

Heartbeat



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Achievements honoured at Presentation Evening



Honoured guests, governors and parents joined staff and students on September 13, for the College's annual presentation of prizes and certificates for performance at GCE.

Those who were recognised for their achievements included; Lucy Cochrane, for 'Exceptional Achievement at Advanced Level', and Sylvia Li, James Middleton, Holly Morgan, Rachel Ward and Molly Whithead for 'Outstanding Achievement at

Advanced Level'.

Michael Woods received both the Citizenship Award, for 'Outstanding Service to the School and the Wider Community', and the Paul Kendall Award for 'Excellent Performance in Mathematics'.

Among those overseeing the event was Mr Pye. He said: "It was a fantastic evening and it was with enormous pride that we were able to reward so many students for their outstanding achievements."

Guitar hero Josie makes the grade



Congratulations to Josie Appleton (9R) whose skills as guitarist recently saw her pass her Rockschoool Grade I & 2 exams.

Josie has been no slouch in learning the guitar, having only started to play two years ago. Josie said:

"From about the age of ten I wanted to learn to play and have been playing now for a couple of years."

The talented 14-year-old, who cites the Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl as her favourite guitarist, has no plans yet to forge a career in the music industry herself. Josie added: "For now, I just enjoy playing. I don't know if it will lead anywhere, I just play because I enjoy it now."

Josie is now practising hard towards her Grade 3 exam.



Year 8 enjoy a Warwick wonderland



Crime and punishment rooms, dungeons and the Black Death were just a taste of what our current Year 8 experienced recently.

But fear not, the gruesome goodies were all part of a trip to Warwick which brought to life many of the topics the students learn about in the classroom and gave them a chance to witness the subject first hand. Among those who accompanied the students was Mrs Reid. She said: "Our trip to Warwick was part of the History Curriculum and gave the students the advantage of learning what life in a castle would be like during the War of the Roses.

"They visited the Kingmaker exhibition, which gave them the chance to put on ar-

mour and listen to presentations by experienced historians – bringing to life the reign of Edward IV and the Earl of Warwick. Students also visited Guy's Tower, which gave them the chance to learn more about how to defend a castle and how difficult it was to attack one. This was followed by a Birds of Prey display, which included a Bald Eagle all the way from America.

"After a picnic lunch in the blazing hot sunshine, the brave ventured into the Castle Dungeon.

"This experience proved to be the highlight for many. The students then walked around several themed rooms and were taught various elements of early modern history by actors, including the Black Death and crime



and punishment.

Some of our more fortunate students were called upon by the actors to take part."

Despite the sometimes scary nature of the subject matter, Joe Porter (8E) enjoyed the trip. He said: "Although the castle dungeon could be a bit scary, I would definitely go again as I learnt so much about the Black Death and History was brought to life."

Mrs Reid added: "After a long day, we arrived back in Liverpool at 8pm.

"Although tired, the students were enthusiastic about the trip and what they had learnt."



News in brief

Year 12 will take part in the National Open College Network course this week. There are morning Eucharistic services at Upper Site on Tuesday and at Lower on Thursday. On Tuesday and Wednesday, a number of students will visit Oxford as part of an RE/Science trip. The Year 13 Consultation Evening takes place in the Lower Site Hall on Wednesday. On Saturday, the 17th Annual Una Voce Opera Supper and Concert takes place from 7pm.