

# Newsletter

Friday 12th February 2021

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Safer Internet Day

Firstly, we would like to thank our Computing curriculum leader, Miss Callaghan, for the fantastic resources and tasks that were shared on Tuesday's Safer Internet Day. As mentioned last week, the theme for Safer Internet Day was '**An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world**'. We hope students found the lesson informative and enlightening. Further resources on the theme of internet safety can still be found on <https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

### Sixth Form Recruitment

As shared last week, the initial deadline for sixth form applications was yesterday, **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February**. These early applications provide sixth form and curriculum leaders with invaluable information regarding the popularity of courses. Any Year 11 students who are still unsure about course choices and applications can continue to speak to our sixth form leadership team, Careers leader - Mrs Hall, their Form Tutor or Miss Wishart for further advice and guidance. All sixth form related videos and materials can still be accessed [here](#).

### Year 9 Guided Choices

'Thank you' to all students and parents for the strong response to our Year 9 Guided Choices process which closed last Friday. Over 80% of students have submitted their options form, increasing their chances of securing their courses of choice. Students who have not yet submitted their form run the risk of not securing a place on their chosen courses and must submit their forms as a matter of urgency.

### Palm Sunday and Ash Wednesday

Over half term, we observe Palm Sunday and also Ash Wednesday, a holy day of fasting and prayer that marks the start of Lent. To mark the day, our Chaplain, Miss Wall, will circulate a video reflection via Class Charts on Wednesday for students to watch with families. Please don't eat too many pancakes on Tuesday!

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## **Health and wellbeing during lockdown**

It is safe to say that home learning has been a challenge for us all. We have all, (teachers, parents, teachers who are parents, parents who are teachers, parents who have had to become teachers!!) continued to adjust to this new way of working and living in a way that best serves our students and our children. We have all felt the additional burden of responsibility to educate. We all, therefore, have earned this half term break.

I urge everyone to enjoy what you have earned next week; free from guilt or worry of what you might or might not have missed. Staff here at Notre Dame are under strict instruction to take a much-needed mental break from teaching and educating, which has proven to be all-consuming, day and night, since 5<sup>th</sup> January. I would ask therefore, that staff, parents and students should resist emailing or making contact with one another over half term wherever possible. Needless to say, our safeguarding lines of communication remain open and should obviously continue to be used during half term if you have any safeguarding concerns.

For some ideas on what to do during a half term in lockdown, please see our **'Around the World in 80 Clicks'** list overleaf.

Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe half term holiday.

Mr Duffy



## A glowing blue globe with a grid overlay, surrounded by various icons representing technology, communication, and business, set against a background of a world map.

**1. HAVE THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE AT A WEST END OR ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY THEATRE PERFORMANCE**

## 2. READ/LISTEN TO CLASSIC BOOKS

### 3. TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

#### 4. EXPLORE LONDON FROM HOME

## 5. DISCOVER A NEW CITY OR CULTURE

## 6. HAVE YOU EVER TRIED OPERA?

## 7. ATTEND A VIRTUAL LECTURE

## 9. LIVE CLASSICAL MUSIC

## 9. ENJOY AND BE AMAZED BY THE BALLET

## 10. SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE

## 11. GO TO UNIVERSITY EARLY

## 12. ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

Try Chatterpack's Zoo cams, podcasts, tour, challenge, concerts, prayer, mindfulness, dance, engineering, Tai Chi, economics, rainforest tours, virtual choirs and lots more! It's fantastic...

# CLASS CHARTS - UPLOADING WORK

## How to know when work is to be uploaded.

When a teacher sets the remote education for a student, they decide whether the student is required to upload work that lesson.

For the student, this will be clear when they view the work in the homework part of ClassCharts.

Students go to the Homework Section in Class Charts and sort their work into order by ISSUE DATE.

This ensures that their lesson for the current day come up first, to help them follow their timetable for the day.

The screenshot shows the ClassCharts interface. On the left, a sidebar contains navigation options: Behaviour, Announcements, Homework (highlighted with a red circle), Timetable, and Messages. The main area displays a table of lessons. The 'Issue' column, which contains a downward arrow icon, is circled in red. A red arrow points from the 'Homework' sidebar item to the 'Issue' column header. Another red arrow points from the 'Issue' column header to the first lesson row.

