

Heartbeat



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Disabled sportsday leaves 6th Form in awe of athletes

Our 6th Form students took part in a sportsday with a difference recently, as they competed in a range of disabled sports.

The students took part in sports such as wheelchair basketball and blind football in a bid to gain a greater understanding of what it means for disabled athletes to be able to compete in sport.

The sportsday certainly hit home, with students expressing how much they now appreciate the difficulties disabled athletes face.

Poppy Law (13D) said: "Participating in the disabled sportsday really educated me on how those with a disability struggle with daily life, yet still have the determination to participate in sport. I now have more admiration for those with a disability."

Poppy's sentiments were echoed by David Brewis (13E), who added: "I enjoyed the disabled sportsday, it really broadened my mind and taught me the challenges disabled athletes face. It really made me think how easy it is for me to play sport so freely and easily."

The event was part of the 6th Form's NOCN studies and Head of RE, Mr Moorhead said: "The students investigated the character and bravery of disabled sportsmen and women and learnt a lot about the plight of the disabled. They now realise that disability is not inability."



News in brief

Final rehearsals for the College production of *The Sound of Music* take place today ahead of performances from Wednesday. There is a road safety talk for Y7 during P2 and, on Saturday, there is a Burns Supper from 8pm.

Students get to call the midwife

Our Year 10 and 12 students received an insight into the midwifery profession recently, after they met with former pupil, Katie Evanson.

Katie returned to the College as a Professional Mentor and met with students interested in the profession.

Currently studying at Bristol University and undertaking a degree in Midwifery, Katie gave some valuable information about the application process, experience which would assist applications and what the expectations are of a student midwife. Katie advised those attending about the demands of the course and that students complete significant periods of work experience during the degree course.

Katie said: "The study programme you have to follow is particularly intensive but very rewarding"

The practical experience Katie has developed was discussed in detail and students were fascinated to discover the amount of involvement a student midwife has and what targets are expected within a practical capacity.

Overseeing the visit was Upper School's, Ms Baker, who said: "The presentation proved to be extremely successful and the students were very grateful that Katie was able to take time out from her very busy schedule to meet with them.

"A number of our students wish to pursue a career in this profession and found information on the application process to be very useful and inspiring."

The Professional Mentor programme continues at Upper Site this half term with visits from Business and Law experts.

Pet rescue earns Joy a Blue Peter badge



Joy Rimmer (7D) received a special present on her 12th birthday in the shape of a Blue Peter badge. The youngster received the iconic badge after writing to the BBC show about her two dogs, Shadow and Mashuk. The cuddly canines are now enjoying happier times after being recovered by a rescue centre in Yorkshire. Joy said: "The dogs are lovely and I'm happy they now have a good home. I wrote to Blue Peter after they featured rescued dogs on the show." Shadow and Mashuk join Benny the cat, Squirt the tortoise and two fish.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Music by Richard Rodgers
Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II
Book by Howard Lindsay & Russel Crouse

St Edward Hall
Wed. 27th January
Thu. 28th January
Fri. 29th January

7.00 pm. Adults £6 : Children/Seniors £4

Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp
A school production by arrangement with R&H Theatricals Europe

