

Heartbeat



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Netball teams enjoy Paris match on European tour

Our netball teams took part in away fixtures with a difference last month as they travelled to Paris to take part in a tournament.

Accompanying the girls, and compiling a daily blog for the College website, was PE's Ms Baker. Here is her account of the trip.

Our netball teams set out on their first netball tournament in Paris last month. All the girls were really excited and could not wait to compete.

All our teams, Years 8, 10 and 11, performed to the best of their ability, winning all but one of their games. Our Year 9s came first in the pool, winning all of their games comfortably.

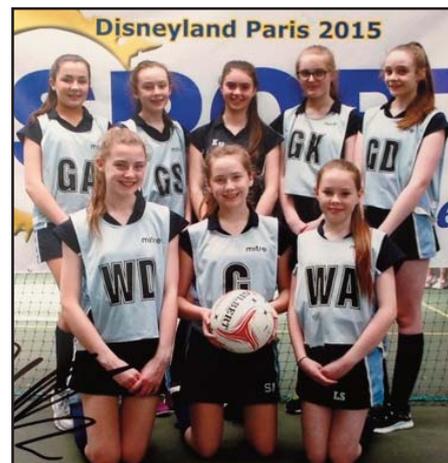
All in all, a great start to the tour, both on and off the court. We had many schools commenting on how polite and sporting our girls were, one school said: "Your girls are outstanding players but so lovely, well-mannered and sporting," this topped off a fantastic day.

After a well-deserved sleep, the following day began with an early entry into Disney and the Studios, with plenty of opportunity for pictures with characters and more rides. The afternoon saw a return to netball and a series of coaching sessions for the girls.

The teams were able to experience group coaching by none other than England Goal Shooter (GS), Rachel Dunn.

After a two hour session and an evening meal, the girls were rested for the following day's group finals.

The U14s were off for an early start in their finals competition; both Y8 teams qualified for the Shield Cup and the Y9s in the Challenge Cup. All teams played their hearts out against challenging oppositions and had a great time in the process. After initially los-



ing their first games, both Y8 teams went head-to-head in a Sacred Heart derby, which saw them going through to compete for 5th and 7th place.

Our Y9s won their quarter final, sending them in to an extremely tough semi-final

against regional level players. The girls were outstanding and were only pipped to the final by a few goals. In their 3rd place playoff, the team came out on top which was a fantastic achievement.

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University challenge at the School Of Science

Six of our students swapped school lessons for the School of Science recently as they attended a Raising Aspirations event at Goodison Park.

Organised by Magdalene College, Cambridge and Everton FC, Beth Cheminai (11H), Kate Temple (11A), Josie Appleton (10R), Hannah Withey (10C), Dan Slater (10D) and Orla Marland (10S) attended the event, which was aimed at debunking the many myths that surround applying to Oxbridge, or university in general.

Accompanying the students was Mrs Fagan, who said: "Our students had the opportunity to hear talks from Cambridge staff and undergraduates, explaining away the stereotypical view of an Oxbridge student. You do not have to be rich, posh or from the south of England to study there.

"They also chatted to undergraduates during the day, gaining a first-hand glimpse into life at Cambridge.

"A highlight of the day was a tour of Goodison Park and we got to stand at the side of the pitch and even sit in Everton manager Roberto Martinez's seat in the dugout.

"After lunch, our students attended two lectures; the first on the history of the Victorians and their love of travel, the other on cancer research. Both were fascinating and our students asked many pertinent questions. The day concluded with a talk about the work Everton do in the community. All our students thought the day was well organised and well worthwhile. It has certainly planted the seed that, if they wish to, they have as good a chance of securing an Oxbridge place as anyone else."



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All the girls should be very proud of their performances, as staff, we certainly were.

Another highlight of the day was the presence of Rachel Dunn, who stayed to watch the entire U14 tournament. She had plenty of time for the girls, and the slightly star struck staff, and was more than happy to pose for photos and sign autographs.

For the U16s, it was an early start at Disneyland with lots of fun on the Tower of Terror in particular. A lot of charm got them a long way with a few free rides.

A change of venue for the afternoon saw both our Y10 and Y11 teams compete in the Challenge Cup against a majority of Club teams.

The girls played a

series of very fast-paced, competitive games and certainly rose to the occasion. They thrived under the pressure that the clubs put on them, playing to their absolute limit.

A tough afternoon of netball saw the girls finish in 6th and 7th place and, again, they should be incredibly proud of their achievements.

To top off an already amazing day, at the final presentation, Sacred Heart were awarded the prestigious 'Spirit of the Game' award.

This award was nominated by the vol-

unteers, umpires and organisers and given to the team who showed the most sportsmanship throughout the entire tournament. What an achievement and a true reflection of all our Sacred Heart girls on this trip.



News in brief

Election Day takes place on Thursday so Lower Site will be closed. Congratulations to our Y10 and U19 football teams. Y10 have reached the Sefton Cup Final, which is at St Mary's playing fields on Friday, kick off 4:15pm. The U19s have reached both the Sefton Cup and Senior Shield. The Shield final is on Wednesday at Everton's Finch Farm. Kick off 5pm.