

# Heartbeat



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## Tom's tiny troops leave a massive impression



Sometimes, it is the little things that mean the most and, in Tom Davies' case, he has taken matters to the next level.

The Year 10 student has a fascinating little hobby that sees him get up close and personal with the military.

For when Tom gets home from school, and before he picks up his Playstation controller for a blast on his favourite Call of Duty or Red Dead Redemption 2 games, he will relax by constructing military crafts and figures – miniature style.

Tom's interest in the military was piqued by his stepfather, himself in the Army, and he took to collecting the tiny soldiers, that measure just 2cm tall, before painstakingly painting the figures to accurately represent how the real life soldiers would look. Tom said: "I had an interest in the military because my stepfather was in the Army and my hobby started from that around two years ago.

"I have since made and painted 20 planes and tanks and also 11 soldiers. The soldiers take about an hour to do but the more complex ones take longer. It took 20 hours to complete a Stuka, which is a German Bomber.

"It takes a lot of patience, especially the smaller you go. Some of the gluing can be quite tricky but it is very rewarding when you see the finished piece."

For the moment, Tom's collection remains in his bedroom but he is hoping they will one day feature in an exhibition.

He added: "Putting them in an exhibition is something I am thinking of if there is enough interest. I think it would be nice for people with an interest in the military to see these figures, as it is something a little bit different."

Tom already has his next project lined up, he is aiming to build and decorate a miniature American Apache helicopter.



## Oh I do like to be beside the GCSE side

Our Year 11 Geography students swapped the classroom for the coast-line recently as they went walkabout ahead of their GCSE examinations. The students, numbering more than 70, visited Ainsdale sand dunes and Liverpool city centre to collect data for their fieldwork enquiry in preparation for GCSE Geography Paper 3 in June.

Head of Geography, Mr Kennedy, explains more: "The physical Geography enquiry question is, 'how does the amount of vegetation change going inland away from the sea'? "The other human geography question is, 'how has the amount of banks changed recently in Liverpool city centre'?"

Following the fieldwork, and back in the classroom, the students will analyse and present their results in order to reach conclusions before evaluating their enquiry.



# Jak's the lad at packed out Isabel fundraising night

A concert in aid of music teacher Isabel Morison has helped raise more than £2,000 toward her treatment.

Mrs Morison was diagnosed with brain cancer last year and is looking to raise money for treatment that is only available in the US.

That fundraising continued last month with a special night of entertainment from singer Jak Dexter.

Jak travelled from Sunderland, donating his time for free, especially to support the #letsdoitforIsabel campaign.

Among those in attendance was Director of Middle School, Miss Clarke, who said: "Everyone agreed he provided a fantastic night of entertainment.

"The night was a resounding success. Staff from Sacred Heart, colleagues from our partner schools and members of the local community all came along. There were also a number of people who had travelled from outside of Liverpool to support the event."

The concert raised more than £2,000, which will be used to help fund Isabel's treatment in her fight against stage 4 glioblastoma.

Miss Clarke added: "Special thanks to all who came, sold tickets, donated prizes, worked on the evening, including our brilliant site team and, of course, a special thanks to our guest Jak Dexter for providing such a great night of fun and entertainment."

Jak is pictured on stage during the concert.

### News in brief

**There is a Year 11 Skills Test taking place during Periods 1 and 3 in the Prep Hall on Thursday.**

**Also on Thursday, there is a Year 11 Btec Sport online test.**

**There is a Duke of Edinburgh trip this weekend. Before that, term finishes this Friday for Easter, returning on Tuesday, April 23. Enjoy.**

