

Heartbeat



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Prize poets

Congratulations to Emily Bird (11S) and Laura Kelly (11A) who both received prizes recently in recognition of their poetic skills.

Emily and Laura claimed the second and third prizes, respectively, in the 14-16 age category of a short story and poetry competition run by Pritchards bookshop.

The poetic pair attended a special prize-giving ceremony at the Crosby shop, where they were given their prizes by best-selling author Ruth Hamilton. The author read excerpts of work from all the winning finalists and was fulsome in her praise and encouragement.



The beat goes on for our talented young musicians

September saw the launch of the Music department's extra-curricular enrichment provision, *writes Head of Music, Mr Foy*. The national curriculum and university research data make a clear and strong argument that music, and the participation in music, both in and out of the classroom, can have a huge developmental impact on young people.

Learning social skills such as teamwork and performing under pressure, to encouraging independence and problem solving, not to mention the physical and psychological aspects of being a musician, have all been highlighted as areas that can improve through being actively involved with music.

Last month, more than 300 of our students took the opportunities presented to them musically. During one hectic week, we launched the College Choir, Orches-

tra and Samba Band. Building on the successes of last year, these ensembles are going from strength to strength musically and are now more popular than ever before.

As well as these ensembles, there is an increasing number of students, more than 80 at present, taking part in specialist instrumental tuition.

This already exceeds the national average and, again, numbers are increasing. It is not too late to take advantage of what I am convinced is the best service of its kind in the area; simply speak to a music teacher.

The new Sixth Form Music Form has also been busy contributing to the Christian ethos of the College by performing in assemblies and Masses and taking on the role of 'mentors' in extra-curricular activities.



News in brief

Year 13 students visit the National Theatre today. Open Evening takes place on Thursday. On Friday, our Year 8 students leave for Ypres, returning Sunday. Well done to the Y9 football team who beat Maghull 2-1 in R1 of the Sefton Cup. Goalscorers were Peter Fletcher (2) and Liam Gibbons.

Year 12 get to sample life at Oxford University



Eight of our Year 12 students swapped Crosby for Oxford recently as they sampled university life.

After a meal in the city centre, the students stayed in overnight at rooms in Trinity College itself. The following morning, they experienced the College's hospitality, enjoying a hearty breakfast, which was followed by a guided tour by one of the undergraduate students.

Particularly interesting was a talk given by Professor Valerie Worth, the tutor responsible for overseeing admissions at the College. She made the College's entry requirements and the process by which prospective students are interviewed extremely clear.

Following lunch, the students attended subject talks and had the opportunity to explore the city, taking in its impressive and distinctive architecture as well as visiting faculty buildings and other colleges.

Rebecca Withey (12E) said: "We had time to visit other Oxford colleges and everyone was particularly enthralled by the Christ Church College entrance hall, inspiration for the Great Hall in the Harry Potter films. "As we reflected on our visit during the journey home, everybody agreed it had provided us with an interesting insight into studying at Oxford and the visit has definitely given us all lots to think about."

Among those who accompanied the students was Mr Daw from the English department. He said: "Oxford has a worldwide reputation as a centre for learning and that can be a little intimidating. I think the trip demystified the process of applying to the university for the students and gave them a taste of where their undoubted talents and abilities could eventually take them."

Sacred Heart Catholic College



Open Evening

— Thursday —

17th October 2013

— 6.30-8.45pm —

Upper Site · Liverpool Road



Headteacher's Welcome
7.00pm and 7.45pm



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