

# Heartbeat



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**Top Marks:** Students celebrate after collecting their GCSE and A-Level results

## Welcome back

Welcome back to all. I do hope everybody managed to have a good Summer, with some rest and good weather somewhere along the way.

I need hardly tell you that College was a hive of activity over the holidays and I look forward to giving you details of many of the things that went on in the early editions of Heartbeat this month.

I think, first and foremost, I must take this opportunity to congratulate all of last year's Year 11 and Year 13 students on their fabulous achievements in the exams.

We will soon be providing a round-up of all of the exam results on our website, and I would like to begin by saying that our results were again very creditable and in line with the high standards set at the College in recent years.

Indeed, I can tell you that no fewer than 73% of our Year 11 pupils managed to pass 5 GCSEs, including English and Mathematics, at C and above.

As you will be aware, this is a very strong performance in local and indeed national terms, and in fact the second-highest return in the history of the College.

I know all sections of the College community will want to thank and congratulate those who contributed to these results, which are again a testimony to the hard work and dedication of staff, parents and pupils at the College.

Year 13 also saw a huge number of personal successes and we wish our senior students all the very best as they set off soon for university and work.

First, though, I am hoping to see them all at Presentation Evening on 21 September with our special guest, Olympic Bronze medallist and Sacred Heart 'old boy', Daniel Purvis.

I think we are all looking forward to that night and you can be sure that we will have the event covered very thoroughly in Heartbeat and on the website.

### News in brief

There is a PTA meeting in D1 at 6.30pm tomorrow.

Also tomorrow, the College's SVP Group meet at 3.30pm in Nazareth and their Help the Homeless initiative continues on Wednesday.

Silver Surfers continue their ICT lessons in G8 at 3.45pm on Thursday and the Year 12 Information Evening takes place at 6.30pm in St Edward Hall, also on Thursday.

### Marking Policy

As we start the new year you will notice a copy of the college's up-dated marking policy in the front of pupil planners as well as being available on the college website.

The policy aims to provide clarity in the way your child's work is marked and to complement the half termly reports you receive.

### What's the story?

Do you have a story you would like featured in Heartbeat?

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# Blast from the past for Year 11

The Year 11 Leavers' Ball took place in early July at Aintree Racecourse, *writes then Head of Year 11, Mrs Callaghan.*

The day had been very rainy but thankfully, hair and make-up survived, and the wet weather did not spoil the evening at all. The pupils travelled in style by double-decker bus, waved off by crowds of admiring parents outside Upper Site; deservedly so, as they all looked absolutely fabulous!

Once at Aintree, we sat down to a very pleasant three course meal, followed by a mock 2012 Awards Ceremony which, amongst others, paid tribute to Joe

Hewlett, Sacred Heart's own 'The Voice', to Becky Ray who was 'Most Helpful and Most Chic', and to Jack O'Connor as 'Everybody Loves Jack'.

Afterwards, the dancefloor remained full all night.

The Leavers' Ball was a really happy occasion, enjoyed by pupils and staff alike. Everybody had a great time.

The pupils were impeccably behaved too; a credit to themselves, their parents and to Sacred Heart. I was really proud and am looking forward to seeing many of them back with us in September for Sixth Form.



## Y7 & Y8 gymnasts treated to top show

Ahead of the hugely successful Olympic Games, some of our young gymnasts were treated to a display of sporting excellence.

The keen athletes were treated to a day at the Echo Arena, ahead of the start of the Olympic Games, to watch the British Gymnastic Championships.

Mrs Murray and Mrs Vine accompanied the students on the trip. Mrs Vine said: "The girls worked hard all year, always turning up for training. So, as a reward, they were given the opportunity to go and watch the British Gymnastics Championships. They all had a fantastic afternoon and enjoyed watching their favourite elite gymnastics perform on all four pieces of apparatus. It was the perfect opportunity to see the British Artistic Gymnastics Team before the Olympics."

