

# Heartbeat



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## Nugent Care benefits from £1,500 charity boost



Adults and children with learning difficulties are among those who will benefit from money raised at Sacred Heart.

Staff and students invited representatives from the Nugent Care Society to the College recently to present them with a cheque for £1,500.

The money was raised as a result of a Danceathon, a Lower School disco and a football tournament organised by Sixth Form students.

Among those involved with the fundraising was RE's Mr Bennett. He said "Our guests were overwhelmed by the amount they were presented with and they told our Year 7-9 students just how much difference this money would make to some of the most vulnerable members of the community.

"They told the students the money will go towards helping children and adults with learning difficulties, the elderly with Alzheimers and people who have suffered brain injuries.

"The assemblies before the fundraising educated us about the people who need support, while the assemblies afterwards allowed us to hear the impact we, as a school, have made. The actual fundraising activities brought students and staff from across the College together to support vulnerable people.

"This formula of learning and acting allows us to feel we are doing far more than simply giving a donation - we are becoming actively involved in the lives of people who are so often forgotten.

"At present, we are busy learning about,

and supporting the work of, CAFOD, especially helping the people of the Philipines after the typhoon they suffered in December."

For more information about the work of Nugent Care, visit their website at [www.nugentcare.org](http://www.nugentcare.org)

### News in brief

**Gym and Dance Rehearsals take place today in St Edward Hall ahead of tomorrow's performance at 7pm. Also taking place today are AS/A2 Drama Moderation in the Drama Studio and Year 11 Mock Interviews in the Prep Hall, which will run until Wednesday. A Level Examination Recordings also take place today and tomorrow in F7.**

# Three meet again to perform Macbeth for Y9



Witches' prophecies, treachery and murder were the order of the day for Year 9 recently, as they were treated to a powerful performance of Macbeth.

Delivered by the ManactCo Theatre Company, the play's fairly large cast of characters was split between three actors. The performance was fast-paced and, through the use of costume changes and brief moments of narration, very easy to follow.

As Steve, the leader of the company, pointed out in his introduction, Shakespeare's Scottish play is 'virtually all plot with no sub-plot' and 'relatively few unnecessary scenes'.

Staging the play in approximately an hour, the actors' performances effectively highlighted the play's key themes of power, ambition, temptation and violence. The company's decision to stage the production 'in the round' meant that, wherever they sat, the students were always close to the action.

"I didn't expect to be that close to the actors," said Adam Lewis (9A). "It certainly added an extra dimension to the

experience."

Rachael Owen-Setty (9R) added: "It was dramatic and tense. You could see the way characters reacted to one another."

After the performance, the actors made themselves available to answer questions both out of character and in character, sitting on the 'hot seat' in the centre of the performance space.

Their answers gave the students valuable insight into the possible motivations of characters and reinforced the important idea that Shakespeare's text can be interpreted in a number of different ways.

Mr Daw, from the English department, said: "The actors were very engaging and their answers in the workshop were really useful.

"It is always very beneficial to see a Shakespeare play in performance and that was certainly the case here."

Mr Daw's thoughts were echoed by Charlotte McKean (9A), who added: "You have a better understanding when you see a play performed. I really enjoyed the performance."

## Lauren shows she's a medal student



**Congratulations to Lauren Martin (7S) who has scooped two bronze medals. Lauren won her first Bronze for one-on-one Karate-Do and then scooped another in Kata, which is a sequence of moves performed on one person. A delighted Lauren said she was 'really happy' to get the medals and hopes they will be the first of many.**