, together with the Liverpool University group, celebrated Mass, with bidding prayers read by a number of College students.

Millie then presented a certificate to the most senior member of the St Helen's SVP, 92 year-old Tony Hebbert, in recognition of the work he carries out in the community.

RE's Mr Bennett said: "The youngest and the oldest members show the lasting strength of SVP and the work it does to support the poor and the vulnerable."

Event organiser Richard Ainsworth said: "The words and actions of Sacred Heart SVP were a real inspiration to all who met them."

Paired Reading aids Year 7 & 8 students

We were really proud to award our Year 13 students certificates this week on completing the paired reading scheme, writes English and Drama teacher, Ms Walsh.

Each of the Year 13 paired reading mentors had been paired with a Year 7 or a Year 8 student whom they sat and read with. The Year 13 students have been a real credit to the College and were really well appreciated by the students that they helped. I was really proud to give out the certificates and it was lovely to see our Year 7 students applaud our Upper School students. A real bond had been made and all students, young and old increased in confidence as a result of the programme.

The scheme continues this year, as the Year 12 students continue with their paired readers.

We hope many of the students who are joining us in the new year will be able to continue the sterling work that this group have started.

Mark's essay gets top mark

A Year 13 student has won first prize for his theological essay.

Mark Powell (13E) pocketed a cheque for £50 after his essay on the topic of, *Whether Conscience Was The Voice Of God*, was voted best entry in this year's Newman Essay Competition.

The Newman society is a Catholic group whose aims are to promote, discuss and educate in matters of the Church.

Their competition invited entrants from North Merseyside to write a 1,500 word essay on whether conscience was the voice of God. The competition had been launched following an evening, organised by the Society, where the role and nature of conscience was debated.

Head of RE, Mr Moorhead, said: "Father John Flynn was the main speaker who focused on the work of Aquinas, Freud and Fromm. It was an interesting talk on whether conscience is divine or a con-



struct of social conditioning.

"Many Sacred Heart students attended the evening and many entered the competition. I am absolutely delighted for Mark. It is a great achievement as the competition was open to all those living in North Merseyside. Sacred Heart has a proud tra-

dition of Ethics and Philosophy. It is a popular A-level and to have one of our students honoured in this way is great."

After collecting the cheque, a delighted Mark said: "I didn't think I'd win, so I'm very happy to have come first and would like to thank Mr Moorhead for his support."