

Heartbeat



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Dux feeds students' need for University learning



Last term, I had the pleasure of taking Bethany Murray and Ben Long (both 10C), to the University of Manchester to the Dux Awards, *writes Head of Business Studies Mrs Callaghan.*

The Dux Awards recognise and reward high performing pupils in Year 9, and aims to encourage higher aspirations by inviting one or two high-performing students from every secondary school to visit a Russell Group university.

Bethany reports: "I enjoyed the day at Manchester University. While we were there, we joined in with two different workshop activities; one based on Science, the other on English Literature.

"The science workshop was very enjoy-

able; we learnt about how animals use camouflage as a way of protection. There were many different types of camouflage we learnt about, such as disruptive colouration which is used by animals such as tigers and leopards and how harmless hoverflies mimic more dangerous wasps and bees to ward off predators.

"We met several current students while we were there who worked with us and showed us around. It was really interesting to hear about their experiences."

Ben tells us about the English Literature session: "It was a Sherlock Holmes workshop, in which each group was given a detailed, colourful picture of a page from a book and we had to determine when it was

made, who it was made for, who commissioned it and why it was made.

"After a lot of discussion and examining various clues, we finally came to the conclusion the book was written in the Middle Ages, that it was made as a wedding gift for a King and Queen and given to them by the Head Knight of the Realm.

"We went to the students' canteen for lunch, and then back to the University for a tour of the campus. The new IT Resources Centre was amazing and the work of the Students' Union was really interesting.

"The final part was back at the Lecture Hall for a conclusion and distribution of certificates. I enjoyed the day and gained a lot of knowledge about university life."



Top that: A big thank you and well done goes to Louise Simpson, Peter Richards, Josh Coyne and Kieran Smith. Our fab four raised £45 after they baked cakes and sold them to Year 7 & 8 students during break time last term to raise funds for Survive MIVA.

Diverse concert a success



This year's summer concert saw students, parents and staff, past and present, join together for a feast of music, *writes Head of Music Mr Foy.*

The concert included a programme of music from Baroque to the present. Solo instrumentalists played alongside the newly formed Samba Band, while former student Danielle Thomas performed with the College Choir.

The whole evening culminated in a massed performance of the large-scale classical work *Gloria* by Vivaldi.

The evening was an opportunity for students to exhibit their achievements from both in and out of the classroom during the year.

The variety of different genres of music presented throughout the evening was

staggering and well received by the audience. It was a real example of Sacred Heart working with, and in, the community to produce music of the very highest quality.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was witnessing the Sacred Heart Community raising money to assist in the rehabilitation of former student Marcos Ringle.

Having performed at the recent Jospice event, the music ensembles are currently representing the College on a tour of Barcelona, where the students will experience performing for appreciative audiences in some delightful churches.

On our return, we will be supporting another local community initiative; Another Place, performing three times over the 19th and 20th.



News in brief

There are morning Eucharistic services at Lower Site on Tuesday and at Upper on Thursday. Also on Thursday, there is an Induction Evening for Sixth Form students and their parents. On Friday, there is the Y13 Presentation Evening in St Edward Hall.