

Heartbeat



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Year 7 & 8s 'energised' in their science lessons



Back in July, our then Year 7 & 8s threw all their energies in to science, as they took on The Global Energy Challenge. Science's Mrs Harper explains: "Our Year 7s took part in the 'energiser' event that involved a half day session involving a number of activities based around The Global Energy Challenge. "The students worked in groups competing to design the most effective wind turbine and build and charge a solar powered car which they then raced to see whose was best. "The students took part with great enthusiasm and produced some excellent work. Well done to all."

‘Impressive’ Leah knows her Poetry by Heart

Congratulations to Leah Burns who finished runner-up in the Merseyside Regional heat of the Poetry by Heart competition.

The prestigious event, now in its fifth year, saw students from across the north west battle it out for a place in this year’s final.

Leah (13D) recited Oscar Wilde’s *The Ballad of Reading Gaol* and *I, Being Born a Woman and Distressed* by Edna St Vincent Millais and finished a very impressive second.

The talented student was highly commended by judges, who said: “Leah’s choice of poems allowed her to show a good contrast in her recitations and she brought both poems to life excellently. Her pacing of *The Ballad of Reading*

Gaol added to the drama and her delivery of *I Being Born a Woman* was mature and biting in a way that belies her years – most impressive.”

Mrs Weekes, who organised the competition within the College’s English Department, was delighted with Leah’s performance, saying: “We are very proud of Leah, she demonstrated a really good grasp of the nuance and underlying subtlety of both poems in a challenging round of the competition.”

Speaking about Poetry by Heart generally, David Whitley from the Faculty of Education at Cambridge University said, “Poetry By Heart is one of the most important initiatives to have been developed over the last ten years in the field of literary education.”



From pie charts to a slice of pizza

Sixth Formers who help younger students with their Maths and reading were rewarded recently with a special lunch of pizza and cakes.

The specially arranged gesture was the staff’s way of saying thank you to those helpers who had been so committed throughout the year in helping at Paired Reading and Paired Numeracy.

Ms Walsh, who co-ordinates Paired

Reading said: “We are enormously grateful to the students who go to Lower Site every week and help to make a real difference to the Year 7 and 8 pupils.”

Ms Baker added: “I am so proud of our 6th Formers and the time and effort they put in to helping the younger pupils. By setting such a good example, they are really positive role models.”

News in brief

There is a Year 13 Geography field-work trip to Blencathra today and tomorrow.

There is a trip to the Lowry Theatre, Manchester, on Wednesday and, on the same day, the Year 12 Information Evening will take place from 6pm in the Sixth Form Centre.