

Bullybusters urge pupils not to suffer in silence

Bullybusting Project Officers Sherrell Jenkins and Natalie Vaughn visited the College last month to talk about a problem believed to affect more than 27,000 children in Liverpool.

The pair gave a talk, entitled *Don't Suffer In Silence*, to Years 9-10 and offered advice to pupils about the impact of bullying and how to stop it.

Natalie said: "It is important the anti-bullying message is kept as a top priority. If Bullybusters can stop just one person being bullied, then we have achieved a massive amount. People of all ages can experience some sort of bullying but the majority of those who suffer are children and this is usually from their peer groups."

Bullybusters was launched more than ten years ago as a joint scheme between the councils of Liverpool, Sefton, Wirral and Knowsley.

Helpline

Its free helpline is open to children, parents and teachers within Merseyside.

Bullybusters can be contacted by ringing 0800 169 6928 or logging on to their website; www.bullybusters.org.uk

During the presentation from Bullybusters, students also learned about online safety.

It was explained to the pupils that not everyone is who they claim to be online, that information or pictures they send can be seen by anyone and to understand the consequences of cyber bullying.

Pupils then focused on cyber-bullying, Internet Privacy and understanding the risks online and how to keep safe.

It is hoped, using this information, all pupils will discover how they should



look after themselves and their friends online. The pupils were also given handy hints on how to keep themselves safe and report abuse.

The most important piece of advice the pupils received was how to report any E-Safety related issues.

Any concerns should be reported to our Safeguarding Officers, or their Head of Year.

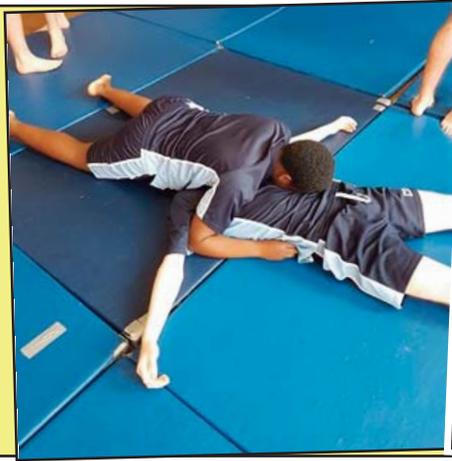
News in brief

Examinations continue at Upper Site this week, whilst Year 7 start theirs today at Lower.

There is a meeting at 6pm in the Drama Studio today for the parents of those students going on the Le Touquet trip and at 7pm for the parents of students going to Barcelona/Paris.

Judo joy

Some of our more sporty students swapped the classroom for the judo mat recently, as they were put through their paces in the martial art. PE's Ms Murray said: "All pupils who participated increased their practical grades with many achieving maximum marks (10/10). "The instructor was very impressed with the standard of judo that our pupils achieved in such a short time."



Heartfelt farewell as Y11 prepare for exams



Our Year 11 students bid a fond farewell last month, as they completed their final lessons ahead of their GCSE examinations. Ahead of signing off, they gathered for the now traditional goodbye photograph around the heart at the front of the College. Head of Year 11, Miss Niescier, said: "It has been a pleasure to work with them and I wish them every success in their forthcoming examinations."