

# Heartbeat



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## Exchange students pop over to visit for the week

Staff and students said 'bonjour' to their cross-Channel counterparts recently, as the British leg of the French Exchange visit took place, *writes Mr Sayer*.

As part of the initiative, we welcomed 21 French students from the 6th Form College, Lycée Bellevue in Saintes, Western France.

This was the fifth such exchange between the schools, and our largest French Exchange to date, with more students taking part than ever before.

Our French visitors stayed for a week with some of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students, who had the fantastic opportunity to boost their studies in the French language and culture.

This was a chance for all the students involved to experience a new culture and way of life, as well as developing their language skills.

### Improve

The French students came to improve their English and for the Sacred Heart students, it was an opportunity for them to practise their French with native speakers.

However, the new friendships forged over the week are perhaps what many of our students will remember the most.

The week was spent at Sacred Heart, out and about in Liverpool and in Great Crosby Primary School.

During their stay, the French students spent a day in College, going to lessons with their English partners.

They had the opportunity to see at first-hand what life is like inside a British school.

They saw lessons ranging from the familiar Maths, English and French, to the not so familiar Art and Textiles.



Thursday was spent together in Liverpool's city centre.

We discovered something of the City's past in the Museum of Liverpool and watched shows on the Beatles and the history of football in our city.

This was followed by a refreshing trip on an open-topped bus tour of Liverpool's most famous sites.

The day was rounded off with some retail therapy in Liverpool One.

Friday saw a visit to Great Crosby Primary School, where our French students were treated as VIPs for the day.

We spent the day dropping into lots of different classes and hearing the primary pupils trying out their French on 'real French people'.

We were also honoured guests at their whole-school Remembrance Assembly

at 11am.

This was an event which the French pupils had never seen in a school before. It proved to be a very powerful and moving experience.

The highlight of the afternoon was a lovely afternoon tea, laid on in the Main Hall for the French students and all of Year 6.

The primary school pupils were delighted with their French visitors.

After a very busy but enjoyable week, the time came, all too soon, for the French party to leave.

As the rain came down on a cold, very early morning, we waved them off back to the airport, sorry to see our new friends go, but looking forward to our visit to France to see them all again in March.

# Sacred Heart is the gift that just keeps on giving



Christmas may well be the time for giving gifts but staff and students here are looking to extend their generosity throughout the year

With this in mind, Mrs Sinnott and 7H have been eager to start developing their skills in organising a number of charity events.

Their first project is the Sacred Heart New Year's Gifts Appeal, Mrs Sinnott explains: "Before Christmas, we decided, as a Form group, to collect items to donate to those less fortunate than ourselves.

"Some people donated items, some wrapped boxes full of goodies and others contributed money so that gift bags, wrapping paper and additional gifts could be



bought.

"We are really excited this has been developed into a whole school initiative and even in the first week of January, we have received a number of donations from students and staff."

Last year, Mrs Sinnott helped oversee the

Sacred Heart Shoe Box appeal (pictured, inset), in which 130 shoeboxes were filled with goodies and then donated to the Asylum Link courtesy of Mr Moorhead's (Head of RE) community links.

Mrs Sinnott continued: "This year, we are donating gifts to local children's homes, family centres and Nazareth House, through Mrs Laybourne's community links."

Any donations can be handed in during Form time to Miss Clarke's office at Upper site, and at the Lower Site office, or to Mrs Sinnott in L12.

Mrs Sinnott added: "Together we can make a big difference to our local community, as the 'Heart of Crosby'."

## Charity events - dates for your diary

**Friday, January 20 - Tie Yourself In Knots:** Pay £1 and wear a tie of your choice for the day, girls can wear a scarf of their choosing.

**Friday, February 3 - (Upper Site)** 50/50 Quiz & games.

**Friday, February 3 - (Lower Site)**

**Hall) Quiz at 7-30pm.** Teams of five (entry £25 per team). Winners will collect half the takings.

**Thursday, January 18 - RE day** (within RE lessons only). Pay £1 each for a video of your class's choice.

**TBC - Disco (Lower School only).**

## News in brief

**Year 11 Mock Examinations** continue this week. On Friday, the journalist and broadcaster **Branwen Jeffreys** will give a talk to Year 10 & 12 students in the Drama Studio. Ms Jeffreys' current role is Education Editor for BBC News, where she reports on schools, universities and life long learning or training.