

Heartbeat



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We take a look back at Year 7 & 8's six of the best

Well here we are, fast approaching the end of another Sacred Heart school year - and what a year it has been.

Covid has rumbled on, we have had new Headteachers, lockdowns and home schooling to name just some of the more unusual aspects of the school year.

However, despite everything thrown at our staff and students we have still managed to have some fun, do some learning and perhaps, most importantly, come out the other side smiling.

And among those who have dug in and shown character above and beyond their years are our Year 7 and 8s.

Our newest recruits, along with those in their second year at Sacred Heart, have provided us with many highlights over the course of the last ten months.

Compelling

As you will see in the pages of this special Year 7 & 8 edition, there has been plenty to be proud of, as our youngsters have embraced 'the new normal', winning awards, writing compelling prose and generally welcoming the many positives of being a Sacred Heart pupil.

It has not stopped in the classrooms either, as outside of lessons, our kind-hearted pupils have baked, shushed and ran as they have helped raise more than £2,000 for the school's chosen charity, Dementia UK.

Their efforts throughout the year have not gone unnoticed and they have been praised by the Heads of both Year 7 and Year 8, Mr O'Malley and Mrs Reid (see their joint statement on p2).

Meanwhile Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Campbell, has also praised Year 7 and 8 for their efforts this school year.

Mrs Campbell said: "It has been a different year but our youngest pupils have been very mature and a credit to the school. Well done everyone."

September



Way back in September, we said congratulations to the first recipient of our Learner of the Week award. Ava Taylor (7S) was presented with her certificate by the then interim Headteacher, Mr Pye, after impressing her teachers at the start of the new academic year. The new

award recognises students who have shown integrity, respect, attainment, self-improvement, resilience, effort, kindness and community spirit. Ava is pictured receiving her award from Mr Pye, along with Mrs Kennedy (left) and Senior Assistant, Headteacher, Mrs Campbell.

In November, we reported on Alex Christian rubbing shoulders with celebs from the worlds of Premier League football and the music industry. Alex (8R) plays for the football team, Bootle Bucks Inclusion, and last year he took part in a charity event, organised by the indie band, Red Rum Club, with matches refereed by Premier League officials Jon Moss and Martin Atkinson. Red Rum Club, whose guitarist Tom Williams (pictured) is an ex Sacred Heart pupil, organised the event to raise money and spirits after last year's lockdown.

November



December



Our Year 7s & 8s put the heart into Sacred Heart this year by sharing their happy thoughts on a 'Heart Board'. The Happy Hearts display board was a new idea geared towards pupils'

mental health and well-being. Among the things making our pupils happy were, family and friends, pets, music, playing sport, going for walks and eating out.

What the Heads of Year said

We would just like to say a big well done to all Year 7 and Year 8 pupils for their efforts over the course of this academic year.

It has been different than usual in many ways but we have been extremely impressed with how cooperative and resilient the vast majority of pupils have been. So many of our Lower Site pupils have really stepped up and demonstrated our school values this year.

A perfect example being our school fundraising efforts, with Year 7 and 8 pupils helping to raise more than £2,000 for our nominated charity this term, Dementia UK.

There has been a real sense of community spirit and kindness within both Year Groups, which filled us both with a great sense of pride. Thank you to all the pupils and families for your efforts and support this year.

We are looking forward to our current Year 7 pupils being great ambassadors and role models for our new Year 7 intake in September.

*Mr O'Malley; Head of Year 7
Mrs Reid; Head of Year 8*

January



From sharing what makes you happy on the Heart Board to putting your favourite places down on paper. That was the brief for our Year 7s as we moved into 2021.

The task was given to them after studying the descriptive language used in Jane Eyre. Our pupils' writing was so good, no fewer than five pupils were awarded certificates. Well done all.

No sooner had we returned in January, we were back to home schooling, as a second lockdown hit. However, our pupils maintained their high standards and were duly rewarded with certificates for being the Learners of the Week. Our first recipients at Lower Site for 2021 were Odhran Latimer (7H) and Aaron Kelly (pictured right, 8R). Congratulations to both.

January



May



Our Year 7 & 8s got their fundraising hats on in May - or in Katie Walmsley's case her fundraising oven gloves. Katie (pictured above, 8E) donned her apron and cooked up a delicious batch of cookies to sell at a coffee morning held at Lower Site. All money raised from her tasty treats went to the school's nominated charity, Dementia UK. The fundraising has continued throughout May and June with more than £2,000 being raised.