

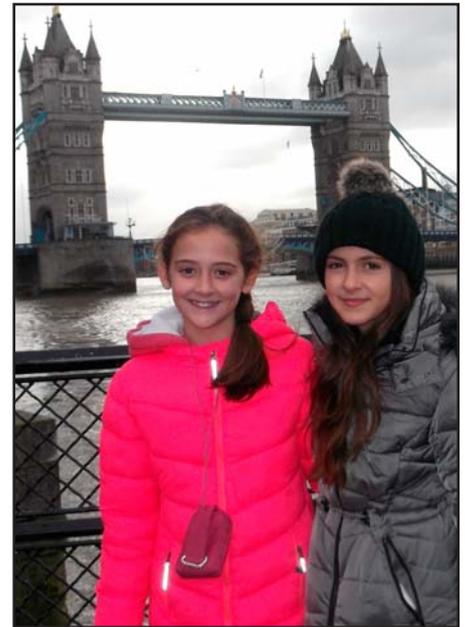
# Heartbeat



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## History brought to life on Year 8's visit to London



Earlier this month, our Year 8 pupils set off for the annual trip to London, *writes Head of History, Mrs Garner.*

After a long journey, we arrived at one of our greatest national monuments, Hampton Court Palace.

Upon our arrival, we were greeted by our jovial guide, Nigel, who was to be one of the highlights of the trip.

For the next couple of hours, we were regaled with entertaining stories and facts about the Palace, Henry VIII and his six wives and, of course, William of Orange. The Palace's architecture and décor wowed us, especially the private quarters of William and Mary and Henry's Great Hall. From Hampton Court, we made our way to central London, making a brief pit stop at our hotel en route to Planet Hollywood. Surrounded by a plethora of cinema memorabilia and stars of the silver screen, we enjoyed our well-earned lunch.

From there, we made our way to the New London Theatre to see the internationally acclaimed performance of War Horse.

It was an emotional roller coaster which had many of us both fixated and in tears. The way the animals were brought to life was amazing.

After a good night's sleep and a full English, we were ready to start all over again.

We met Nigel outside the Natural History Museum and embarked on a fascinating tour of London, taking in sites such as the Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, The Cenotaph and Downing Street, with just enough time to stop for a photo opportunity at Buckingham Palace.

Photos snapped, we visited the infamous Tower of London, which gave us an insight into the gruesome, darker side, of Tudor history, including viewing some terrible instruments of torture, dangerous Early Mod-

ern weapons and imposing suits of armour. We were then treated to the more glamorous side of British History as we had the opportunity to view the extraordinary Crown Jewels, which was followed by a stop for lunch.

After two hours of retail therapy and taking in the many street performers, we were ready to make our long journey home, exhausted but exhilarated from the many sights, sounds and history that London has to offer.

A big thank you to Miss Lynch, Mr Gardiner, Mrs Reid, Mr Halton, Mrs Fagan and Mr Robertson for giving up half of their weekend to make this visit possible. Also, thanks to the students, who received many compliments for their exemplary behaviour from the guide, the drivers and members of the public at the theatre.

They were a pleasure to be with and a real credit to the College and their parents.

# Business students hear from an industry leader

Business students received a talk from an expert in the advertising industry recently. Jason Cotterrell, Managing Director at Exterion Media UK, who provided all the external advertising for the 2012 Olympics, visited the College to give an in-depth insight into the world of advertising. Mr Cotterrell spoke on a wide range of issues that included, advertising ethics, careers and trying to promote the North West as an area for business growth. Head of Business, Mrs Callaghan, said: "He was a top notch speaker and really gave the students something to think about." Jonathan Harrison (13T) agreed, adding: "We got to see a different type of insight into business, something we have not been taught before." Mr Cotterrell was brought to the College in association with Speakers4Schools, a registered charity set up by Robert Peston to try to bring high-flying speakers to state schools.



## Visitors left spellbound at Open Evening



Last month's Open Evening proved to be a hugely successful affair with visitors packing in to the College to learn about all things Sacred Heart. Our students certainly played their part in putting a spell on the guests, as Erin Kelly, Leah Furlong (both 7S) and

Amelia Long (7A) gave an excellent rendition of the opening scene of Macbeth. English teacher, Mrs Weekes, said: "They were very confident in their performances and it was good to see Year 7 students taking to an Upper Site stage with such enthusiasm."

## Christmas Fayre

This year, our annual Christmas PTA Fayre will be supporting Diabetes UK. The Fayre takes place on December 17 and includes a Laser Tag arena, a bucking bronco, food stalls, toy and chocolate tombolas, a hot chocolate stall, photo booth, creative room and lots more. Can you support us in this exciting event? We are looking for local businesses, parents and friends to donate prizes for our raffle. These can be toys for our tombola, unwanted gifts or anything you think will help us raise money for Diabetes UK and our PTA.

## News in brief

We have an extended charity break from 10.10am today in support of the Christmas Fayre (see above). There is a Y12 Maths Conference from 10am today. Y10 mock interviews take place tomorrow and Wednesday in St Edward Hall. Y11 mock exams run from Wednesday to Friday and the Off By Heart poetry recitation competition takes place at 3.20pm on Thursday.

