



Main and inset: College students Ben Aslett, Will Le Ray, Will Stoddart and Daniel Woodland try their hand at bell-ringing as part of Elizabeth College's Investigation and Discovery Week. (Pictures by Steve Sarre, 5112707)

An activity week ...with bells on

ELIZABETH COLLEGE students worked on teamwork and coordination as they had a go at bell-ringing at the Town Church.

This was one of the activities available to students as part of the school's Investigation and Discovery Week.

Others included songwriting, film-making and coding workshops.

Some of the students already attend an after-school bell-ringing club, but for others it was a new experience.

College maths teacher Duncan Loweth also does bell-ringing at both the Town and Vale churches.

He said the students had learned about the bell weights, pitch and how to move in coor-

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dination with the bell and rope.

Year 7 students Will Stoddart, 12, and Daniel Woodland, 11, have been part of the after-school club since September, but it was the first time Year 8 pupils Ben Aslett and Will Le Ray, both 13, had tried it out.

Mr Loweth explained that sensors are attached to the bells, which are linked to a laptop. This allowed the sound of individual bells to be muted during their practice sessions.

'For Ben and Will, they only started on Friday [last week] and this is their second lesson, so they have done exceedingly well. They have been doing

methods and ring rounds.'

Daniel said he enjoyed the sessions.

'I have found out about the different weights of the bells, so when there is a different weight there is a different sound.

'I go to the after-school club and have learned lots. It is nice to see what it is like in the church and I hope to keep going.'

First-timer Will said the sessions had been much as he'd expected them to be, although he hadn't understood much about how the ropes worked beforehand.

'I haven't been up here before,' he said.

'I like ringing the one-ton tenor.