

## Sixth Formers brush up on their current affairs

Our 6th Form pupils turned protestors recently as they produced artwork against injustice.

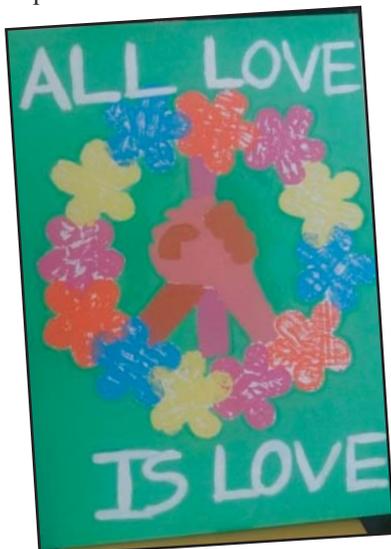
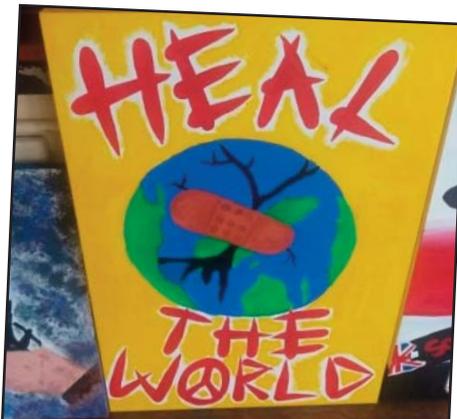
The pieces of work were produced in conjunction with the National Open College Network (NOCN) series of Religious studies.

Overseeing the event was Head of RE, Mr Moorhead. He explained more about the initiative: "Having had sessions that discussed being a positive change maker, we looked about how we could make a statement using art to express our feelings."

"Guided by the Holy Spirit, the students in Years 12 & 13 created Christian protest art. Art teachers, Mrs Hannigan, Miss Burke and Miss Murphy, were very impressed by their creativity and optimistic vision.

"The protest art is very impressive and again echoes the optimism and compassion of our students.

"I am very grateful to the Art department for guiding and helping the students fulfil their potential."



### What the students said

Our art piece was about a subject our group feel very strongly about. Drugs ruin lives and turn good human beings, who could go on to do amazing things, into desperate people who struggle to even survive. Relationships and families fall apart due to drug abuse, so our Christian protest art was very important to all of us. It made us all feel as if we are making a difference.

"The piece itself was a picture of a coffin with a needle and other drugs inside, together with the line, 'bury them, before they bury you'. This, we thought, really got the message across of how drugs can ruin lives and was a good way to get our point of view across.

*Joe Halliday, 13E*

*Kevin Hildrey, 13E*

*Joe Owen, 13E*

*Matthew Pomford, 13E*

*Felix Martin, 13E*

The day we spent doing Christian protest art was very special. It made me feel I was really sending a message about how dangerous pollution is to our environment and how much it threatens our way of life as humans on Earth.

I am thankful for the opportunity to express our thoughts on these important and current issues.

*Lucas Wright, 13S*

# College's 40th sees past and present party on



Sacred Heart turned 40 this year and the milestone has been celebrated in grand fashion.

Current staff and students were joined by their predecessors, last month, for a Mass and tour (see Issue 6 for details), which was followed by a reunion party.

Organising the events was Mrs Callaghan who explains more about the party.

"Past pupils ranged from the 70s, 80s, 90s, Noughties, and even a few from this decade. Staff, past and present, were also welcomed.

"Live music came from a combination of past pupils and current staff, such as Marrakech Express, who featured our very own Mr Thirlwall and his brother John and The Cave Dwellers, who include old boys Nick Robinson and Tim Browne.

"Local band, BBA, also played, with former students Neil Catterall, Steve Rothwell and Chris Blackburn, plus Mr Radford's brother Andy.

"There were many reunions on the night, with people travelling from Oxford, Southampton, Hull, Perth, Scotland and even Perth, Australia.

"Mrs Steele brought her sister along who found she attended the school with Mrs Wilcock, our Dining Centre Manager; a bonus reunion that brought hugs, tears and plans to meet up again.

"Our dinner ladies provided a delicious buffet, including a fabulous cake, and our Sixth Formers and Mr Pye ran guided tours of the building.

"Many of our visitors had not been back for more than 30 years and loved retracing their old steps, seeing their old rooms, and spot-

ting what had changed.

"There was also a raffle, organised by RE's Mrs Laybourne, to raise much-needed funds for this half term's charity, the Waterloo Partnership.

"Everybody had so much fun on the night, and many have kindly sent messages about how much they enjoyed themselves."

One of the former pupils who attended the party was former Head Boy (1989/90), Mike Napier, who has since e-mailed his thoughts on the reunion.

"He said: "Just wanted to say thanks for all the hard work that led to such a thriving event on Saturday.

"It was great to see the hall full and everyone having a good time. Walking around the corridors it was hard to believe that it had been 27 years since I was last there.

"So many memories but I still couldn't bring myself to walk up the (red) carpeted staircase near the main entrance.

"I know all too well the huge amount of work required behind the scenes to make an event on that scale a success, so well done to you and everyone else involved.

"The Sixth Form students doing the tours were a credit to the school."

## News in brief

**On Wednesday, the staff and students going to New York leave at 6pm, returning during half term.**

**On Friday the Year 8 trip to Ypres, Belgium, leaves. College finishes on Thursday for half term. See you all on Monday, October 30. Enjoy.**

