

Newsletter

Friday 16th April 2021

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back

It has been wonderful to welcome all students back from what we hope was a restful and holy Easter holiday. The reintroduction of form time has gone extremely well and has provided all year groups with an opportunity to spend time with form tutors, get organised for each day and take part in daily collective worship as a group, rather than virtually.

Virtual Parents' Evenings

College leaders and staff are acutely aware of how challenging it has been to forge meaningful working relationships between the college and parents during the pandemic, particularly for parents new to the college. Whilst your feedback tells us that communication from the college throughout the year has been strong, it has been predominantly limited to electronic communication, letters and telephone calls for very obvious reasons.

This term, we will be piloting 2 virtual parents' evening events using an online conferencing platform called SchoolCloud. This has been trialled with great success in a number of school across the city as a COVID-friendly alternative to face-to-face parents' evenings. In the week prior to the event, parents will receive a link to the SchoolCloud site, through which you can book a meeting slot with each of your child's subject teachers. The trial will begin with Year 7 parents, who will be invited to take part in a virtual parents' evening on **Thursday 6th May** from 3.30pm onwards. More information on this will be sent out to Year 7 parents in the coming weeks.

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Return of Detentions

The return of form time has provided college staff and pastoral teams with a fantastic daily opportunity to remind all students of our Notre Dame expectations in terms on punctuality, uniform, equipment, conduct and attitudes towards learning. As a result, we now feel that the college can appropriately and safely re-introduce daily, end-of-day detentions in a COVID-friendly manner, for each year group from **Monday 19th April** onwards.

As was the case pre-pandemic, students will be notified of the detention in person and/or via Class Charts and parents will be informed via Class Charts. It is therefore even more important that all parents have the Class Charts app downloaded and functioning on your smart phones and that you check it daily. Please refer to Mrs Brennan's letter that was sent out today for further details and reminders. Thank you, as ever, for your support in this.

A Special Mention

On our return to school from the Easter break, we were delighted to receive correspondence from The Inclusive Hub, congratulating Year 9's Joseph Symes on being awarded official Inclusive Hub Junior Ambassador status in recognition of his contribution and commitment to the work that the hub does. The letter said that Joseph 'is a credit to his family and Notre Dame Catholic College' and we agree! Well done Joe.

Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mr Duffy



SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS



Important Contacts

If you currently need support for your mental health or well being these are some of the organisations who are happy to listen and help

Anxiety UK

03444775774 (Helpline)

075374160905 (Text)

Childline

0800 1111 (Free 24 hr helpline)

Papyrus Hotline

(Under 35s at risk of suicide or concerned for another)

0800 068 4141

07786209697 (text)

The Mix

(Support & Advice for under 25s)

0808 068 4994

85258 (Text THEMIX)

Young Minds

0808 803 5544 (Parent helpline)

85258 (Free 24hr crisis messenger, text YM)

Young Stonewall

Information & support for young people who identify as LGBTQ

0800 050 2020

Samaritans

Support for anyone who needs to talk

116 123 (Call)

Bullybusters

0800 169 6928

Please refer to the school website for further con-

If you feel a child is at risk

(suffering harm, neglect or abuse)

Any member of the public can contact

Careline on 0151 233 3700 or

CAMHS Crisis Care Team

Supporting children and young people in crisis regarding self-harm, suicidal ideation and acute mental health difficulties. Speak to a mental health practitioner 24hrs/day

CONTACT US

Email: sg@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk

Emails are answered within 24 hrs Mon—Fri 9-3

Phone: 0151 330 5122

Safeguarding Team:

Mrs Brennan - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Littleboy—Deputy DSL / Year 8

Mr McVerry—Deputy DSL

Mr D McKeon - Deputy DSL

Mrs Costello - Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Sweeney , Mrs Kildare, Mrs Doran, Miss Lee,
Mrs Garvey & Ms Glorman

Domestic Abuse/Violence

Please remember, in an emergency dial 999 for immediate assistance.

You can call 999 without speaking then pressing 55, or tapping or coughing into the phone.

This will enable police to respond

Women's Aid

0808 2000 247 (24 hr helpline)

Men's Advice Line

0808 801 0327

Worst Kept Secret Helpline Merseyside

0800 028 3398

Childline - www.childline.org.uk

• Childline is available to you if you have any concerns about:

- Bullying
- Abuse (physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, neglect)
- Your body and self esteem
- Your feelings
- Friendships
- Sexual advice
- Home life and families
- School

• You can ring them on 0800 1111 or message them online here <https://www.childline.org.uk/registration/>

• There are loads of resources available for you to download and read as well <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/>



Parent Newsletter

Safeguarding Update 15/04/21

Recent media coverage has raised the awareness of peer-on-peer abuse within educational settings linked to the social media campaign '#everyonesinvited'. This has included incidents of sexual violence and/or harassment between young people in schools.

There is a new helpline available to young people and their parents/carers

Any child, young person or adult victim of abuse can reach the 'Report Abuse in Education Helpline' by telephoning 0800 136 663, on Monday to Friday 8am - 10pm, or 9am - 6pm at weekends. It can also be contacted by email at help@nspcc.org.uk



At Notre Dame Catholic College we have a comprehensive Child Protection policy which can be found [here](#). If any students or staff are concerned about sexual violence or harassment in school they should follow the school's child protection policy and speak to a member of the school's safeguarding team without delay. Our school's safeguarding padlet provides signposting of external agencies to support students and their parents/carers. In particular there are links to the NSPCC guidance for adults in relation to non-recent abuse. The padlet can be found [here](#).

We would like to reassure parents/carers that all students will be reminded about inappropriate behaviours in relation to sexual violence and harassment during PSHCE this week. Students will also be signposted to the school padlet and reminded about the school's safeguarding procedures and who to talk to if they have any concerns.



Musical Theatre Club

Join us

Wednesday

3.00pm to 4.00pm

In

The Dorothy Stang Theatre



WELFARE HELP

BNENC BRECKFIELD CENTRE

Live in Anfield / Everton—Struggling with Debt ?

Problems with Benefits ?

Employment & Housing Issues ?

Need someone to Talk to In confidence ?



BNENC's Welfare Rights Project is Part of BNENC's

Kick Start 2 Health & Wellbeing Programme

Then Contact

BNENC's Welfare Rights Worker

Who may be able to help

Call 0151 288 8400 for an appointment



Department
for Culture
Media & Sport

Breckfield & North Everton Neighbourhood Council Ltd

The Breckfield Centre

Breckfield Road North

Liverpool L5 4QT

Steve Morgan
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20th October 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

The Pantry at Notre Dame

We realise in these difficulty and very different times that there may be some families who need that little extra support. As a community, Notre Dame would like to offer the service of "The Pantry" to all of our families as we support each other.

The Pantry is a confidential service (foodbank) run by Notre Dame, whereby you can contact Rebecca Wall, our Chaplain, and ask for help with items of shopping, food and toiletries, that you are unable to afford at the moment during these unprecedented times. It may be that you are unable to access benefits, have been made redundant, are working less hours – all making it difficult to feed/support your family as you would normally do.

You may only need to use The Pantry once, or you may need to use it on a more regular basis. Please feel free to call Rebecca and speak to her directly in confidence. You don't even need to share information with your child.

If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me either by telephone or email (rwall18.341@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk).

Remember you are not on your own in this – we are all in it together !

Kind regards

Miss R Wall
School Chaplain