

Heartbeat



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Achievements honoured at Presentation Evening



Honoured guests, governors and parents joined staff and students recently for the College's annual presentation of prizes and certificates for performance at GCSE. Awards on the night were presented by former pupil and champion gymnast, Daniel Purvis.

Since leaving Sacred Heart, Daniel has gone on to be an international elite artistic gymnast, and three-time British all-around champion in Men's Artistic Gymnastics.

Awards were given for GCSE results as well as personal achievements, with special mention to Luke Davies, who gained an outstanding 10 high passes, 9 at A*, the other at A.

In addition, prizes were given for indi-

vidual subject nominations, attendance and punctuality, whilst Sophie Robertson received the Kathryn O'Hare Memorial Shield for 'outstanding service to the school and wider community'.

Head of Year 10, Miss Clarke, said: "The night gave so many reasons to be thankful for all the hard work of all the College staff and students.

"Massive congratulations to all the Class of 2015 – we are all very proud of your accomplishments."

Our pictures show students gathering ahead of the ceremony (top), Daniel Purvis with students (top right) and (bottom right) Alex Webb and Daniel Slater, who received the Philip Scott Trophy for being the best performing Y10 athletes.



Poetic pupils really know their stuff off by heart



An internal heat of the prestigious Off by Heart poetry competition was held in the College's Drama Studio last month, writes Mrs Weekes.

The entrants, all English students from Year 12, faced the daunting challenge of learning and reciting two poems from a set anthology, one of which had to have been written before 1914.

All four candidates turned in impressive performances, with choices ranging from Becky Kerrigan's beguiling recital of Paul Dunbar's, *Invitation to Love*, to Essie Gouldson's touching and realistic rendition of U.A. Fanthorpe's, *The Cleaner*.

Sophie Edmunds gave a powerful voice to *Ozymandias*, but it was Kate Carey who triumphed, with a particularly stirring and animated presentation of Edna St Vincent Millay's, *I Being Born a Woman*.

Sophie now goes forward to the regional heat of the competition, to be held on Saturday, February 6, at the Blue Coat Chambers.

It is the first time the College is to be represented at the competition. School judge and Head of English, Mr Halton said: "The standard of competition between

the girls was very impressive, with each bringing their own unique slant to their poems.

"It is a shame only one student can go through to the next round."



Beth's Judo joy



Congratulations to Beth Cheminais (12C), who has won bronze in a top national Judo tournament.

The talented athlete took part in the British Judo Championships, held recently in Sheffield, where she finished third in the Under 52kg weight category. Beth won five of her fights in the tournament, including some against more experienced competitors who represent the Great Britain team.

Head of PE, Mrs Hewlett, said:

"What makes her success even more impressive was she was fighting in this weight category for the first time."

Beth had double cause for celebration, as she received the Fitzgerald Trophy for Physical Education at the recent GCSE Presentation Evening .

News in brief

There is a Road Safety talk for Year 7 students at Lower Site during p2 today.

The Ryman National Enterprise takes place tomorrow. On Friday, there is the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) event at Liverpool University.

Rehearsals for this year's production of the Sound of Music take place from 9.30am on Saturday in St Edward Hall.

