

Heartbeat



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Year 13s give thanks as they bid a fond farewell



As we approach the final term of the school year, we are already waving a teary goodbye to our Year 13 students.

Normally, we would hand over to their teachers to say a few words but, this year, we have let the Head Students Team have the floor as they took time out ahead of this, their final week, to tell us how much they have enjoyed their time at Sacred Heart.

First to open up at his time here was Adam Bradley, who said: "Being one of the Head Students at Sacred Heart has been an absolute pleasure.

"Even though the time I have spent in the role has been short, I can honestly say that my confidence has grown a great deal through talking to many members of our school community and I'd like to thank everyone at the school for this amazing opportunity."

Isobel Davies expanded on this by discussing her time at Sacred Heart.

Isobel said: "As we come to the end of our journey at Sacred Heart, I can't help but feel sad to be leaving.

"The school has given me so much over the years and it has been such a pleasure to be able to give back in my role as a Head Student.

Opportunity

"It has been a great opportunity and I believe any pupil is capable of it if they want it.

"I am thankful for my time at Sacred Heart and excited for what the future holds."

Matthew Latham echoed those sentiments by adding: "Being one of this year's Head Students has been a huge honour and has allowed me to develop my communication skills. It has been a pleasure to work with

staff and students on many different things and watch everyone respond well to the challenges we have faced during the pandemic.

"I would like to once again thank the staff for all their hard work and wish everyone the best of luck in the future."

Finally, Millie Corcoran added: "I think I can speak for all the Head Students when I say we are feeling quite melancholy about leaving the place we have called home for seven amazing years.

"It has been a true pleasure to be able to give back to the school that has given me so much, including the upmost support as we begin this new chapter in our lives."

Adam, Isobel, Matthew, Millie and everyone in Year 13, good luck and best wishes from everyone at Sacred Heart.

‘Overwhelming’ pupils raise £1K for Dementia UK



Year 7 & 8 pupils have stepped up to the plate, literally, as they have helped raise more than £1,000 for Dementia UK.

Staff and students nominated Dementia UK as this term’s chosen charity in tribute to former Headteacher, John Summerfield, who sadly died this year.

Our Year 7 & 8s, who would not even have started nursery school when Mr Summerfield was Head here, have led the fundraising charge, having so far raised £1,062.72 by running, baking, raising and donating.

Katie Walmsley (pictured above, 8E) had everyone’s tummies rumbling by baking a delicious batch of cookies and brownies, which she then brought in to sell to her classmates.

Not to be outdone, staff at both sites held a coffee morning recently and the fundraising was not done there, as Anna McLaughlin (pictured, top right) got her

running shoes on and ran a gut busting 10K, raising a whopping £343.75.

Raising money for Dementia UK has meant a lot to Anna, as the charity is one that is close to her heart.

Anna (7R) said: “As well as running for Mr Summerfield and Dementia UK, I also ran for my granddad, Ronnie McLaughlin, who I loved very much and who died from dementia two years ago.”

Saving

Meanwhile, Finn Mitchell (pictured, right, 7D) may have to wait a little longer to get a new pair of football boots, being as he donated £30 of his pocket money that he had been saving to buy a new pair with.

Staff have been ‘overwhelmed’ at both the efforts and generosity of our pupils.

Head of Year 7, Mr O’Malley, said: “I have been overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity of so many pupils in my Year

Group. It has brought such a big smile to my face to see how much effort and community spirit has been on display.”

“Our pupils really have been living out the school values, working together for such a great cause.”

Elsewhere, Mrs Holmes said: “We are all very proud of our pupils and the fantastic effort they have put in to raise money.

“I would also like to thank Katie, who has been a great help with counting out the money from each Form and helping prepare material for our ‘Brunchometer’, the display board we keep our running total on.”