

Heartbeat



Monday, July 15

Issue 39

Students sample different cultures on European tour

Students from three year groups visited France and Barcelona recently to experience first hand those countries' lifestyle and culture. Among those accompanying the students was Head of MFL, Mr Sayer, here is his account of the trip.

On Saturday, June 29, at 5.30am, a group of 40 Year 9 and 10 students, along with two from Year 12, gathered on Liverpool Road to begin the very first Sacred Heart tour to Paris and Barcelona. It was the start of a very busy and exciting week.

After a day on the road, we arrived at our Paris hotel in the suburb of Villejuif. Rooms allocated, and tired after the long journey, we went to bed knowing the next two days would be full of world famous sights.

Our two days in Paris saw us enjoying all the sights: Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées, the Place de la Concorde and Montmartre with its Sacré Coeur Basilica.

Stunning

On Sunday, we went up the Montparnasse Tower to enjoy high level, stunning views right across the city, while on Monday we had a relaxing cruise along the River Seine. Both evenings in Paris we dined in authentic Parisian restaurants in the heart of the city. In the evening we had the experience of negotiating the famous Paris Métro (the Paris underground system) in order to make our way back to the hotel.

On Tuesday, we had to get up in the dark for a 5.30am departure from Paris for the long southward journey to Spain.

We came to appreciate that France really is Western Europe's largest country. After another day on the road, we arrived that evening in the beautiful Canada Palace Hotel in the Catalan beach resort of Calafell,



near Barcelona. In the heat of the following day, we visited Barcelona with a morning trip to Barcelona Football Club's world famous Nou Camp stadium.

This was followed by lunch in the fascinating Park Güell and then a visit to Gaudi's masterpiece: the Cathedral of the Sagrada Familia.

After five days of travelling and sightseeing, Thursday came as a welcome break

when we spent the day in our resort making full use of the hotel's facilities, visiting the beach and shopping for those last minute souvenirs.

On Friday, we embarked on the mammoth return journey back to Crosby. It took us 29 hours from Barcelona, arriving back at school just before 1pm on Saturday. We were tired but full of happy memories of all that we had seen and done.

On your marks...



...for Sportsday



News in brief

Year 7 and 8 students are at Alton Towers today. Tomorrow, there is a Careers and Study in Chemistry session in S13 from 9am. End of term starts Wednesday. Morning break will be extended to 11am and students will leave at 12.00.

