

Heartbeat



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Meet the new boss...

>Welcome back after the Easter break and we start the Spring term with an extra special welcome to our newest recruit. None other than the new Headteacher, Mr Mooney.

Whilst our new Head has already spent some time getting to know

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both the place and the people, he has also taken time out to pen the following introduction:

Mr Mooney said: "In 2018, I left St Mary's and since then I have worked as a school advisor and consultant for the Liverpool Archdiocese.

I have enjoyed developing relationships with a majority of the secondary schools across its three clusters, supporting Headteachers with school improvement around curriculum,

behaviour and welfare, leadership and management, as well as provision for disadvantaged pupils.

Recently, I completed a period as an Associate Headteacher in another Sefton Catholic School, which allowed

something of an insight into this area of West Lancashire

and Merseyside.

"I love my sport and still manage 5-a-side football, which is more energetic than golf, and, as an ex-cricketer, is proving a challenge.

"In normal winters, you would find me on a ski slope at some point and my favourite way of keeping fit and active is walking our Cocker Spaniel. Who knows, you may bump into me on Crosby beach one day.

"Large numbers of my immediate and



wider family are teachers and I am passionate about helping young people succeed and very much look forward to meeting Sacred Heart's student body.

"It is fair to say that students and parents should expect me to take a firm line when it comes to managing behaviour.

"I have high expectations and believe we all, teachers as well, can strive to improve ourselves in different ways. I am still trying after 37 years as an educator."

Head students give a warm welcome to Mr Mooney

Starting a new school can be a daunting experience for anyone and you are always grateful for someone to make you feel welcome.

Thankfully, that is exactly what our Head Students have done as they took time out from their busy schedules to make the new man at the helm feel at home. Here is what our top boys and girls had to say.



It is a pleasure to welcome Mr Mooney to our school as the new Headteacher. After previously being Headteacher at two schools and working closely with the Archdiocese, I am sure he will continue to help grow and develop our caring Christian community. I wish him the best of luck and look forward to working with him for the rest of the year.

Matthew Latham, 13C

I would like to say a huge welcome to Mr Mooney, who is stepping up to the task of getting us through such unprecedented times.

After having had the pleasure of meeting him, I have every confidence he will do a great job leading us forward and I hope to work with him soon.

Millie Corcoran, 13S

In a time of such uncertainty, it is a pleasure to welcome our new Headteacher, Mr Mooney, to Sacred Heart. I am sure he will do great things for the community, fulfilling our school values and morals.

I am eager to work with him and wish him the best of luck in his new role.

Isobel Davies, 13A

The prospect of a new Headteacher is an exciting one. I am delighted to welcome Mr Mooney to Sacred Heart on behalf of our student body, and have no doubt he will enjoy his time here.

I look forward to working with him over the next few months.

Adam Bradley, 13S

New Head gets off to a blooming great start



Mr Mooney has wasted no time getting to know his new surroundings and has already been getting his hands dirty. Literally.

The new Head met up with students prior to the Easter break and took part in the planting of trees in the newly-formed Peace Garden.

Work began on the garden back in September, with the aim to make it a lasting and fitting memorial to former Music teacher, Isabel Morison, who sadly died two years ago.

Since work started on the garden, Mrs Morison's father, Bernie, has put a lot of effort in to help bring it to fruition

Throughout, he has been helped by Lower Site students who, last month, planted trees, together with the help of Mr Mooney, who was both delighted and honoured to start his time at Sacred Heart

with such a meaningful gesture.

Mr Mooney said: "The Peace Garden, which creates an outdoor space in support of well-being, is a wonderful memorial to Isabel Morison, whom staff and many pupils here will remember fondly.

"Isabel's father, Bernie, has invested his energy and love into this project and we thank him for his time and the financial donations he has given.

Support

"The space will not only support opportunities for outdoor learning but will bring into focus the importance of mental health at a time when we are all able to understand and value the benefits that nature and the outdoors bring.

"Sacred Heart's Value Ambassadors in Year 7 and Year 8 have undertaken to maintain and develop the garden as part of a larger project.

"This project is aimed at reminding pupils of the importance of service and acting as a positive influence in the community.

"Following the recent sad passing of former Headteacher John Summerfield, plans are in hand to commemorate his and Isabel's huge impact on our school community.

"This will be done in the form of a 5K run, with money raised going towards dementia charities."

Meanwhile, students such as Freya Pickford (7E) have enjoyed their part in helping create the garden and are looking forward to benefiting from the space in the future.

Freya said: "It has been really fun working with Mr Yates (Mrs Morrison's father) and helping him to complete the Peace Garden. "I am looking forward to spending lessons outdoors with others and having somewhere to reflect on our day."