



Kitted out: Our Year 8 rugby team show off their new kit at the Merseyside Rugby 7s Tournament. Congratulations to the boys, who finished runners-up in the tournament, which was held at Waterloo RUFC.

Lower Site students get a valuable lesson in law

Representatives from Merseyside Police dropped in last week as they delivered an Assembly with a difference.

DC Gerrie McConaghy, from the Force's SIGMA Unit, along with Katie Jones, spoke to Year 7 and 8 students on what constitutes 'hate crime'.

The students watched short films about people who have been the victims of hate crime and listened to the officer as she spoke about the consequences of the offence, both for the victim and those responsible.

DC McConaghy spoke at length to the students, informing them that hate crimes can include, threatening behaviour, assault, robbery, damage to property, inciting others to commit hate crimes and harassment aimed

at a person because of their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

Among the examples students heard about was the death of Anthony Walker.

Anthony was murdered following an unprovoked, racially motivated attack in July 2005 in Huyton.

Anthony's sister, Dominique, visited Sacred Heart back in 2014, along with former Sacred Heart student, Marcus Collins, himself a victim of a hate crime, when they launched a video promoting the work of Merseyside Police's community engagement team. DC McConaghy also reminded students to use social media responsibly adding that abusing people via text message or online is also classed as hate crime. She added that even though you can delete

messages, the police can still trace them. DC McConaghy said: "What you will have hopefully learned from this talk is that anyone who commits a hate crime can expect a visit from the police and they will be punished accordingly."

"Even if you do it on your phone, or social media and think you have deleted the offending message, we can still locate it."

"All we ask is you act responsibly and don't do anything that will lead to the police coming to visit you."

Also at the event was Headteacher, Mr Walker, who added: "The message we received was a very powerful one and a very important one."

"Equality and mutual respect is a message our students have heard loud and clear."

Year 9 up to the challenge in Ryman's Dragons' Den



Our Year 9 students stepped into our very own Dragons' Den recently as they took part in the Ryman National Enterprise Challenge.

The students were split into groups and had to develop a product that could be used in schools.

Not only did they have to come up with a product, they then had to show off their entrepreneurial skills by devising a business plan and pitching it to the judges. Dragons' Den style.

Overseeing the event was Mr Gardiner, who explains more: "The Ryman Enterprise Challenge saw our Year 9s develop a product for Ryman which could be used in schools.

"They spent the day developing their entrepreneurial skills to develop a product and a Dragons' Den style pitch, with a unique song or jingle to promote their

product.

"I was very proud of their hard work and how they were able to work with people who they generally don't usually work with. Many pupils found the confidence to present their products in front of their peers – something they wouldn't have done before."

Founded in 2012, the Ryman National Enterprise Challenge aims to create a programme that allows youngsters an opportunity to experience a real life work environment.

Students are matched with people they don't know, where they have to work to tight deadlines, find creative ways to communicate their ideas and, ultimately, present these ideas to a panel and their peers.

The scheme presents young people with an opportunity to learn key skills includ-

ing teamwork, communication, creativity, problem solving and leadership.

Winning team, Catelin O'Hanlon, Kate Netscher, Grace Norris, Molly O'Brien, Patrick Rimmer and Callum Young devised the Taskmaster 2000. A multitasking tool designed to help students with their school work and revision.

The team will now represent Sacred Heart in the final. The date and venue are to be confirmed.

News in brief

There are Spanish GCSE Speaking Tests taking place on Wednesday, French on Thursday and Friday. A reminder that Lower Site will be closed on Thursday due to the local elections. Year 7 and 8 students will not be in school that day. Year 13 Leavers' Mass takes place on Friday afternoon.