

Heartbeat



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Achievements honoured at Presentation Evening



Awards: Lily Spiers with the Citizenship Award and Stephen Tate (inset), who was recognised as a special prize winner for his results in Further Mathematics

Honoured guests, governors and parents joined staff and students on September 5, for the College's annual presentation of prizes and certificates for performance at GCE.

Those who were recognised for their achievements included; Harry Cooney, Jessica Davies and Joseph Hughes, for 'Exceptional Achievement at Advanced Level', and Laura Donaghy, Beth Garrett and Matthew Morris for 'Outstanding

Achievement at Advanced Level'.

Lily Spiers received the Citizenship Award, for 'Outstanding Service to the School and the Wider Community', while Alex Parkinson received the Paul Kendall Award for 'excellent performance in Mathematics and ICT'. Among those overseeing the event was Mr Pye. He said: "It was a fantastic evening and it was with enormous pride we were able to reward so many students for their outstanding achievements."

Y9's roaring success hailed by the Lions



Representatives of the Crosby & District Lions Club presented last season's Year 9 footballers with certificates recently after they finished third in an U14s tournament, writes *PE's Mr Burke*.

The boys took part in the seven-a-side competition, organised by the NW District Lions group over the summer, and were competing against teams from all over the North West. Our boys played extremely well to finish as runners-up in their group and in joint third place overall.

As well as presenting certificates, they also explained what the Lions do to support organisations in the community. Also, in recognition of the fantastic sportsmanship shown by our boys, the Lions presented them with a cheque for £100 for Claire House, which was our chosen charity for the summer term. The Lions members pictured are, from left, Lion Dave Winsland, Lion Alasdair Francis and Lion Gordon Iverson.

College raises money for hospital miracle workers



The Sacred Heart community has helped raise a staggering £4,300 for the Liverpool Women's Hospital Neonatal Special Care Unit, *writes Campbell Wallace (9D)*.

During the summer, four pupils and two members of staff experienced an emotional and eye-opening trip to the Neonatal Special Care Unit at the Liverpool Women's Hospital.

We went to present the money we had raised for the unit. In May, PE's Mr O'Malley and three of his friends ran the Liverpool Rock 'n' Roll Marathon. This was in support of the neonatal unit, which is particularly close to Mr O'Malley's heart, as the staff helped save his daughter's life after she had been starved of oxygen during a difficult labour.

Along with Mr O'Malley's friends and family, the Sacred Heart Community has helped massively in raising £4,300.

Whilst at the hospital, we learned about the work carried out in looking after ill babies. We also had the pleasure of meeting

not only the dedicated staff but also Liam White, younger brother of Lauren White (8D) and Mr O'Malley's wife and child, Gabriella, who has recently recovered from a difficult birth.

Our journey did not end there, as we had the chance to delve deep into the past of John Prayle (9H). John's arrival at the hospital was greeted with an eruption of joy. Staff recalled how John was in care at the neonatal unit for ten months and many of the nurses and medical staff that looked after John were absolutely thrilled to see him. At that moment I, and Samya O'Grady (8R) who was also born at the hospital and accompanied the group, really felt like we knew John from birth.

I was also born at this hospital but was lucky in the sense I had a stable birth and did not really know this wonderful unit existed at the other end of the corridor.

It is a truly amazing place, where they perform miracles each day. We were given a thorough tour of the ward and informed of



the various costs to run such a place. It costs more than £15,000 for the specialist cots for the babies, as well costing £1,200 to look after one baby per day!

I cannot thank the teachers enough for this opportunity; I felt at one with others' pain and worry but not as much as my connection with their strength.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, parents and pupils who have been very generous with donations and wishes of support throughout this fundraising project.

News in brief

There is a Students Finance Parents' Evening in St Edward Hall at 6pm today. On Thursday, there is a theatre trip to Manchester to see War Horse. On Thursday and Friday, Sixth Form students will attend Open Days at Trinity College Oxford.