

# Heartbeat



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**Brought to book:** Our English department entered in to the full spirit of World Book Day last week by spending a day as their favourite literary characters. The event, which took place on Thursday, saw the game teachers come in kitted out as characters, in full costume, from everything from the Wizard of Oz, A Handmaid's Tale and Harry Potter. For a bit of fun, can you name all the above characters and the books they first appeared in?

## Niamh a finalist in young writers competition

Staying with the literary theme, congratulations to Head Girl, Niamh Foy, for reaching the final of the Liverpool Athenaeum Young Writers competition.

Niamh (13D) entered two stories in the competition, which invites entries from young writers aged 16-19.

The talented writer was delighted to discover she reached the final eight and was invited to attend a prestigious awards ceremony at the Bluecoat Chambers in Liverpool.

There, our Head Girl was rewarded with a certificate and a £50 Waterstones voucher. Speaking after the event, Niamh spoke of her delight at being named a finalist and explained more about her stories.

Niamh said: "The first story was a romance between a carpenter and one of his customers. Sadly, for them, things don't go quite according to plan.

"The second we had to write to a brief, 'Are We What We Seem'. This story sees a divorced man trying to get custody of his son. However, he has a religious experience, which leaves him, and readers, doubting himself."

Niamh was encouraged to enter the competition after receiving praise from Head of English, Miss Gregson, after doing well in her GCSEs.

Now Niamh, who lists Patricia Highsmith and Margaret Attwood amongst her favourite authors, has got the writing bug and, intends to carry on putting pen to paper.

Niamh added: "I was delighted to reach the final eight and it has definitely inspired me to write more."

Miss Gregson who attended the final with Niamh and her family, said: "This is a fantastic achievement for Niamh. Well done."



# Lent sees Y8 swap usual meal for soup and bread

Thoughtful students from Form class, 8T, along with their teacher Miss Coventry, gave up their usual lunch last week, as they took time to think about and prepare for Lent.

Following a project in RE lessons to make a 'Hunger Cloth' for this season of reflection, the kind-hearted group swapped a filling hot lunch for a cup of soup and a bread roll, as they made their own small sacrifice for Lent.

Not content with just a rumbling stomach, the students also made a small donation to Cafod as a part of their learning on the Charities unit they have been studying this term. The theme of, 'love thy neighbour', certainly rang true, as those involved discussed their efforts.

Miss Coventry said: "Their mood was lifted, despite missing out. It was a lovely occasion that truly highlights the feeling of giving more, as well as giving up, as we approach Easter."



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**Friday 22nd March**  
**7.30 pm**  
**Lower Site Hall**

**Tickets £5.00**

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