

Heartbeat



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French fancy for Year 8

Following the completion of their recent examinations, a number of Year 8 students got to sample the delights of France.

Among those staff accompanying the students was IT's Mr Summerfield. Here is his account of the trip.

On Wednesday, June 13, just before midnight, the Year 8 French Trip coach departed from Sacred Heart heading towards Dover through the night for a crossing to Calais at 8am the following day.

We picked up our main driver, Graham, in Kent before making the crossing. From Calais, we carried on to Boulogne to see the town and have lunch. The pupils walked around the town and practised their French for the first time during the trip. After experiencing the local culture, we walked around the medieval walls within the town and visited Notre Dame Cathedral.

In the afternoon, we went on to visit Le Touquet, which is the local French town, to experience their culture. After our visit, we headed towards our hotel, Hippotel, where we would stay for the next three nights.

We had our evening meal in the hotel and relaxed in the lounge afterwards, playing games and socialising, as everyone was tired.

On Friday, our first morning in the hotel was an early start, all up for breakfast at 7am. We prepared a packed lunch before setting off to Asterix Theme Park, near Paris. This was a long but very enjoyable day; the group spent the day in the park with plenty of rides to go on and it was very quiet, which made it more enjoyable without the long queues. We had our evening meal back at the hotel at 8pm, after which the majority of the pupils were desperate to watch the football, which the hotel kindly put on in the lounge area. The rest of the girls were happy relaxing, playing games and chatting in the same area.

On Saturday, We were up early again as there was a busy day ahead, so after break-



fast we all walked into Le Touquet for the local market, rue du Metz, where the French speaking became more proficient. The pupils walked around the lovely market, enjoying the French stalls.

Our efficient coach driver Graham picked us all up on the front as we made our way towards Boulogne-sur-Mer to visit the sweet factory and have lunch outside in a park before our visit to the Nausicaa Aquarium Centre.

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

In the evening, we had a disco in Le Touquet, in which we had the whole room, just for our group, for a few hours.

There was plenty of music, dancing and fun for everyone. After this late night, we headed back to our hotel to get to bed for an early start for the journey home.

On Sunday, We were up early and packed ready for our home descent.

The weather was kind for the few days along the Opal coast and the staff would like to thank the Year 8 pupils for their impeccable behaviour throughout, making it so enjoyable. They were a great advertisement for Liverpool and especially Sacred Heart.



News in brief

Examinations for this academic year conclude on Wednesday. There are Eucharistic services at 8.20am tomorrow and Thursday. The College's SVP group meet at 3.30pm tomorrow in Nazareth House and their Help the Homeless initiative continues on Wednesday. On Wednesday and Thursday, our Y7 students will visit Warwick. Y11 Book Return takes place on Thursday and the Silver Surfers meet at 3.40pm on Upper Site.

Young athletes are good as gold

Sacred Heart claimed gold recently as students from Years 7-10 won an Athletics event at Wavertree.

The young athletes from the four year bands joined together to see off ten other schools to claim first place at the Liverpool Catholic Schools Athletics Gala.

Among the gold medallists were, Alex Taylor (7C, 200m), Joe Deary (7R, 800m), Kieran Vis (7E, 800m B Race), Matthew Richardson (7E, 1,500m).

Silver Medallists included; Frank Maguire (7D, Long Jump), Craig Jones (9R, Discus), Lewis Culshaw (10S, Long Jump).

When the scores for all four year groups were added together, Sacred Heart scored an impressive 643 points – almost 50 points clear of the runners-up, Maricourt, who scored 595.

Among the staff who helped organise and accompany the students to the event was PE's Mr O'Malley. He said: "I am extremely proud of all the boys who attended the day. Staff at Wavertree said the students were really well behaved and did the College and themselves proud."



Medal students: A selection of our Y7 students who were successful at the recent Wavertree Athletics event. Below are some of the Y8 students who also represented the College



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