

## NOCN studies see 6th Formers visit synagogue

As part of the National Open College Network (NOCN) studies, our Year 13 students visited the Old Hebrew Congregational Synagogue in Liverpool.

The visit gave the students an opportunity to learn about the history of Jewish life in the city, the importance of the synagogue in worship and the role of the Ten Commandments. Among those accompanying the students was Head of RE, Mr Moorhead. He said: "It was a very successful trip, as Year 13 were very respectful in the synagogue and asked lots of perceptive and interesting questions. The students were very keen to explore other cultures."

The students were very impressed with the synagogue and enjoyed learning about a different culture.

Callum Clark (13E) said: "It was a good experience to discover the history of Judaism and the history of the building and its congregation. The architecture was stunning, especially for such an old building.

"It was interesting to see traditional Jewish dress, such as the prayer shawl and Kippah, as well as old Torah Scrolls and other Jewish items used for prayer.

"It was especially interesting to see parts of the synagogue did not hold up traditional values, such as mixing males and females in the choir, despite it being a traditional synagogue."



### A night at the opera

Mayor of Sefton, Cllr Dave Robinson, attended our Una Voce Opera Night last month. Lola Berni from Year 11 was part of a fabulous evening's entertainment celebrating the 21st anniversary of the Crosby operatic company who have been working with the College for five years.

### News in brief

There is a meeting at 6pm tomorrow in St Edward Hall for the parents of those students going on the London trip. Last week's Year 11 Information Evening will now take place this Wednesday from 6pm, also in St Edward Hall.



# Medal gymnasts are on a roll... and a vault

Gymnastics Club has got off to a great start this school year, with the girls scooping four medals in their first competitive tournament, writes PE's Mrs Vine.

The girls, a number of whom are new members having joined at Year 7, have been working extremely hard for their first competition of the year, which took place over half term.

Our young gymnasts travelled to Preston to compete in the Schools North West Championships. Each gymnast had to perform a six move floor routine and two vaults. All of the girls managed to control their nerves and score really well.

The girls managed to bring home four



medals, three for floor placing 2nd and joint 3rd in Year 7 and one for vault, finishing 3rd in Year 9.

A big well done to those girls, whilst the following all received certificates;

Isobel Flannigan (7S), Grace Piper (7S), Daisy Roberts (7D), Isabella Peterson (7C), Samantha Martin (7C), Lucy Sorrell (7D), Sadie Hanrahan (7D), Anneliese Moody (7A), Becky Hutchinson (7D), Maise Bird (7R), Iris Mason (7A), Merdie Kabongo (8S), Niamh Turner (9E), Ciara Kavanagh (9T), Erin Hanrahan (9D), Marisa Tambourini (9A), Olivia Humphries (9D), Kemila Gurdak (9E) and Maeve Seavers (10C).

I am so proud of how well the girls performed. All their hard work at Gym Club has paid off. Thank you also to Mrs Peterson for her support.