

Heartbeat



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We are not just in the news... we are making it

Sacred Heart has caught the news bug. Not content with having our wonderful newsletter, the students have hit the studio to bring us the latest headlines and gossip. Led by Editor, Emily Mercer, our budding set of Year 10 reporters have made quite an impact.

Their weekly news production, which is shared throughout Middle School, features not just all things Sacred Heart but also what is being reported on nationally.

The team, who are responsible for the research, analysis and reporting of the news items have now moved the initiative forward with the creation of a Sacred Heart news channel.

Assisted by Mr Frohock, this uses green screen technology to bring the news to life with video footage and commentary, Emily said: "Whilst it is very hard work, it is great fun to do and has really given us all a great insight into the world of journalism."

Head of Year 10, Mrs Bennett, has been impressed with both how the team have applied themselves and the work they have subsequently produced. She said: "We are incredibly proud of our news team and the work they are producing."



News in brief

All day EPQ Presentations take place in the 6th Form Centre today. Year 12 Preparation Exams start today and continue through to Wednesday. There are A Level Art Exams in F26 today and Wednesday, both in the morning. PE Moderation takes place on Thursday. There is a Reunion event taking place in the Chapel on Sunday.





Footballers go Dutch at Vitesse training camp



Our football teams swapped Crosby for the Netherlands last month, as they received training sessions from some of the games most respected coaches, writes Mr Summerfield

We arrived at Hull ferry port at 6.30pm for the overnight crossing to Rotterdam.

Upon our arrival the following morning, we made the 90 minute journey to Papendal, Vitesse Arnhem's training complex, where we were welcomed by the Vitesse coaching staff.

The first of the training sessions, which were with some of the very best coaches in Holland and included some fantastic drills, lasted 90 minutes.

We then checked into the hotel Papendal, which is on the same complex as the training ground, to unpack and have lunch.

The 34 keen footballers went into their second training session working extremely hard, with the variety of drills with yet more Vitesse coaches.

After training, we went back to the hotel for

our evening meal. To continue the busy schedule, we went to watch Vitesse Arnhem's first team play PSV at the Philips Stadion.

In a fantastic stadium, PSV scored the only goal of the game in the second half. After a tiring day, we went back to the hotel for lights out, as we had an early training session the following morning.

On the morning of Day 3, we had breakfast at the hotel and, in between two training sessions at the Papendal complex, had lunch, before heading out to our fixtures against a local club.

We played three matches against some very good players and were a strong opposition from a club called AVW Westervoort.

Two games were very close with some good goals from Charlie Williams and Callum Thomas in reply.

Our first XI were slightly over run by a very strong and organised under 16s side, with some, at times, brutal tackling.

After the fixture, we had an evening meal at

the hotel followed by a look back at the last few days training sessions and matches before retiring to bed.

Day 4, we woke early again for our final training session with Vitesse, before going back to the hotel to check out.

Before heading back to pack, we watched the Vitesse first team squad train on the same surface we had been using.

On our way to the ferry, we stopped off at the stadium of De Gelredome for a tour of the ground, followed by a look around the club shop to buy souvenirs.

It was fascinating to see there was no pitch in the stadium as it had been rolled outside of the stadium next to it.

We then went on towards our ferry, this time from Amsterdam, docking in at Newcastle the following morning as we headed by coach back to school.

I would like to thank all the staff who helped out on the trip. Hopefully next year will bring a new venue in Spain.