

Heartbeat



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Hello yellow

The opening weeks back have been a busy time. Preparations for last week's Open Evening reached fever pitch, whilst our 6th Formers embarked on their NOCN studies - and those two events were nicely linked. As part of their NOCN studies, our Year 12 and 13s, produced Wizard of Oz-themed sets for the Open Evening, whilst that event highlighted the work our students produce. You can read more about Open Evening on p2. For the first part of what the NOCN studies entailed, see below.

NOCN studies give 6th Formers slavery insight

Our 6th Form students started the new school year by taking part in National Open College Network (NOCN) studies.

Both year groups enjoyed a week-long set of activities that included interactive art and trips to museums and a mosque.

One of the hard-hitting trips they went on was a visit to the Anti-Slavery Museum at Liverpool's Albert Dock.

The museum tells the appalling historical account of the slave trade, focusing on the capture of African people and the key role of Liverpool in profiting from the sale of slaves to the USA.

The students heard how Penny Lane, made famous by The Beatles, was actually named after Captain James Penny, who was in charge of nine slave voyages across the Atlantic.

The visit left a lasting and inspiring impression on our students and whilst Matthew Richardson (12E) was impressed by the

tribal masks and black culture, Joe Owen (12E) was enthused by one of history's most iconic figures: Joe explained: "Martin Luther King said, 'freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor, it must be demanded by the oppressed', and I was inspired by this quote.

"It shows what has to be done to stop slavery, as those who are enslaved had to fight for themselves."

Lucy Mercer (12T) added: "The most remarkable part of the museum was seeing how much slavery there was, and seeing how much slavery there still is, and seeing how many people it still affects in this day and age. There is now a modern exhibition of slavery in India."

Our Year 13s were equally in awe at what they witnessed, with Laura Middleton (13S) reflecting: "The Slavery Museum was very inspirational and eye-opening."

Overseeing the trip was Head of RE, Mr

Moorhead. He said: "The city of Liverpool has tried to make amends for its role in the slave trade by establishing this very impressive museum.

"It is an honour to take young students around the museum so we can open their eyes to the reality of the issue."

News in brief

There is a 'finance talk' for Year 13s at 11.35am today.

Years 9-11 will take part in Chelsea's Choice in St Edward Hall on Wednesday, it is Poetry Day for Year 7 and there is an NCS Assembly for the 6th Form. Also on Wednesday, parents of Year 7 students can meet their Form Tutors from 4.30pm in the Lower Site Hall. On Friday, Years 7 & 9 will have their photos taken and the camping trip to Tawd Vale leaves.

Wizardly goings on at College Open Evening

Hundreds of people were given the yellow carpet treatment last week as Sacred Heart opened its doors to the public for its annual Open Evening.

The ever-popular event, which this year had a Wizard of Oz theme ahead of the College's November production, saw curious parents of potential students get a glimpse of the fantastic work produced, both by the staff and our enthusiastic students.

Greeted by a stilt walking Tin Man and Scarecrow at a beautifully colourful and lit up Upper Site, visitors were asked to follow the 'yellow brick road' to an array of demonstrations, musical interludes, examples of work and breathtaking exhibits.



Among the many staff responsible for the organisation of the event was Mrs Campbell, who was delighted with how successful the evening went. She said: "It was a fantastic turnout and a wonderful night was had by those who attended. "The feedback we have received, for what was a superb demonstration of how strong Sacred Heart is in the Crosby community, has been really positive."

"Additionally, we saw the College's Twitter account receive more than 10,000 hits between 6pm and 9pm, it was a fantastic effort by all concerned.

"With that in mind, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and students who contributed in making our Open Evening, not just a powerful advertisement for Sacred Heart, but a wonderful event that was a privilege to be a part of."

Impressive exam results make Sacred Heart a 'local leader'

Whilst Open Evening gave a taste of the excellent work done in the classroom, the bottom line is results and, this summer, the College posted figures showing Sacred Heart to be one of the best locally.

Mr Walker said: "Summer 2016 produced some very strong results, with more than 80 per cent of pupils achieving A*-C in English Language or Literature and an even higher percentage achieving the same in Maths. "Almost 80 per cent of the pupils passed both subjects, making Sacred Heart a local leader in these core subjects, which are so important for further education and employment. Well done to all concerned."

