

Heartbeat



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Years 9 & 10 provide us with their six of the best

Following on from last week's look back at what our Year 7 & 8's did in 2020/21, we move to Upper Site to see what our Year 9 & 10's have been up to.

As mentioned last week, 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.

Our newest recruits at Upper Site, Year 9, along with those in their second year at the big building, have provided us with many highlights over the course of the last ten months.

Winning

As you will see in the pages of this special Year 9 & 10 edition, there has been plenty to be proud of, as the pupils here have embraced 'the new normal', winning awards, cooking, building, reciting and generally welcoming the many positives of being a Sacred Heart pupil.

Director of Middle School, Miss Clarke, has been fulsome in her praise of our Year 9 and 10 pupils. She said: "It has been a different year for us all but our Year 9's who, with everything going on around them, have done so well making the transition to Upper School.

"Meanwhile, Year 10 have continued their excellent work and behaviour from the previous year and I look forward to seeing both Year Groups continue their growth into Years 10 and 11."

News in brief

The 5K Charity Fun Run planned for Sunday, July 11, has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 12.

September



Way back in September, we celebrated the achievements of Year 10 pupil, Maisie Price, who came runner up in the annual Poetry by Heart competition.

Maisie recited two poems, *Sonnet 60: Like As The Waves Make Towards The Pebbled Shore* and *The Witch*,

after impressing her teachers during lessons. Mrs Weekes, praised Maisie for her achievement, saying: "Maisie worked very hard on her recitals and to finish runner-up is a tremendous achievement."

Maisie is pictured collecting a certificate and £10 book token from Mr Pye.

In October, we reported on the new Learner of the Week awards scheme which recognises pupils who meet the College's eight core values.

To help promote the scheme, Year 10 pupil, Isabella Tellis-Lennon, designed a poster for it. Isabella said: "I really enjoyed this project and am grateful I was given the opportunity."

Senior Assistant, Headteacher, Mrs Campbell, added: "This is an important way to address the emotions, personality and character of our pupils and Isabella's poster captures that perfectly."

October



November



Following the introduction of our new Sacred Heart values system, November saw us celebrate our first rewards presentations, with Years 9 and 10 figuring strongly. Isobel Murphy from 9A received the Headteacher's Award, whilst there were also presentations to;

Emily Garcia (9A) Values Award, Alicia Murphy (9S) Values Award, David Turner (9A) HoY Award, Mia Hatton-Holt (9C) DoS Award, James O'Brien (10D) Values Award, Abigail Slater (10E) Values Award, Iris Mason (10R) HoY Award and Thomas Thirlwall (10D) DoS Award.

What the Head of Year 9 said

It certainly has been a strange year for Year 9 and not the type of start to Upper Site life any of us were expecting. However, the Year 9 pupils have all dug deep and shown their resilience, even amidst the toughest times of isolations and lockdowns and they have done us all proud with how they have adapted to these strange times. Year 9 should be proud of how well they have adjusted from making the move from Lower to Upper Site. They have kept on going throughout the year and have produced some really excellent work, which has been very pleasing for all their teachers. Some of the highlights have included the amazing bunting that each Form produced to commemorate Windrush 2021 and the very inclusive Euro matches that have been taking place at break times and lunchtimes. I am looking forward to going into Year 10 and starting GCSE courses for the next stage of our Sacred Heart life.

*Miss Niescier
Head of Year 9*

February



January and February saw a return to home schooling, as we embarked on yet another lockdown. Our Year 10 art pupils were in for a treat, though, as former student and

local artist, Emma Worth (inset), Zoomed in to chat to her like-minded paint pals about her work as an artist and her journey since leaving Sacred Heart.

It was chocs away in May as Year 9 went all Biggles when they became aerospace engineers for a day. Those magnificent pupils and their flying machines went up tiddly up up but did somewhat more of the down tiddly down down bit, as they got to explore the physics of flight through concepts such as aerodynamics and forces. ICT's Miss Curphey said the pupils had a 'brilliant day'.

May



June



June saw our GCSE cookery pupils don their aprons, head to the kitchen and go all Masterchef as they were tasked with creating a two course brunch. The Food Preparation & Nutrition group, to give them their proper fancy title, did not disappoint, as they cooked up an array of delicious delicacies from burgers to breakfasts and pancakes to potato cakes, leaving their teacher, Mrs Stewart, beaming and declaring she was, 'so proud'.