

Heartbeat

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Y7 retreat from lessons to reflect on College life

Year 7 took a break from their regular timetable recently as they spent a day reflecting on what it means to be a part of Sacred Heart, *writes RE's Mr Bennett.*

Beginning with an Assembly, which reflected the message that 'there is no such thing as an ordinary pupil', by hearing how God calls people to be something far beyond anything they could imagine themselves to be.

The students then spent time discovering more about their classmates, playing 'Personality Bingo' – and being given a chance to share their likes and dislikes, hopes and worries.

Moving from the individual to community, the students presented themselves as members of the Form which they will spend the next five years with.

A variety of games and discussions gave them the chance to think about how each

person can make a difference by reflecting on what builds up a community and what breaks it down.

Present throughout the day were a number of former students who are now at, or are about to begin, University. This not only allowed those at the start of their Sacred Heart 'career' to glimpse the other end of their journey, it also illustrated that we are a community: once a member, always a member.

The activities and discussions all came together in the celebration of the 'Mass of Welcome', further emphasising that the Sacred Heart community goes beyond the classroom to include the local churches, represented by Mgr Furnival and Fr Seddon, and attended by many parents.

The theme of 'Journey' was also celebrated with the presence of our Head Boy and Girl, Tom Payet (13D) and Katherine Sneade (13T) and the Deputy Head Boy and Girl,



Michael Woods (13R) and Hazel Murphy (13D). An abiding image, which perhaps summed up the theme of the day, was Tom and Katherine being imitated by two Year 7 pupils in the Forms they were in six years ago, with the Year 7 boy wearing the Head Boy's blazer saying, 'I'll grow into it!'.

Grant a wish for Friends of Moorside Park

Students and their parents are being asked to help Friends of Moorside Park receive a major cash windfall. The Crosby organisation has been selected as one of the groups taking part in the Liverpool Echo's 'Wish' campaign.

The good news means Friends of Moorside Park will receive a share of the £25,000 being offered.

A spokesman for Friends of Moorside Park said: "The amount each group

is given depends on the number of tokens each group collects. The more tokens, the larger the share of the money."

Students will be given token books and are asked to collect the tokens that will be printed in the Liverpool Echo between October 1 and November 17. All money received will be used on improving the park area. Plans include new rose bushes for the rose garden and new benches.

News in brief

Orchestra Day and Choir Day take place on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. Both are in the Prep Hall and start at 9.15am.

On Wednesday, Y12 Information Evening starts at 6pm. On Thursday, there is a meeting at 8.50am in the Lower Site Hall for those going on the Ypres trip and, finally, also on Thursday, the Y7 Parents' Evening starts at 4.30pm at Lower Site.

Olympic medalist drops in on Y13s



Olympic medalist Daniel Purvis returned to the College recently to present awards at the Year 13 Presentation Evening.

Daniel, who was part of the Great Britain Men's Artistic Gymnastic team which claimed Bronze at this year's London Olympics, was given a standing ovation by the audience as he arrived on stage.

The gymnast said he was delighted to share in the celebration of success of the students. Former student and outgoing Head Boy, Mathew Cranny, who was one of the winners of the award for Excellent Achievement, said all the students had a 'lovely night' and it was 'great' to meet his teachers and friends again.

The audience then enjoyed an excellent musical performance by Katy Marsh (12D), who played a flute composition by Handel. New Head Boy and Girl, Tom Payet (13D) and Kathryn Sneade (13T), both pictured with Daniel, above, gave the vote of thanks in their first formal engagement.

Director of Upper School, Mr Pye, said: "It was great to see St Edward Hall full with so many students and parents who had so much to celebrate."

After the event, students queued to meet Daniel and have their photograph taken with him.



Money raised was the icing on the cake for Macmillan charity



It was not just cakes and pastries on the rise in the Food Technology department recently as our caring staff and students did their bit for charity. Form 13D and their tutor, Food Technology's Mrs Cunningham, organised a cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care.

Staff and students baked and filled the Food Technology room (GA1) with an array of cupcakes, sausage rolls, Victoria sponges and all other mouth-watering delights, raising an impressive £200 for the charity. Among those who helped organise the event was Head of RE, Mr Moor-

head. He said: "A special thanks must go to Mrs Cunningham and her form for organising such a marvellous fundraiser - £200 is a great sum and will go a long way to helping with cancer care.

"The cakes were great and I am sure this is not the last we have heard of the GA1 'tea rooms'."

The cake sale was part of a nationwide Coffee Morning event to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care who specialise in providing palliative care for those who have the disease. The specially trained nurses bring comfort and hope to their patients.