

Heartbeat



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Peaceful time was had at Private war screening



News in brief

Examinations continue this week. Choir rehearsals take place at 3.40pm in the Prep Hall on Wednesday and Samba Band practice takes place on Thursday at 3.30pm. Year 10 Consultation Evening takes place on Thursday from 4.30pm. On Friday, there is a theatre trip to Manchester to see *One Man Two Guvvorns*.

Our Year 8 students swapped the classroom for the cinema recently as they went to see the screen adaptation of *Private Peaceful*.

The film, based on the novel by Michael Morpurgo, is set in the fields of Devon during WWI and tells the story of two brothers who fall for the same girl while contending with the pressures of their feudal family life, the war and the price of

courage and cowardice.

Among those who attended the screening were Louise Simpson (8R) and Millie Lorraine (8A).

The pair enjoyed both the experience of visiting Crosby's Plaza cinema and the film itself. Louise said: "The film was full of adventure, romance, heart-break, happy times and sad times. It was very entertaining but at the same time taught us just how

hard it was being a soldier in World War I."

Millie added: "Everybody enjoyed seeing *Private Peaceful* and we hope we can go to the cinema again in Year 8."

Among those who accompanied the students and helped organise the trip was English teacher, Mrs Mawdsley, who said: "The students enjoyed the film and were a credit to the College."



Students get nice surprises as they scoop poetry prizes

Budding poets from Years 7 and 8 have been rewarded for their efforts on National Poetry Day.

Ben Davidson (8H) won a set of dictionaries for his recital of the Roger McGough poem *Nooligan*, which Ben also performed at Open Evening.

In the written category, students were asked to write about 'New Beginnings'.

Tom Frew (7S) won first prize in Year 7 for his poem, in which he describes his feelings at the start of a new school year.

Award

In Year 8, Hannah Withey(8C) took the top award for her poem, in which she questioned what represents a New Beginning. Tom and Hannah both won a set of dictionaries, while runners up won a selection of chocolates. Everyone who entered received a certificate.

English teacher, Mrs Weekes, was delighted with the quality of the students' work. She said: "The standard of entries was very high indeed and all pupils are to be congratulated on their efforts."

A selection of the entries have been published in the Departmental Anthology, Spotlight, as well as being placed on display at Lower Site.



Model students: As part of the study into 'evil and suffering' in RE, our Year 9 students put their imaginations and skills to good use. Our would-be Antony Gormleys created models that were inspired by the stories of Adam and Eve and Pandora's Box. Overseeing the students' work was RE teacher, Miss Clarke, who said the models showed 'real imagination'.