

Heartbeat



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Festive fun as kids enjoy Christmas Jumper Day



Our students banished their blazers on Monday as they became dedicated followers of festive fashion.

The excited youngsters got well and truly in the seasonal party mood by wearing their Christmas jumpers and, whilst it is the season to be jolly, their festive uniform flouting was all in a good cause, being as it raised money for a charity close to the College's heart.

In order to take part in Christmas Jumper Day, students paid the prince-

ly sum of £1 so as they could show off their Santa sweaters with all money raised being used to help support the Forgiveness Project.

Director of Middle School, Miss Clarke, explains more: "We had our annual Christmas Jumper Day on Monday, where a donation of £1 was offered to help support the work of the Forgiveness Project from the Jimmy Mizen Foundation.

"Mr and Mrs Mizen are firm friends of Sacred Heart, visiting the College every

year to share the story of their son, Jimmy, who was murdered in 2008.

"Mr and Mrs Mizen discuss the tragic events that happened to their son and explain how, rather than be consumed by the anger of their loss, they set up the Forgiveness Project as part of the Jimmy Mizen Foundation.

"So the money raised from events like Monday, will not only get the kids feeling all Christmassy, but help raise money for a good cause too."

Home is where the Heart is for partying pensioners



Sacred Heart won't let a little thing like Covid stop us from looking after the more vulnerable members of our community. This time of year would normally see some of our more mature friends come back to school to enjoy a festive knees up on us. But, with social distancing and all that that entails, the annual pensioners' party was off the menu this year. However, that has not stopped our caring kids, and the wider community in general, coming together to ensure no one gets forgotten about during the festive period. Director of Sixth Form, Ms McParland, explains: "Ordinarily at this time of year, our Sixth Form students would be preparing for our annual Pensioners' Party. "As we are unable to hold it this year, our Sixth Formers have been busy raising money and collecting donations so we can send hampers to

our elderly residents. "We have also been extremely fortunate to receive very generous donations from Sainsbury's and Save Regeneration, who we were connected with through the Jamie Carragher 23 Foundation. "Additionally, our friends at Satterthwaites, the Co-Operative and Tony Almonds have been really supportive in helping us as we prepare our hampers. **Tremendous** "We would like to thank everyone who has helped us make a tremendous difference to our community in these most testing of times." Year 13 students, Mia Hopkins and Issy Carroll, were among the team helping out and making sure no one in our community will be forgotten about this Christmas. Mia and Issy said: "The pensioners' Christmas party is an event eagerly an-

ticipated each year within the College community. "It was a great shame to not be able to host such a wonderful event this year due to circumstances beyond our control. "But we did not want them to think we had forgotten them, and we wanted to find a way to still be able to benefit the community in a safe manner. "We will be passing out hampers filled with goodies to benefit the elderly over Christmas and help them to be comfortable and hopeful during these difficult times."

