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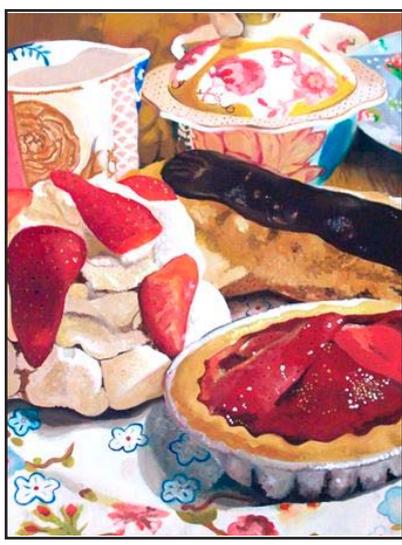


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Take art

The College's Prep Hall was packed to the rafters on Tuesday as the annual Art & Design Technology Exhibition took place. As our pictures demonstrate, the exhibition displayed some truly amazing work from GCSE, A Level and Btec students. Among the event organisers was Mrs Hannigan. She said: "Once again, our students have not disappointed. The standard of work is as high as ever and it has been a privilege to watch the students build up such impressive portfolios of work."





Ex-student Emy pitches in on football's racism debate

Former student Emy Onuora returned to the College last month as part of the Sixth Form's Heart of Crosby Festival, *writes Mrs Callaghan.*

The former Head Boy was back to discuss his newly published book, *Pitch Black*, which examines the struggle of black players within football from the 1960s, right through to the present day.

Mr Onuora interviewed more than 30 players, past and present, to find out about their own particular experiences at a variety of clubs worldwide and at international level. Among those interviewed were ex-Liverpool legend John Barnes and former Manchester United captain, Rio Ferdinand, both of whom represented England at international level.

Mr Onuora wrote his book to help people understand racism from the perspective of those who were being taunted by the stereotypical chants from the terraces.

He discussed the changes in society and the differences in how black people were

treated then and now.

He showed clips from 1970s sitcoms to help set the scene of life then, of the language used and attitudes that were accepted then, that would not be now.

Mr Onuora was passionate about what real 'Fundamental British Values' are and what they mean to us, if anything at all.

Identifying discrimination and the application of the rule of law, with justice being seen to be done, was a big part of the six given values.

The students were shown several video clips of high profile manager interviews, with one as late as 1991, where racist comments were made and neither challenged nor frowned upon.

Mr Onuora explained how these interviews, given live on television to a family audience, were the norm.

This was interesting as it was just taken as a general passing comment. However, if this were to occur in similar circumstances today, then the consequences would be se-

vere to say the least.

Mr Onuora described the experience of his cousin, another former Sacred Heart pupil, Victor Anichebe, of how he was arrested with former Liverpool trainee Lee Peltier simply for looking in a jeweller's window. This emphasised his point of how black men, especially, are victimised or discriminated against even in modern times.

Mr Onuora acknowledges that attitudes towards racism in football, and in general life, have improved, but he still believes we are far from equality, with the next barrier in football to overcome being in coaching and management.

News in brief

There is a Mass at 3.45pm today in the Chapel.

Summer term concludes tomorrow with students finishing at 12.05pm.

Have a great six weeks and we will see you back here on September 3.