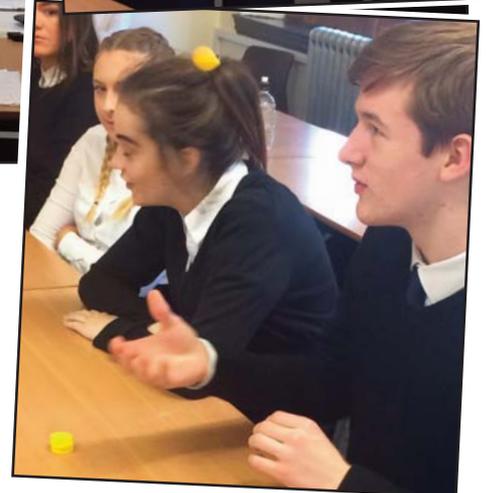


## ICT theory put to the test at interactive workshop



Our Year 12 ICT students took part in an interactive workshop recently.

The session, part of their Cambridge Technicals course, saw David Richards, Senior IT Engineer at ShopDirect.com, visit the school to talk about how the theory the students are studying is used in real life work situations.

Students are currently researching software and application development models in the run up to creating their own systems and need to learn about the different models of product development and how they work.

Mr Richards asked the students to participate in an interactive exercise demonstrating how different approaches to systems development, such as the Agile and Waterfall models, have varying benefits and limitations.

He also provided the students with an insight into how and why they are used in Shop Direct and what the consequences are if they do not work.

Speaking after the workshop, ICT teacher, Mrs Kays, said: "It was really helpful for the students to see what happens in real life; that what we learn about on the course is not just a reference to theory but proves the course is an excellent preparation for future careers in the field."

Mr Richards finished the session by introducing students to the various career opportunities there are at Shop Direct and how they might go about accessing them. Head of ICT, Mrs Askew, said: "This has been an excellent opportunity for all our students which has enhanced their learning considerably."

### News in brief

Year 9 and 10 examinations start this week at Upper Site and continue for Years 11-13.

The French trip to Le Touquet leaves on Friday, returning Monday (June 26). Have a great time. Examination updates can be found on our website and on Twitter.



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# Fond farewell to our Year 13s



Our annual Year 13 Leavers' Ball took place at Formby Hall this year, ahead of the A Level examinations, writes *Director of Upper School, Ms Baker*.

The students have made significant contribution to Sacred Heart over the years and the Ball, Leavers' Mass and final assembly proved to be wonderful occasions, which marked the end of an era for our students.

This has been a wonderful Year Group, who have contributed so much to College life throughout the years.

Our Leavers' Ball is an opportunity to reflect and celebrate this time and is always a highlight on our academic calendar.

It has been a privilege for me to

work with this group of young people for a number of years, both in Middle and Upper School, and they be greatly missed.

We wish all of our Year 13 students every success in their examinations and look forward to welcoming them back in September for our Presentation Evening.

Deputy Headteacher, Mr Pye, added: "So many of our students go on to university and leave contributing their talents to the professions they choose."

"This year is no exception and we wish them every success, as they embark on their next step in education or employment."

A Level Results Day is Thursday, August 17, from 9am in the Sixth Form Centre.

