

# Heartbeat



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## Students team up with the BBC to become reporters



Our students have been sharpening up their news sense recently as they became reporters for the BBC.

As part of the television organisation's Report Day, 11 of our Year 9 students donned their press passes, split in to two groups and set about finding stories to report on ahead of putting video packages together. The students then had to research, discuss, film and edit their news report, with each member of the group given a specific role. And, just like actual BBC news coverage, the stories focussed on local and national issues, with events such as the Heart of Crosby festival and current developments surrounding the managerial situation at Marine FC.

As with real journalism, the students were working to a deadline, for them it was 2.30pm on March 10.

With the stories decided on and scripted, interviews sorted and filming complete, it was then in to the video editing suite to put

their two packages together.

Both groups successfully put their seven minute packages together ahead of deadline and uploaded them to the BBC's special Report Day section.

Among the staff overseeing the event was Mr Gardiner and he was delighted with both the mature way the students approached the task and the subsequent results.

He said: "The students were fantastic throughout. They have worked really hard and I think that shows with the quality of the videos both groups produced.

"They should rightly be very proud of their achievements and I would like to say well done to all of them for the very mature way they worked throughout the whole process."

Both videos, along with a blog of events leading up to the production of both packages, can be viewed on the College website (address below, left).

### News in brief

Welcome back, we hope you had a good Easter. Tomorrow, there is a Year 10 Study Skills Assembly and Year 13 Mock Exams start.

Also tomorrow is the Year 10 Consultation Evening. The Ryman Enterprise Challenge takes place throughout Thursday. On Friday, the Crosby Children's Orchestra perform from 12.30pm in the Prep Hall. Year 12 Preparation Exams start on Friday.

### Cup success for Y7s

Congratulations to the Year 7 football team who have reached the Final of the Sefton Cup. The youngsters booked their place after beating Range 4-3 in the semi-final. Goalscorers were Jacob Slater (2), Joe Evans and Adam Caddick. Details for the Final are to be confirmed.



# Top talker Kate achieves College's finest finish

Congratulations to Kate Carey who finished runner-up at the prestigious Catenians' Public Speaking Competition.

Kate's brilliant performance ensured a best ever finish in the competition for Sacred Heart.

A total of ten schools from across the North West gathered at St Anselm's College, Birkenhead, for the spectacular speaking show, which saw topics ranging from, *Who Killed Sylvia Plath?*, to *Money is the Root of All Evil*.

Among those accompanying Kate (pictured, second right), was English teacher Mrs Weekes, who was delighted with the Year 12 student's display. She said: "Kate spoke animatedly and clearly, and we are all very proud of her. It is a fantastic achievement. The best Sacred Heart has achieved in this competition. Well done." Prior to the Birkenhead final, students here battled to take part. This saw our Year 12s treated to a series of interesting and inspiring talks during their scheduled General Studies lessons in February.

Mrs Weekes explains more about the qualifying process; "Five budding orators held

forth on subjects close to their hearts and impressed the audience with their eloquence and enthusiasm.

"Our audience, however, was not made up of visiting speakers or organisations but their peers."

Eleanor Crossland (12T), who bravely elected to go first, gave an impassioned talk on organ donation. It was a speech with a personal connection and, as a tribute to her late cousin, was courageous, meticulously prepared and well delivered.

## Competence

Holly Hodgson's talk on the plight of the Orca in captivity revealed a darker side to sea world and such like. It was extremely thought provoking and, again, delivered with competence and flair.

Hannah Withey skilfully traced the rise of populism and her perceptions left a clearly impressed Mrs Callaghan to comment: "Hannah's views would not have been out of place on the pages of one of the broadsheet newspapers."

The next issue for discussion was the role of the Arts in education. This topic was dissected by Kate Carey with subtlety and

a real sense of joie de vivre.

Elliott Knifton's talk on Queen versus Country was incisive, wide ranging and articulate and really did make the audience think and question the value of the monarchy in modern society.

Mrs Weekes added: "The audience were receptive in listening, generous in their applause and it was fitting the contestants were welcomed and greeted by Head Girl, Kate Temple, who participated in the school round in 2016.

"Sophie Robertson, Assistant Head Girl, who has previously represented the school at public speaking, was also there to add her support.

Among those judging was Drama teacher, Ms Walsh, who said: "Judging work of such a high standard was an extremely difficult task and all of the participants should be extremely proud of their achievements in speaking so confidently." After much deliberation, it was decided Kate Carey would go forward to represent the school at St Anselm's College, where, ultimately, she did herself and the College proud. Well done Kate.