

6th Formers learn about Islam on mosque visit

As part of the National Open College Network (NOCN) studies, our Year 13 students visited the Abdullah Quilliam Mosque in Liverpool.

The visit, to what was the first Islamic mosque in England, gave the students an opportunity to learn about the history of Muslim life in the city and the importance of the mosque in worship.

The students were very impressed with the mosque and enjoyed learning about a different culture.

Ava Lupton (12D) said: "The mosque was very beautiful. After a tour of the grounds, we learned about this interesting religion. "During the talk, we were educated on the basics of the religion. We learned about the Five Pillars of Islam, which was very interesting.

"I thought the trip was very educational and changed my thoughts on the religion."

Samantha Mee (12D) added: "The trip to the mosque was illuminating. I enjoyed learning about different cultures and the contrasting ideas from my own religion.

"It was surprising to hear how alike both the Muslim and Christian religions are.

"There are many similarities, potentially a lot more than there are differences. I did not expect this, as it is painted in a completely different light in the modern media.

"Muslims are very inspired through their religion and appear to be extremely proud. I enjoyed the visit to the mosque and feel very enlightened."

Among those accompanying the students was Head of RE, Mr Moorhead. He said: "It was a very successful trip, as Year 13 were very respectful in the synagogue and asked lots of perceptive and interesting questions. The students were very keen to explore other cultures."

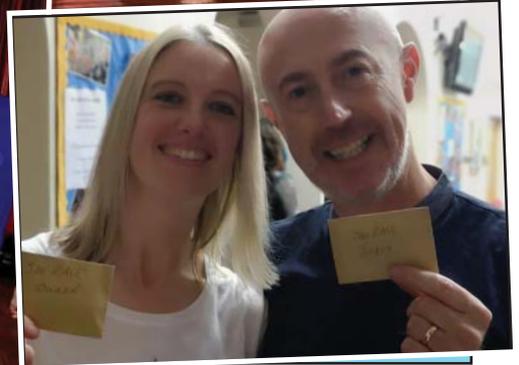


Fundraising at the double

Last weekend, staff, students and the wider community were under starters orders as the College staged two charity events.

On the Saturday (October 6), the Una Voce Opera Company returned for their ever-popular annual performance. Performed in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Sefton, Councillor Dave Robinson and Wendy Robinson, and the Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Noel Delaney and Ann Stubbert, the performers wowed a packed St Edward Hall.

The previous night (Friday, October 5), it was more punters rather than Puccini, as the College held a Race Night. Among those present at both nights was Mr Pye, who said: "The two events were excellent. Both were very different but enjoyed by everyone who attended and, of course, it was all for Mrs Morison." As stated, money raised will go towards Mrs Morison's gofundme campaign and her chosen charity, Macmillan Cancer Support.



Closing date is this week for Law Prize competition

Students wishing to enter this year's Law Prize competition are reminded the closing date is this Thursday.

This year, two competition questions have been set by Anthony Crean QC.

Mr Crean, a former Sacred Heart student and now a leading Barrister at Kings' Chambers in Birmingham, has met with students on a number of occasions to give advice on entering a career in Law and regularly attends Presentation Evenings as Guest of Honour.

Last year, Ellie Crossland and Maria Taggart won the competition, with both receiving a £500 cash prize each and a week's work experience at Kings' Chambers.

This year, Mr Crean has set two separate competitions and all students from Year 7 to Year 13 are eligible to enter.

Question 1: *What are the legal implica-*

tions of Brexit?

In addition to the £1,000 cash prize that is shared between the two winners, Mr Crean has arranged for the first essay winners to meet with Baroness Hale, the President of the Supreme Court, to watch court proceedings.

The second essay competition, for which there will also be two winners, will include the opportunity to meet with the Director of the National Army Museum in Chelsea. The two winners of the second competition will be taken on a tour of the museum.

Question 2: *What is the role of Law, if any, in a battle?*

Both competitions are open to all students in Years 7-13.

If you decide to enter both competitions, please submit two separate essays.

The work must be your own.

The work must be referenced to show where you have consulted research.

A word count should be included at the end of the essay.

The maximum word count is 3,000.

News in brief

Merseyside Police will give a road safety talk in the 6th Form Centre at 10am today. Lower Site Open Evening takes place from 6pm tonight. There is a Year 7 Welcome Mass during P4 tomorrow. Orchestra Day takes place on Thursday. College finishes for half term on Thursday. Students return on October 29. During half term, there is the Year 8/9 trip to Ypres and the Somme, which leaves on Friday, and the DoE trip to Scarisbrick at the weekend. Finally, there is a charity football match at Rossett Park this Sunday, kick off 2pm.