

# Heartbeat



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## Year 11 students look to life after Sacred Heart



Our Year 11 students were preparing for life after Sacred Heart recently, as they took part in mock interviews.

The three day session, run by the Sefton Education Business Partnership (SEBP), saw representatives from organisations such as Hugh Baird College, Merseyside Police, One Vision Housing, United Utilities and many more, offer advice to students on anything from filling in application forms, writing covering letters and CVs to interview techniques.

Ann Edwards, the Employability Interview Co-ordinator with SEBP, explained more about the process: “We help students with their applications and offer guidance for their interviews.

“The students get a lot out of it, we have helped with applications for college and even university, along with offering advice for those looking to stay on at

school or go on apprenticeships.”

Zoe Trotter (11A) was among those who took part in an interview and was pleased with the help she received. Zoe said: “I am looking for a career in Child Studies and we discussed what skills and qualifications I will need to pursue that.

“Even though I have already had two interviews the mock interview provided me with some useful guidance.”

Helen McCann from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) thought the students benefitted from the sessions and praised their maturity over the three days: “Over the three days, I took part in more than 20 interviews. All the students were very receptive and they all thought the sessions were very beneficial.

“Their teachers have already provided them with some information and we have just added to that by providing them with

an idea of what to expect in interviews and given them some pointers about any applications they may make.

“The behaviour from all the students over the three days was exceptional. They have all conducted themselves in a very mature and respectful manner. It has been a pleasure to come to Sacred Heart and help the students here.”

### News in brief

**GCSE Examination Recordings take place all week in F7.**

**There are Eucharistic Services at 8.20am on Tuesday at Lower Site and Thursday at Upper Site, also 8.20am. Silver Surfers meet at 3.45pm in G8 on Thursday and, on Friday, there is a theatre trip to the Bolton Octagon to see a performance of the Glass Menagerie.**

## Students line up

Lower site students have been coining it in for Cafod. The youngsters took part in a competition to see who could create the longest lines of gold, silver and bronze coins. Those who created the longest bronze line, received an extra ten merits, silver an extra 25 and gold an extra 50. Once all the money was lined up and measured, 8D claimed the prize for the longest bronze line, while 8E created the longest silver and gold lines. The total length of coins added up to a whopping 658 metres. The coins are still being counted, so the final amount, which will be donated to Cafod, is yet to be announced. Among those who helped organise the competition was Head of Year 8, Mrs Campbell, who said: "Thank you to all those who participated and a special thank you to Josh Coyne (8E) who has raised £140 with a cake sale."



# We just love our Library

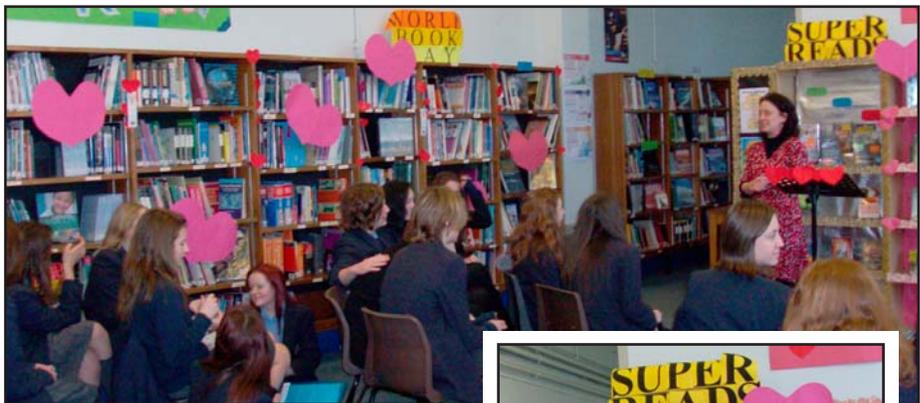
Staff and students have been packing out the Library recently to celebrate their love of reading - and, to show that romance is alive and well.

On March 7, bookworms from Y9 took part in a fun-packed half hour of book-related activities to celebrate World Book Day. The event, organised by Library staff and members of the English Department, saw students taking part in games of charades and 'Who Am I?', 'along with quizzes and word searches.

The students were encouraged to revisit some of their favourite childhood books, with a selection brought in by members of staff, and show off their artistic skills by making bookmarks, which are currently on display outside the Library.

Among those who helped organise the event was Library Assistant, Mrs McAndrew, who explains more: "The event was the culmination of a couple of weeks of celebrations that saw competitions for Year 7 and 8 students to design an alternative book cover, and Year 9 and 10 students to write a review about their favourite book, with the winners receiving WH Smith vouchers.

"More of these days are planned and it is also 'Sefton Super Reads' time now, with



voting from the six shortlisted books culminating in an awards ceremony in June.

"Over the next two months, students will be asked to read these books and vote for their favourite."

Meanwhile, back in February, staff and students showed their romantic side by taking part in an event entitled, 'Love In The Library', which took place, of course, on Valentine's Day, February 14.

This saw students treated to readings from a selection of love poetry by Mr Daw and Mrs Weekes from the English department. Readings included work from Shakespeare, John Clare and Robbie Burns, along with a range of Valentine-themed treats, kindly



provided by Mrs McAndrew.

Miss Case then read examples of romantically-themed Haiku and students were challenged to compose their own examples, on pink rose-scented Post-it notes. The students then declaimed their own verse, entering into the spirit of the event, with both fun and enthusiasm.