

# Heartbeat



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## Students give return to school the thumbs up

Last week saw students return to school for the first time since March.

Whilst lockdown may have brought classroom-based learning to an abrupt end, our youngsters diligently carried on working from home. Not only was their some excellent work produced, examples of which were featured in Heartbeat throughout lockdown, but their extended time away saw many great examples of charity work, fundraising and helping the more vulnerable during what were very difficult times.

But, as we slowly return to something approaching normal, our students are back and raring to go.



## Former student shortlisted for prestigious acting prize

Congratulations to former student Amy Hoole, who has been shortlisted for an award previously won by the likes of Dame Judi Dench and Jim Broadbent.

Amy, who attended Sacred Heart from 2009 to 2016, has been nominated for the Spotlight Prize 2020.

Now 21, Amy attends The Liverpool Theatre School and is just one of 20 drama students in the country to be shortlisted after impressing judges with her screen acting performance.

During the next stage of the competition, Amy will be required to perform a monologue which will be submitted by video.

This will be judged by an esteemed

panel of casting directors and the Best Screen Actor Spotlight Prize winner will be announced next month on October 16.

Amy, who is set to graduate from Liverpool Theatre School with a diploma in professional musical theatre this summer, said: "I am absolutely over the moon about being nominated for this year's Spotlight Prize, which has been awarded to so many great performers over the years.

"I've loved performing for as long as I can remember, so training professional-ly at Liverpool Theatre

School and being shortlisted for The Spotlight Prize is like a dream come true for me. I can't wait to deliver my next performance for the final stage of the competition."

The Spotlight Prize is an annual event, which gives graduate nominees an opportunity to have their performances judged by industry professionals with the overall winner receiving a £2,000 prize.

Amy is pictured playing Maria in Sacred Heart's 2016 production of *The Sound of Music*.





# GCSE and A Level results are celebrated in style

There was great excitement and plenty to celebrate last month as students collected their GCSE and A Level results. Headteacher Mr Pye was delighted with the results that were achieved at both levels.

Praising our outgoing A Level students, he said: "I would like to congratulate Year 13 and their families on a fantastic set of results.

"They embodied the College's key values and their success is a testament to this. Their results are deserved and their talents are clear." Mr Pye was similarly delighted with the results achieved by our GCSE students (top two photos), adding: "What an amazing group of young people we have and Year 11 were no exception. It has been a privilege to be part of their lives and we are looking forward to their bright futures. "The pandemic denied them exams but it cannot deny their talent."

## News in brief

Welcome back and an extra special welcome to our newest students who join us in Year 7.

All students are asked to familiarise themselves with some of the new methods installed to help with social distancing and cleanliness.

These include use of hand sanitisers, staggered lunches, pupil hubs and directional arrows in corridors.

