

NOCN students discover Liverpool's slavery roots



As part of their NOCN studies, our Sixth Form students visited Liverpool's Anti Slavery Museum recently

One of the people the Year 12s learned about was Harriet Tubman.

Harriet (pictured, inset) was an American abolitionist, humanitarian and an armed scout and spy for the United States Army during the American Civil War.

Born into slavery, Tubman escaped and subsequently made 13 missions to rescue around 70 enslaved people, family and friends, using a network of antislavery activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad.

She later helped abolitionist John Brown recruit men for his raid on Harpers Ferry, and in the post-war era was an active participant in the struggle for women's suffrage.

Harriet's story left a lasting impression on Carl Parry (12D), who said: "Learning about the bravery and courage Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railway displayed in the 19th Century was very inspiring.

"It was good to know, that at a time of oppression, people still tried to do the right thing."

Accompanying the students was Head of

RE, Mr Moorhead, who was delighted with the success of the visit. He said: "It is always a privilege to take students around the Anti Slavery Museum.

"Liverpool has a difficult history concerning the slave trade.

"The students were very well behaved and learned a lot about this evil, which still exists today.

"Our guide, Barbara, was on hand to explain how the city moved on to adopt a more multi-cultural faith.

"It was a very interesting and enjoyable day, one which the students took a lot from."

Science Club

The first rule of Science Club, is everyone talks about Science Club. "We do lots of exciting activities", says Club organiser, Dr Hanrahan. "We have made balloon rockets, the competition was fierce to see whose balloon went the furthest. We also made bath bombs. This was great fun but the room stank of lemons and oranges for two days. Pupils who want to come along can sign up on the sheets on the Science Club board in L19, first come first served. Everybody seems to love it and have lots of fun, and I manage to sneak in a bit of science as well."



Future scientists could be Sacred Heart girls

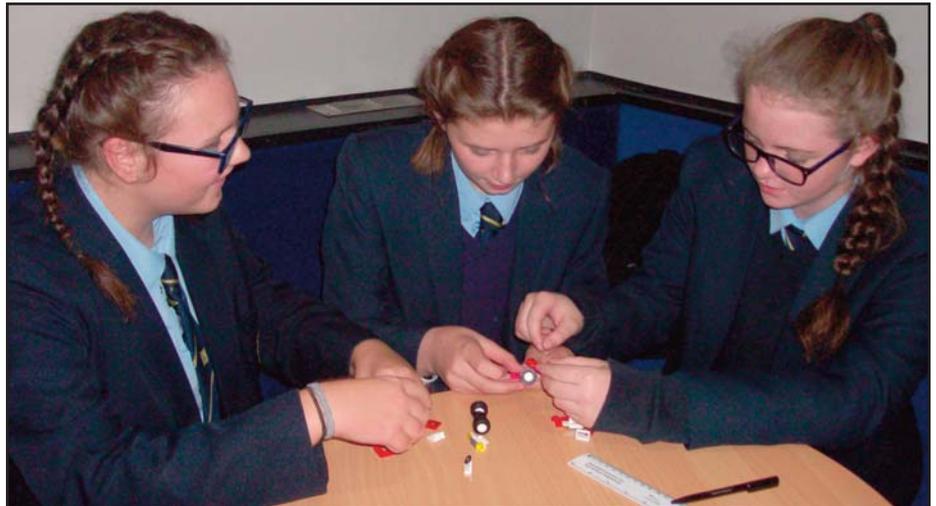
An event aimed at getting females in to science and engineering careers was attended by 15 of our Year 9 students recently, *writes Science's Mrs Harper.*

Our girls attended the Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Careers Conference at the Comrades Club in Crosby.

The event was organised by Soroptimist International of Crosby who, amongst other things, encourage young women and girls into actively considering careers in Science and Engineering. There were a number of speakers including past pupils of Sacred Heart and other Crosby Schools. These included an aeronautical engineer, civil engineer, two biomedical scientists from the Liverpool Royal Infirmary and engineers from BAE Systems.

Advice was available on how to enter these disciplines by both graduate and apprenticeship routes.

The pupils found it very interesting and a great time was had by all.



News in brief

We have a visit from the Alter Ego Theatre Company today, they will be performing in St Edward Hall. On Thursday, we welcome students from France as part of the Exchange initiative and, on Friday, there is a trip to Manchester for a Forensic Conference.