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Pride at school over 'World Class' status

THE World Class Schools Quality Mark (WCSQM) has awarded Weatherhead High School the status of World Class.

Weatherhead High School received their award at the WCSQM Awards Ceremony, held at the Governors' Hall, St Thomas' Hospital, London, on December 6.

Now in its fifth year of accreditation, WCSQM has awarded the mark to a further 16 non-selective state secondary schools from around the country, and Weatherhead High School, Wallasey, is the first school to achieve this accreditation from anywhere Merseyside.

Director of WCSQM, Miranda Perry, said: "It was tremendous to see how positively students from Year 5 right through to Year 13 worked together to achieve their goal.

"We were incredibly impressed with the high standard of work produced by the students on the day - you can absolutely see why they were nominated by their school as being World Class."

The award's uniqueness lies in the fact that the students are assessed with regard to whether they themselves are World Class, rather than the school itself.

WCSQM believes that, if a school is

truly World Class, then the students should be able to demonstrate this in whatever context they find themselves.

The award is supported by a range of prestigious businesses, further and higher education providers and parent organisations that are interested in which schools nationally are the best at developing young people to succeed in a rapidly evolving world.

The Weatherhead Student Ambassadors - Head Girl Katy Barham and Deputy Head Girl Tamzida Begum -

along with School Councillors Molly Niblock, Millie Wilson, Holly Bee and Polly Knapton, co-ordinated and led themselves through the rigorous

assessment process on behalf of all the students at Weatherhead High School.

The students shone throughout the whole process with unwavering dedication, impressive team-work and

of the schools applying this year had been staggering and that Weatherhead students were genuinely some of the very best in the country.

Headteacher, Miss Annmarie Whelan, said: "To achieve this recognition beyond our Ofsted 'outstanding' status is a real credit to our extremely talented students.

"It is evidence of the hard work, commitment and dedication of all the staff who create an aspirational culture, where our students really believe in themselves and strive to achieve their best at all times, as well as the tremendous support from our parents, carers and Governors.

"It is an absolute honour to be awarded the status of World Class and to be one of only 83 schools in England to be accredited the World Class Quality Mark.

"I could not be prouder of the school and our wonderful students."

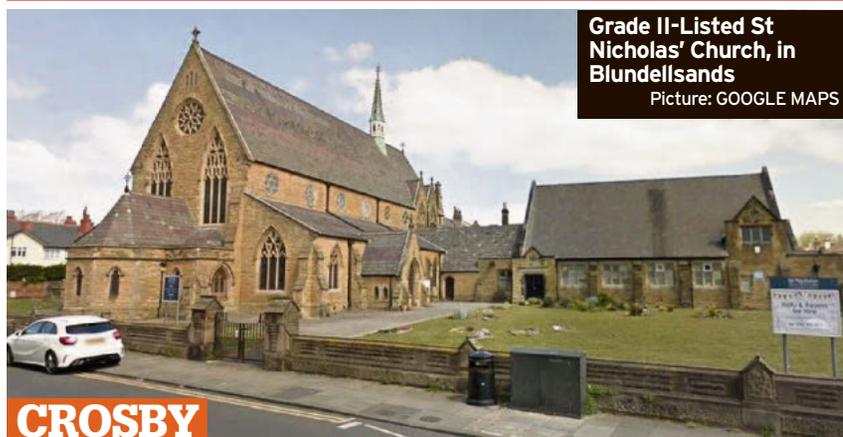
Being a World Class School will provide many opportunities for the promotion, development and enrichment of the school and students. Weatherhead will undoubtedly benefit from being part of the World Class Schools' network, sharing outstanding practice and having a recommended suppliers.



Weatherhead High School students with the award

excellent communication skills and really demonstrated the outstanding calibre of Weatherhead students.

The assessors said that the quality



Grade II-Listed St Nicholas' Church, in Blundellsands

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CROSBY

An historic Crosby church that has recently been restored is seeking volunteers to run tours of the building to enable the local community to learn about its rich heritage.

Grade II-listed St Nicholas' Church in Blundellsands has undergone an extensive refurbishment programme, financed with the help of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Now it's looking for volunteer support to give local residents the

chance to learn about the history of the building and the many notable features inside.

To enable would-be volunteers to find out what's involved, the church is holding two drop-in events on Thursday, January 17, one from 1.30-2.30pm and the other from 7.30-8.30pm.

Volunteers are needed for anything from two hours to ten hours a month, and the church says that the roles on offer are ideal for people interested in local

history who enjoy dealing with the public.

Volunteer Centre Sefton staff will also be on hand at the drop-in events, with more general information about volunteering in the borough.

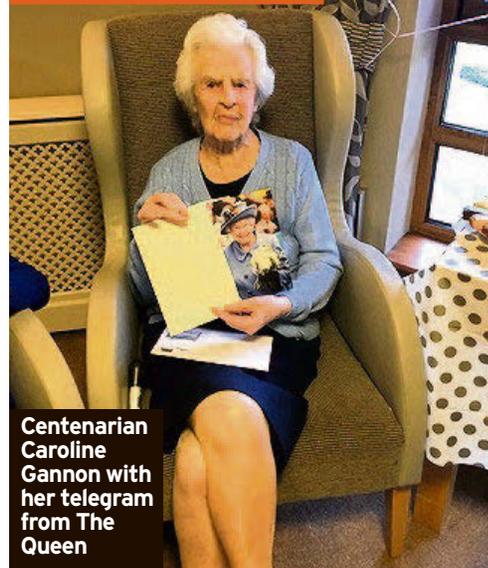
St Nicholas' Church, on Bridge Road, was consecrated in 1874 and, over the subsequent 145 years, leading architects and craftsmen have helped to make it a beautiful place of

worship.

Notable features include the altar and its ornamental screen, the World War One memorial window and a range of other impressive stained-glass windows on the north and south of the building.

Anyone interested in volunteering who cannot attend the drop-in events can email the church at tnicholasblundellsands@outlook.com

KNOTTY ASH



Centenarian Caroline Gannon with her telegram from The Queen

A LIVERPOOL woman has turned 100 years old.

Caroline Gannon, of Ash Court, Knotty Ash, who reached the milestone on January 6, celebrated with friends and family.

Caroline, who has lived in Liverpool all her life, also received a telegram from The Queen to commemorate her special day.

NOTICEBOARD

Toxteth

SEVERAL Juniors from the Kizuna Brotherhood have donated £350 from their first Kizuna fundraising efforts, which takes the total raised to date past the £2,000 mark.

Now in its 50th Anniversary year, Ronnie Colwell founded the Kizuna Brotherhood in Toxteth, Liverpool.

Today, with several hundred members worldwide, it is a global martial arts organisation with senior martial artists represented not just from the UK, but from every continent.

Juniors from across the city have come together to proudly support Marie Curie.

Pippa Smith, from Bushido Shotokan Karate Club, in Anfield, and Harry Williams, Beth Young and Erin Young, all from The Mizu No Kokoro Ju Jitsu School, in Halewood, were present at the cheque presentation held at the Marie Curie Liverpool Hospice.

Kizuna chairman, Andrew Colwell said: "In the latter years of life, the Marie Curie Hospice in Woolton gave my Dad great comfort and incredible levels of care - everyone at The Kizuna is humbled and privileged to support such a worthy cause.

"£2,000 thus far is an incredible effort, but we are aiming to double this in the next couple of years, thanks to the incredible generosity of all of our members."

For more information about the Kizuna Brotherhood, please visit www.kizuna-brotherhood.com/



Kizuna Brotherhood and Juniors from across the city came together to support Marie Curie

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