

Lola prepares for Belize marine conservation trip

Congratulations to Lola Berni who has been selected to take part in a marine conservation project in Belize.

The Year 11 student was chosen to represent Sefton County Girlguiding through her work with the 14th Crosby Brownies, for whom Lola is a Leader.

The trip, which leaves on July 31, will see the party carry out research, organise beach clean ups and educate the local community.

Lola (pictured) explains more about the trip: "I volunteer as a young Leader with 14th Crosby Brownies.

"I have been selected to represent Sefton County Girlguiding on a marine conservation project in Belize in Central America.

"The project is about protecting manatees and their habitat.

"Manatees are very gentle, slow-moving whales, which are under threat from humans.

"We will be doing coral reef studies, organising beach clean-ups and teaching local children about marine conservation.

"I am passionate about protecting the environment and I feel this is a great opportunity to take practical action to protect a species under threat.

"I was thrilled to be selected and I am determined to learn as much as I can and raise awareness when I come back."

To raise money for the project, Lola has organised a quiz night at Lower Site this Friday. Tickets, costing £6, are available from the Office. You can bring your own bottle and a light supper will be served.



Students gets suited and booted



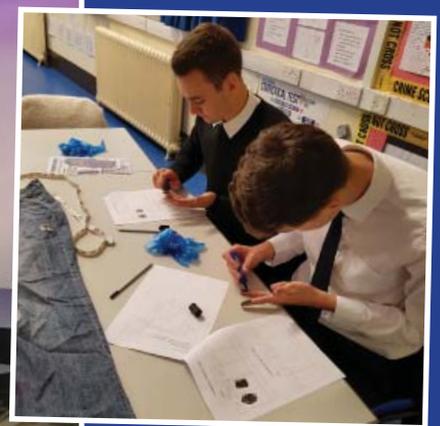
Psychology students from Year 13 have been exploring their Applied Module further by focusing on practical applications within Forensic Psychology. The students spent a day looking at the scientific crossover into psychology, before hearing from former offenders and their take on life 'behind bars'. For the full story on both activities, please turn to p2.

Psychology meets science for crime cracking kids

Our young psychologists took to the lab recently as they did a bit of crime-cracking CSI-style. They then followed this up by discovering the effects crime has on those who are caught and sent to prison. First up, they attended a practical Forensic Science workshop, held by Science's Miss Cutler, and, more recently, travelled to Manchester to attend a lecture by True Life Conferences, based upon 'Behind Bars'. During the first part of the project, students got to meet a forensic psychologist who discussed her role within society. Head of Psychology, Mrs Vine said: "The forensic psychologist highlighted particular cases of interest and

also discussed the causes of crime from a biological, cognitive and social approach. "Students had the opportunity to discuss if the prison system is effective and if it is both a form of punishment and reform." Students Kate and Megan said: "The most exciting part of the day was listening to ex-offenders describing their time in prison. "This was very eye-opening, as it gave us an idea of life behind bars from different perspectives; this helps with our psychology course as one of the topics we study is the effects of imprisonment. Another focus part of the session was the fact that we, as humans, can pass criminals in our daily

life and not even realise. "This shows how much we can stereotype criminals and links to our 'Turning To Crime' module. The day was really enjoyable and allowed us to discuss, debate and reflect upon our own views and bring what we have talked about in theory lessons alive." In the Workshop part of the project, students eagerly learned how to map and collect evidence from a crime scene, different finger printing techniques, including how to take a latent print, and particulate evidence collection for suspect/victim clothing. Miss Cutler, said: "It was a pleasure to work with these students and I wish them well for the rest of their psychology studies."



NOCN students study top film

Sixth Form students turned film critics recently as they got to watch the Ken Loach film, *I, Daniel Blake*. The viewing, part of the Year 12 & 13 National Open College Network (NOCN) studies, focussed on the role of the State in caring for the poor. The film, which has won a host of awards, sees Daniel Blake, 59, who has worked as a joiner all his life in the North East of England, in need of help from the State for the first time ever following an illness. Despite his doctor's diagnosis, British authorities deny Blake his benefits

and tell him to return to his job. As Daniel navigates his way through an agonizing appeal process, he begins to develop a strong bond with a destitute, single mother struggling to take care of her two children. The film made last a lasting impression on the students and Head of RE, Mr Moorhead was delighted with how the 6th Formers responded. He said: "Cinema is a powerful teacher and the film engaged the students so that they could explore a very relevant issue that affects so many UK citizens today."

Burns Night supper

The annual Burns Night Supper takes place this Saturday at Lower Site. Doors are 7pm for a 7.30pm start. There is a drink on arrival which is followed by a traditional three course Burns supper, entertainment and bar. Tickets, costing £20, are available via e-mail from; alsopcrosby@yahoo.co.uk or by phoning 07954695574.

News in brief

Year 11 Mock Examinations start today and continue throughout the week.