

Heartbeat



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Issue 7

Strange Harbours ready to dock for a third outing

Issue 3 of College magazine Strange Harbours will be released in December.

Staff and students have been busy on the third instalment of the magazine, a collection of fiction, poetry, art and comment, since September.

Regular editorial meetings involving students from Years 9-13 have taken place in G16 after school on Tuesdays.

The meetings have been the focal point for students to share their work and discuss a wide range of fiction and review articles for the magazine.

Mr Daw, from the English department, has overseen the project and he has been delighted with the progress so far. He said: "The magazine is really whatever the students want to make of it. We're open to fiction, reviews and artwork in a wide range of genres, and already there are signs the next issue will feature a varied mix of material. In the past, the majority of contributions have been from Sixth Formers, but, this time around, there's a significant contingent of very talented Year 9 and 10 students who have been writing some really amazing stuff, too.

"It's really exciting watching students' work come together." Sixth Form students play a vital role in not only writing for the magazine, but also in its pre-production. "I'm very keen on helping students understand the process of production for the magazine. Sub-editing, editing and setting are all activities that Sixth Form students will be responsible for," explains Mr Daw. "I've already seen instances of Sixth Formers working with younger students on developing story



ideas. That's just fantastic. It's absolutely what the magazine is all about." The window for submissions for Issue 3 will be open till the end of November and, Mr Daw points out, you do not have to attend the after-school meetings to submit. "The meetings are for production and to provide a quiet, focused setting for students to work on their writing. I'm well aware that students may be unable to attend the Tuesday meetings for a variety of reasons, but they're still very welcome to submit their work, either by handing it in to me personally, or by passing it on to their English teacher." Copies of Issue 2 of the magazine are still on sale, priced only £1. Issue 3 will be on sale around the Christmas period.



News in brief

There are Eucharistic Services at Upper Site from 8.20am tomorrow and at Lower Site on Thursday.

The College SVP group meet in Nazareth House at 3.30pm tomorrow. Also tomorrow, there is a meeting at 5.30pm in St Edward Hall for those going on the London trip.

On Wednesday, Orchestra rehearsals take place in the Prep Hall from 11.50am. Choir rehearsals and Samba practice take place at 3.40pm in the Prep Hall on Wednesday and Thursday respectively.

On Thursday, Silver Surfers meet in G8 at 3.40pm and Year 11 Consultation Evening takes place at 4.30pm in the Lower Site Halls.

Lunch club is magnifique



Pupils at Lower Site are getting a bite-size learning treat during their lunch break as they choose to learn French and Spanish.

The cosmopolitan Year 7 and 8 youngsters have been giving up their dinner break to attend Mrs O'Grady's lunchtime session in the hope of becoming multilingual and learn about European and Latin-American culture.

Mrs O'Grady explains: "The purpose of this club is to enhance pupils' linguistic

skills in a friendly and informal setting through games using our ICT facilities, through music and French and Spanish role plays related to everyday situations." And the lunchtime club appears to be a hit with pupils eager to learn more.

One such pupil is Josh Coyne (8E), who enjoys the lunchtime session. He said: "I think the Club is very entertaining thanks to Mrs O'Grady's sense of fun."

His thoughts were echoed by fellow 8D student, Olivia Sansbury. She said: "It is

a fun way to learn French or Spanish through games and you can also make new friends."

While the emphasis is on fun and learning in a relaxed setting, hard work is rewarded with merits and additional prizes. Although the club has proved popular, Mrs O'Grady says more Year 7 and 8 students would be welcome to come along. French and Spanish club takes place in the Lower Site Library on Fridays from 12pm.

Une Voce's night at the opera was a five star show

The College had a classical theme recently, as the Une Voce Opera Company held its annual concert in St Edward Hall.

The glitzy show, attended by the Mayors of Sefton, West Lancashire and Cheshire, was hosted by MC for the night, Radio Merseyside DJ, Roger Phillips. Former student, Danielle Thomas (pictured), was one of five professional opera singers who performed to a vast audience.

Among those in attendance was Director of Upper School, Mr Pye. He said: "I was really proud of all the Sixth Form students who helped on the night. It was a great occasion, enjoyed by all."

