

Heartbeat



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Young musicians enjoy a jamboree in Germany

As staff and students alike settle in to the new academic year, our first issues of Heartbeat will look back at a busy summer.

Our College musicians ended the 2014/15 school year on a high note, as Head of Music, Mr Foy explains.

Our singers and musicians rounded the school year off with our first tour to Germany.

The long journey was worth it as we spent our first day having fun in the Phantasia-land theme park.

This was followed with a day in Boppard, a lovely, picturesque town on the banks of the Rhine.

Free time was spent exploring the gift shops and tasting local delicacies in one of the many street cafes, prior to an energetic performance in the town's bandstand by the College Orchestra and Samba Band.

Afterwards, there was time for a leisurely walk along the river, before the Choir presented a concert in the Baroque church in the town square.

The following day was spent in Cologne, where we visited the incredible Cathedral and spent free time in the city listening to street buskers performing opera songs on a glockenspiel and Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* on violin, accordion and tubas.

We also took in the sights and sampled the food.

The day culminated with the Choir providing the music for Mass, spoken in German, at St Maria Church in the city centre. All performances were well received by appreciative audiences, the weather was fine and the atmosphere was great.

Read what the students thought about the trip in the blue box (right).



The music trip to Germany was a truly unforgettable experience. The tour took us across Germany performing in a number of prestigious venues and gave us many opportunities to absorb the local culture.

David Thompson (Head Boy 2014/15)
The Trip was an absolutely perfect end to two years of the new specialist music form; the concerts were amazing and the theme park was great! All the performances went very well and Mr Foy conducted and played excellently. –

Oliver Spence

In Germany, I enjoyed going to Phantasia-land, I liked going on all the rides and my favourite was the runaway minetrain. We went on it four times. I also liked Cologne and going to the Cathedral and looking around. On the last two nights, I really liked it when we went down to the river in the evening and paddled.

Lissi Matthews

A truly fantastic trip and a great way to end the year. Everyone in the music department, especially Mr Foy and Mrs Morison, have worked extremely hard over the last year to make this trip possible and it was great to look back and know all the hard work has paid off in a trip that everyone will remember for the rest of their lives.

John Billingsley

Germany was a great experience because I was able to have fun with my friends. We also got to perform in amazing venues and join in with the German culture. I enjoyed every minute and it was great to make new friends with students from other year groups. I thoroughly recommend it.

Anna Sanders

In Germany, I enjoyed the walk along the Rhine, seeing Cologne and the visits to Boppard town and Phantasia-land.

Hannah Pomford

Gain in Spain as Dan represents GB in triathlon

The summer holidays proved to be a busy time for Dan Slater as the College's top athlete jetted off to Spain to represent Great Britain in the European Youth Relays. Dan travelled to the town of Banyoles in Catalonia, where he took his place in the Youth Relay squad and competed against other teams from the likes of Italy, France and Hungary.

It has been an amazing year for the talented athlete which has seen him crowned Merseyside and Northern Cross Country Champion, and ranked second in his age group in the UK for Cross Country following a second place spot in the UK Cross Country Championships. He is also the individual National Schools



Cross Country Champion.

Proud mum, Eilish, said: "Daniel would like to thank everybody who got him to this point, as without the many volunteers who run clubs and help out, he wouldn't have had the opportunity to compete at such a high level.

"The Banyoles event was the first opportunity for aspiring triathletes to race in Europe and at the age of 15 he was competing against others aged 16 and 17.

"He also had the honour of receiving his first Great Britain triathlon suit, which he was delighted about.

"He works hard and has a lot of support from the community. To cap off his season representing Great Britain in Spain has been the icing on the cake."

Welcome back



Welcome back everybody. I hope you have had a good break over the summer and are ready for the new year.

There are plenty of new and exciting things for you to get involved in this term, so make sure you speak with your Form Tutor about all the things that go on outside of lessons, as well as how you can get help with your work.

We will get details to you in Assembly about what you can expect to be going on this term, and also about what I need from you to make things work smoothly for us all.

Do not forget to check out the website and our Twitter account @SacredHrtCrosby for up-to-date news and information about the College and the many things we are involved in.

Good luck for the year and remember to take full part in our College community. We all have an important role to play.

Mr Walker

Future scholars attend University



Congratulations to our five students who, last term, secured a place on the Future Scholars program, writes Miss Clarke.

Matthew Kinsella, Danielle McConville, James Morris, Elle Dee and Jason Dowling were selected to take part on the Government-funded initiative, which allows pupils to have a taste of life at a top university.

We visited the University of Liverpool, where students were given a guided tour of the large city centre campus, took part in a series of interactive workshops based around student life and attended sample academic lectures in Law and Physics. The students learnt a lot from the experience and displayed excellent behaviour and engagement throughout. The staff from the university also commented on what a credit they were to Sacred Heart. More information will soon be available about how students can get involved in activities based around having high aspirations and applying to a top, Russell Group, University, so watch out for news through your form tutor.

News in brief

There is a meeting at 5.45pm tonight in the Drama Studio for parents of those students involved in the trip to PSV Eindhoven. Year 13 students will be taking part in the National Open College Network (NOCN) course from tomorrow. There is a Eucharistic Service at Lower Site on Thursday and, on Friday, the 6th Form Presentation Evening will take place in St Edward Hall. Those attending are advised to arrive for 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

