

# Heartbeat



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## Remembering the real meaning of Christmas



Amidst all the preparations for Christmas and the counting down to breaking up, Sacred Heart has made sure we haven't forgotten the real meaning of Christmas, writes *RE's Mr Bennett*.

Our pupils have already been giving the gift of themselves to help others.

Our main charity for this term is Jospice. After hearing about the work of this vital local charity in assemblies, several of our Sixth Formers took part in the Santa Dash in Crosby village.

Pupils throughout the College carried on the dash in their PE lessons. Along with cake bakes, candy sticks sales and the proceeds of the lower school Christmas disco, we have raised more than £1,300. We haven't just given money: 40 of our

Sixth Form pupils have volunteered to give time on their final day to help with the bag pack in Liverpool's Marks and Spencer store.

The Year 9 & 10 SVP pupils answered an unusual SOS call from the Apostleship of the Sea mission in Waterloo. Last week they were asked if they could come and 'Stuff our Shoeboxes': filling boxes with gifts for seafarers who are away from home for many months and are at sea over Christmas.

Our work supporting Mother Teresa's sisters in feeding the homeless has continued. The valuable contribution of our pupils was recognised in the greetings on the Christmas card: 'Thank you for your joyful and generous service to the poor-

est of the poor here in our soup kitchen.'

On Monday (December 17), our annual Pensioners' Christmas party was, as usual, a tremendous success, with our Sixth Form providing food and good company to local senior citizens. A number of our 'Silver Surfers' were also thrilled to be presented with the calendars they had made in the Silver Surfers computer classes, using family photographs and other images.

All of these activities were the practical part of our Christmas preparations, underpinned by morning prayer which focused on the season of Advent.

Our senior teachers visited forms to lead the prayers, highlighting this as a central part of the school day.



## Emily has designs on Christmas

Congratulations to Emily Corish (7A) who won a competition to design this year's College Christmas card. Emily's festive picture perfectly captured the nativity theme and Art's Mrs Campbell was full of praise for Emily's design. She said: "The standard of all the designs was excellent but Emily's card summed up the nativity theme perfectly. Well done to Emily and to everyone else who entered the competition." The competition was held within the College and was open to all Year 7 pupils. All the College staff received the card.

## News in brief

Applied A Level Controlled Assessments start on Tuesday, January 8. There are Eucharistic services at 8.20am on Tuesday at Upper and at Lower on Thursday. Examinations start on Wednesday and continue throughout January. Choir rehearsals take place 3.40pm in the Prep Hall on Wednesday and Samba Band practice takes place on Thursday at 3.30pm.

# Silver Surfers make time for the festive period



Our Silver Surfers have been counting the days to Christmas, literally. The senior students have been putting their new found IT skills, learned at the College's Thursday night class, to good use by making 2013 calendars for Christmas.

The striking designs certainly impressed RE's Mr Bennett, who helps oversee the class. He said: "Our Silver Surfers have done really well. All the calendars are of an excellent, professional standard. They all came up with some really good design ideas. Well done to all of them."

