

Heartbeat



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Issue 2

Charity fun run brings community together for much-loved teacher



A fun run in support of Music teacher, Isabel Morison, has raised more than £13,000 for charity, smashing the target organisers had originally set.

In February, Mrs Morison was diagnosed with Grade 4 Primary Glioblastoma, the most aggressive and fastest growing form of brain cancer.

Over the last six months, Mrs Morison has undergone intensive chemotherapy and radiography and, in May, was offered the chance to try a pioneering new treatment. Optune is a non-invasive technique using electric fields, delivered via a set of adhesive patches attached to a skull cap that is worn 17-24 hours daily and applied to a completely shaved head. The treatment is designed to help prevent the tumour from growing or spreading quickly.

Because the cancer is so aggressive and unpredictable, treatments are limited in the UK. Consequently, Mrs Morison, along with husband Stuart, are constantly re-searching other treatment options.

They are considering a treatment called Immunotherapy, which is known to be working successfully in treating some previously incurable cancers. Unfortunately, this treatment is only available privately and costs more than £200,000.

However, the reality is, they need to raise as much money as possible with limited time, due to the prognosis of this condition. In July, friends and colleagues at Sacred Heart organised a fun run in the hopes of raising £10,000 for Mrs Morison's chosen charity, Macmillan Cancer Support.

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Two months after the event, and with money still coming in, the amount raised has since surpassed £13,000.

The day itself saw hundreds of people turn out to take part in the 5K run and volunteer their services for what was a glorious occasion that saw the whole community pull together for a much-loved teacher. The event also saw some famous names in attendance, most notably, former Liverpool defender, Jamie Carragher.

But this was Isabel's day and, afterwards, she posted this thank you message on her Facebook page: "The success of the day was never in doubt with the team of fabulous people organising but, I am truly amazed by what you pulled off.

Amazing

"Sacred Heart Catholic College showing how community is done yet again. Everyone I spoke to had an amazing day and that was evident in the atmosphere around school."

Mrs Morison will continue to support the work of Macmillan Cancer Support alongside her own, 'GoFundMe' fundraising campaign.

For more information about the work of Macmillan Cancer Support, please visit <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>

If you would like to make a donation please visit Mrs Morison's GoFundMe page at <https://uk.gofundme.com/isabel-treatment-fund>



News in brief

This week, our 6th Form students will take part in the National Open College Network (NOCN) activities. There will be more on these activities in the coming issues of Heartbeat. On Wednesday, there is the Year 12 Information Evening. This will take place from 6pm in the Chapel.

Open Evening

Sacred Heart Catholic College

Monday 24th September 2018

at 6.00pm at Upper Site.

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Headteacher's Welcome 7.15pm