

Heartbeat



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French students cast an eye over College education

Fifteen Sacred Heart students from Years 11, 12 and 13 have just had a fantastic experience to boost their studies in French, writes Head of Modern Foreign Languages, Mr Sayer.

For the first time in many, many years Sacred Heart students had the opportunity to take part in a French Exchange.

This is where our college pairs up with a sixth form college (or lycée) in France and students over here are matched up with students from the French school. The French students came over here last week and each one stayed in the home of their Sacred Heart partner.

This was a fantastic opportunity for all students involved to experience a new culture and way of life, as well as developing their language skills. The French students came to improve their English and for our students, it was a chance to practise their French with native speakers.

The French group arrived on Tuesday afternoon with their accompanying French teacher, and was enthusiastically welcomed.

After a chance to chat and get to know each other a little, it was then time to go home and allow the French partners to settle in with their new English families.

During their stay, the French students spent two days in college, going to lessons with their English partners. They had the opportunity to see at first hand what life is like inside a British school. They saw lessons ranging from the familiar Maths, English and French to



the not so familiar Art and Textiles. We all enjoyed a day out together on Thursday to Liverpool City Centre, where we discovered something of Liverpool's past in the Museum of Liverpool.

After lunch, we were able to admire fine aerial views over the city from Liverpool Wheel, by the Albert Dock.

The weekend was spent at leisure with the host families. Our students enjoyed showing the many sights and attractions of Liverpool to their French partners.

Activities such as ice-skating were high on the agenda, as were trips to Chester and even a chance to go to Saturday's match at Anfield for one lucky Frenchman.

Sadly, the time came all too soon for the French party to leave. Early on Tuesday morning we waved them off, sorry to see our new friends go, but looking forward to our visit to France to see them all again in April.

It was strange at first having a French person living in my house, but we got on extremely well all week and I have made a life long friend. The experience is something I will remember forever and I can't wait until I go to France.

Rebecca Appleton (12S)

My favourite part of the exchange was showing my partner around Liverpool and improving my French.

Jenny Nolan (12H)

I really enjoyed the French Exchange and felt it was really beneficial. It has improved my language skills and allowed me to make new friends.

Alice Shannon (13H)

I liked being able to interact and befriend people from another culture and I have grown more confident in my spoken French.

Ciara Haverley (13C)

My French language skills have improved a lot over the week. It was a good experience as I have made a friend and had a great time.

Anthony Clarke (12S)

Y11 trip was a Bowness

Our Year 11 Geography students recently travelled to Bowness-on-Windermere as part of their Geography studies.

Among them was Nathan Jackson (pictured, inset) and here is his account of the day.

I enjoyed the trip and learnt about tourism and how a town like Bowness depends on it. A particular highlight was approaching tourists and asking them questions. These included; why they were there, how did they hear about Bowness and what attractions they were hoping to see.

There were some amusing moments during the interviews but one in particular stood out. I was interviewing a couple with a dog and asked, 'does the dog count as a tourist?', which caused everyone who heard it to burst out laughing.

Although the weather was mixed, we managed to have our lunch overlooking the lake, which was most enjoyable.

Overall, it was a very informative and worthwhile day out.



News in brief

Get ready to snaffle a bargain when the College PTA holds its Christmas Shopping Night on Friday, 30th November. The event takes place in the Lower Site Hall from 7pm, where

there will be a variety of stalls selling handbags, jewellery, beauty products and much more. Tickets are £2, available from the College, or you can pay on the door. The PTA is also holding its annual Raffle. Tickets, for parents or students to buy or sell, will be sent out.

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