

# Heartbeat



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## Alder Hey & Zoe's Place get 'invaluable' donation

During the last academic year, our students raised a magnificent £2005.06 which was split equally between two charities.

Staff at Zoe's Place and Alder Hey Hospital welcomed Ethan O'Shaughnessy and Samya O'Grady (both 9R) recently as they presented cheques to both charities.

Among the events that helped raise the money was a raffle organised by a number of our Sixth Formers.

Callum Moss (11A) was the lucky first prize winner, claiming a £50 Liverpool One voucher.

Other events included a disco for students at our Lower Site. After the event, Ethan and Samya gave up several of their lunch times to sell leftover stock from the event. Following their hard work, the pair kindly presented the cheques to representatives from both charities.

### Therapy

In their most recent leaflet, Alder Hey gave an insight in to what they will spend their donated money on; indicating that £50 will be used to provide ten new books for children, £500 will be used to purchase arts and crafts materials, to be used as distraction therapy whilst treating young cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment, with the remainder going towards the cost of a Apnoea Monitor, which helps a patient's respiratory system whilst sleeping.

Zoe's Place provides medical attention to babies aged 0-5 who have life-threatening/limiting conditions that require 24 hour care.

They have said they will use their share of the money to upgrade hydrotherapy equipment and multi-sensory tools.

Some of the money will also go towards



the upkeep and equipment in the Snowdrop Suite, a room designed to offer comfort for grieving families.

Staff from both charities were delighted with the donations, claiming the money will be 'invaluable'.

Accompanying Ethan and Samya to the cheque presentations was PE's Mr O'Malley, he said: "All students involved worked tirelessly to provide help for those children less fortunate and, all year, groups came together to raise an admirable sum of money. "We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved throughout the Sacred Heart community, in helping raise money for these remarkable places."

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### News in brief

There is an HMRC Application Writing Workshop taking place during P2 today. Tomorrow, there is an Anti-Discrimination Educational Event taking place all day. Good luck to our U16 & U18 Netball teams who are in action on Wednesday. Also on Wednesday is the Y11 Consultation Evening and we welcome our French Exchange students on Friday.

# Young thespians get the lowdown from top actor

Our Sixth Form Drama students got to tread the boards with star of stage and screen, Ian Redford, last month.

Having recently finished performing in a production of *A Mad World, My Masters* at the Barbican, Mr Redford visited the College to share his expertise with the students.

The Year 12 students spent the morning working on various scenes from the play, *Playhouse Creatures*, by April de Angelis.

The afternoon saw the renowned actor advising students on how to improve their audition pieces.



The sessions came on the back of a recent trip to the National Theatre, London, where the students saw a production of *Our Country's Good*, which they would then go on to discuss back at College with Mr Redford.

Whilst in London, Mr Redford kindly met up with the students and pointed out some of the locations in the text.

Drama's Ms Walsh said: "The students really enjoyed both the trip to London and working with Ian back at College.

"We know how busy Ian is, so we would like to thank him for giving up his time to help the students."

As well as his stage work, which has seen Mr Redford perform in every theatre in the UK, he has also appeared in many television programmes, including *Coronation Street*, *Only Fools and Horses* and *Casualty*.



## Swimmer Charlotte is a splash hit



Congratulations to Charlotte Rens who is making quite a name for herself on the swimming circuit. Not only is Charlotte (8R) ranked 1st in the 200m Individual Medley, she is also ranked 2nd in the 200m Freestyle.

The talented swimmer, who trains every day at Wavertree, only started swimming two years ago and began competing just last year. Since then, Charlotte has won at regional events in Manchester, at the area finals in Cardiff and at Blackpool and now has her sights set on the British Championships in July. Charlotte, who hopes to take up the sport professionally, thanked the school for all their help. She said: "Everyone here has really encouraged me and been helpful in allowing me to fit in my swimming with my schoolwork."

