

# Heartbeat



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## Many happy returns at College's birthday Mass

Staff and students past and present were in the party mood recently as Sacred Heart celebrated its 40th birthday with a reunion Mass.

The theme of the event was to involve as many past pupils as possible, 40 years after Seafeld Convent Grammar School amalgamated with St Bede's Secondary Modern in September 1977.

Organising the celebrations was Mrs Callaghan, who explains more about the evening. She said: "Our first event was a Mass for the Sacred Heart Community, past and present, beautifully prepared by retired Director of Middle School, Mrs Wallis. "We were delighted that our former student, Father Joe Kendall, could be with us to lead our Mass, and that Canon John Furnival and Father John Cullen could concelebrate with him.

"Our readers included past pupils, Stephen Haldane and Helen Carey, nee Wallace, and participants in our offertory procession remembered those we have lost.

"There was a great turnout of former pupils, some from long ago, and retired members of staff, several of whom joined an alumni choir.

"The music, organised by Mr Foy, was lovely and we were all entranced when our own Danielle Thomas, the mezzo soprano 'Voice of Liverpool' and recent winner of the Liverpool Echo Premier Party Events Arts & Performance Award, sang Ave Maria.

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# Rugby players have got designs on a smart new kit

Four of our rugby players turned designers recently as they set about coming up with a new kit for the College's teams. Kieran Vis (13S), Lawrence Galfarsoro (12H), Ben Clayton (12A) and Daniel McQueen (11A) were invited to design the kits as part of an RFU development programme aiming to increase the participation and opportunities at school and club level rugby.

After much consultation, the boys selected traditional College colours with a modern design and the kits should be manufactured and ready for a kit launch in February.

They will be used for the Year 7 and 8 teams initially, with regular tournaments



being hosted at Waterloo RUFC.

Ben said "We had a great time designing the kit and I'm looking forward to getting involved with coaching and refereeing opportunities for upcoming rugby tournaments."

Lawrence added "I'm looking forward to seeing the students playing in the kits and will feel proud that we have had so much input with this project."

Sacred Heart was one of three schools in Sefton selected to take part in the programme.

## News in brief

**Year 6 Open Evening takes place from 6pm on Wednesday at Lower Site.**

**On Thursday, the Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening takes place in the Sixth Form Centre from 4.30pm.**



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"We are so very grateful to all those who came. Following the Mass, we moved to the Sixth Form Centre for afternoon tea and guided tours, provided by our Sixth Form students, both of which went down an absolute treat."

The Mass proved to be a great success and was praised by former pupils, Marie Murphy and Jean Powell (pictured, above, with Sister Marie), who attended Seafeld between 1957 and

1964. In a letter thanking Mrs Callaghan, they wrote: "Would you please pass on to all involved our thanks for the warm welcome, beautiful Mass, delicious refreshments and nostalgic grand tour of our old school. "The two Lower Sixth girls who guided us around were wonderfully patient and kind. "Our thanks to them especially. Congratulations on your 40th anniversary and continued success to you all in the future."