

## Students say 'bonjour' to their French counterparts



Sacred Heart played host to a group of French students and their teachers last month, writes Head of MFL, Mr Sayer.

The visit, part of the British leg of the French Exchange initiative, saw us welcome 13 French sixth formers from the Sixth Form College, Lycée Bellevue in Saintes, Western France for the sixth annual French Exchange.

Our visitors stayed the week with some of our students from Years 10 to 13, who in turn had the fantastic opportunity to boost their studies in French language and culture.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all students involved to experience a new culture and way of life, as well as developing their language skills.

The French students come to improve their English and, for the Sacred Heart

students, it is a chance to practise their French with native speakers.

However, the new friendships forged over the week are perhaps what many of our students will remember the most.

The week was spent in College, out and about in Liverpool and in Great Crosby Primary School.

During their stay, the French students spent two days here in College, going to lessons with their British partners.

They had the opportunity to see at first-hand what life is like inside a British school.

They saw lessons ranging from the familiar Maths, English and French, to the not so familiar Art and Textiles.

Friday (November 24), was their first full day here and was spent together in Liverpool city centre.

We admired the contrasting architecture of our two cathedrals and we were fortunate that the sun was shining as we went up the tower of the Anglican Cathedral for the breath-taking view from the top.

We enjoyed lunch in a Chinese restaurant before heading down to the historic Albert Dock, before the day was rounded off with some retail therapy in Liverpool One.

Following an enjoyable weekend with their Sacred Heart counterparts, the French students visited Great Crosby Primary School on Monday afternoon.

The French students were treated as VIPs, as we spent the day dropping into lots of different classes and hearing the primary pupils trying out their French on 'real French people'.

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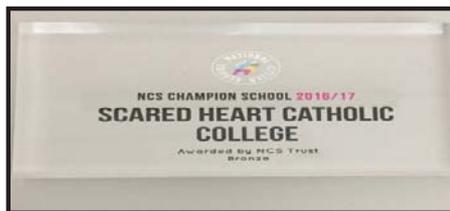
# Sacred Heart rewarded with Champion status

Sacred Heart has been named a National Citizenship Service Champion (NCS) School.

The award comes due to our students continued participation with the NCS programme.

Director of Sixth Form, Ms Baker, was delighted with the news. She said: "We at the College are proud to have been named as an NCS Champion School for 2017.

"This is in recognition of our students annual commitment to the NCS and we honoured to have been awarded with a trophy in recognition of this." College representatives attended the



NCS Champion Schools Gala at Malmaison Hotel, Liverpool, in recognition of the College's continued work and commitment to this programme.

The NCS programme provides our students with valuable skills and experience for the future, alongside leadership and team building activities.

Ms Baker added: "Well done to all of our 6th Form students who were involved.

Some of our students are pictured with trophies awarded for NCS participation during 2016 and 2017.



## News in brief

**The Y12 HSC Mock Examination takes place from 9.15am today in the Prep Hall. There is a Christmas Concert from 7pm in the Prep Hall tomorrow. The Christmas Fayre takes place on Wednesday afternoon at Lower Site. The ever-popular Pensioners' Party takes place on Thursday and, also on Thursday, there is a Ski Trip meeting at 7pm in St Edward Hall.**

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Highlight of the visit there was a lovely afternoon tea, laid on in the main hall for the French students and all of Year 6.

Pulling out all the stops, the school choir had even learnt a French carol for our entertainment as we tucked into tea and cakes. The primary pupils were delighted with their French visitors. After a very busy but enjoyable

week, the time came all too soon for the French party to leave.

We waved them off back to Manchester Airport on Thursday morning, sorry to see our new friends go, but looking forward to our visit to France to see them all again in March. I would like to extend a special word of thanks to Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Shields who gave their time and effort in helping with the organisation of the Exchange.