

# Heartbeat



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## DofE cupcake class will really take some topping

Our Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) students did a spot of decorating with a difference recently.

With Easter just around the corner, the students donned their aprons and made a tasty selection of mouthwatering Easter-themed cupcakes.

Overseeing their progress was Science teacher and DofE Skills co-ordinator, Miss Niescier, she said: "The students learnt many new skills, including baking, making and colouring buttercream, piping and sugarcraft to decorate their cupcakes.

"All the students that have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh activities should be proud of what they have achieved over the last few months, as they have learnt many new skills and created some wonderful examples of cupcakes."

Pictured are Grace Morgan and Catherine Owens (both 11T) with their Easter-themed cupcake creations.



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**SACRED HEART DANCE AND GYM DISPLAY**

**Tuesday 25th March**

**St Edward Hall - 7pm Start**

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# Lessons are a rollercoaster for our Year 12 IT students



Year 12 students swapped lessons for rollercoaster rides recently as they learned how IT helps make theme parks such as Euro Disney operate, *writes Head of IT, Mrs Askew.*

The 35 IT students met at Liverpool John Lennon Airport on March 2 to embark on one of the most fun, fact-finding, educational missions you can think of.

To learn how a theme park works, you need to experiment, investigate and experience all the fun and it was the ultimate in out-of-the-classroom learning.

After arriving at our Disney hotel, we settled in for the night ahead of an early start. Our first full day saw the students attend ICT Live, a morning of inspirational talks and presentations from some of the industries high-flyers.

The co-founder of Games Workshop, the presenter of BBC's Click program and an entrepreneur of online content all gave their stories, advice and encouragement to the next generation of ICT professionals.

After a short break for lunch, we ven-

tured into the parks to investigate how the ICT systems work.

In particular, students collected photographs, information and details about the park's Fast Pass system and how it helps the park to manage information.

The information gathered is used in a live piece of coursework to contribute to their Cambridge Technical Certificate (AS) qualification.

After lunch at Planet Hollywood, we entered the park again to watch the Disney Dreams spectacular.

This show combined high-tech animation projected onto the castle and water fountains, with music and fireworks.

The students were amazed by what can be achieved using computer animation they had finished using in class just weeks earlier.

Day two saw us venture into Paris to view Sacre Coeur, The Arc De Triomphe, Champs Elyses, Thileries Gardens and the Pompidou Centre.

Along the way we bumped into fashion editors and models attending a show in

the gardens, which provided lots of excitement and amusement.

Day three was park day again and students were given free reign to explore all that the two parks have to offer, before returning to Paris Charles De Gaulle airport for the flight home.

This trip certainly demonstrated the benefits of hands-on learning. The students were engaged, enthusiastic and learning all the time.

We said goodbye to Mickey Mouse and his friends for another year but take with us some fantastic memories that will last for years to come.

## News in brief

**Congratulations to the Year 9 boys' football team who have reached the Final of the Sefton Cup.**

**The boys beat Holy Family 9-0 in the semi-final to set up a date with Birkdale next Monday at Holy Family, kick off 4pm. This is the third successive year the team have reached the Sefton Cup Final.**