| Homework   | Teacher         | Lesson  | Issue                | Due                  | Estimated time | Type             | Feedback |
|--|-----------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------|
| Remote teaching Mrs Crossland 11th Feb   | Mrs V Crossland | 11N5/En | Thursday 11/02/2021  | Friday 12/02/2021    | 60 minutes     | Remote education |          |
| For ALL STUDENTS Thursday 11th Feb 2021 LESSON 3                               | Mrs K Thomas    | 11n/Ma4 | Thursday 11/02/2021  | Thursday 11/02/2021  | 1 hours        | Remote education |          |
| For ALL STUDENTS Thursday 11th Feb 2021 LESSON 1                               | Mrs K Thomas    | 11n/Ma4 | Thursday 11/02/2021  | Thursday 11/02/2021  | 1 hours        | Remote education |          |
| YEAR 11 Paper 2 Mrs Hewitt 10th February                                       | Mrs J Hewitt    | 11N5/En | Wednesday 10/02/2021 | Thursday 11/02/2021  |                | Blended Learning |          |
| Thursday's reflection on theme of 'Sister Dorothy Stang' - Collective Worship  | Miss R Wall     | 11      | Wednesday 10/02/2021 | Wednesday 10/02/2021 |                | Remote education |          |
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When a student chooses a lesson to complete, there will be a message from their teacher.

The message will have an orange button at the bottom, if work is to be uploaded. If there is no orange button then no work can be uploaded.

Here are two examples below.

No teams for lesson 1. (Lesson 1 will be team's 11:15am)

For lesson one, please watch the video below. It shows how you can use Pythagoras to show that a triangle is right angled. Work through the examples as you watch the video. I will use this at the start of lesson 3, so check your understanding.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/use-pythagoras-theorem-to-show-that-a-triangle-is-right-angled-51b6e4>

Over your 11:15 break lesson

No need to upload any work this lesson. It can all be uploaded in lesson 3 later today.

Thank you

Estimated completion time: 60 minutes

☐ Completed?

After the teams meeting, work through the powerpoint making notes and answering any tasks. Upload the work once completed.

Attachments

☒ PowerPoint

**+ UPLOAD ATTACHMENT**

You can upload a maximum of 5 attachments, each up to 250mb in size.

Supported file formats: doc, docx, pdf, xls, xlsx, ppt, pptx, pub, txt, png, jpeg, jpg, gif, tif, mp3, edit, mp4, oox, mso, msox, mda, xlsx

### **Work is expected to be uploaded.**

Click the orange button and it will take you to your files to select.

Photographs can be uploaded too.

# STUDENT MESSAGE BOARD

## Year 11 into Sixth Form Interviews

These interviews will commence on Monday 22nd February and will take place over the telephone.

You will be contacted on the phone number provided on your application form. You will be given a date and time slot according to your surname, for example, student's surname beginning with A-C will be called between 9-10am on Monday 22nd February.

**These appointment times will be posted as a ClassCharts announcement on Friday 12th February.**

**If you unable to take a call at your given time please email:**

**[sixthformapplications@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:sixthformapplications@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk) to re-arrange.**



**United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust**

"Well done to all the year 9, 10 and 11 students who participated in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge last week. It was definitely challenging, but we hope you all enjoyed it!"

Signed off by NDCC Maths Dept



# NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK

## *National Story Telling Week Competition Results:*

To celebrate 'National Story Telling Week' (30th January - 5th February), the English department hosted its very own creative writing competition which saw KS3 students submit a flurry of glorious tales, ranging from heart-warming and funny to downright spooky.

Whilst it goes without saying that choosing a winner is never easy when the quality of work submitted is so high, the English department is pleased to announce that Notre Dame's winning entries of the competition are as follows:

### **Year 7:**

'Nelly's Adventure' by Sophie H.

and

'An Innocent Boy' by  
Loshan K.

### **Year 8:**

'Horror Story' by  
Guilliet B.

### **Year 9:**

'My Football Life Story'  
by Joseph S.



# 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](mailto: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](http://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/>



<https://explore.kooth.com/dontdoitalone/>



**Whether you're feeling sad, anxious, or finding life hard,  
Know that you are not alone.**



# REMOTE LEARNING AWARDS

All of our students are working incredibly hard under the current lockdown and we want to mention those who deserve a special mention!

Each week there will be award winners for different categories in each year group.

There will be one £10 voucher winner per year group in Years 7—11

This page will announce the award winners and it will be in the Headteacher's newsletter every Friday

## BIG PRIZE DRAW

Every student who is mentioned in the newsletter this half term will be entered into a big prize-draw—more information to follow ! The draw will take place on the last day of term.

The draw will take place every Monday morning. Good luck !

|                                   | Year 7     | Year 8    | Year 9    | Year 10    | Year 11     |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| <b>TT Rockstars Champion</b>      | Ruby C     | Josh B    | Ryan H    | Ethan M    |             |
| <b>Reading Champion</b>           | Blessing K | Caitlin A | Abdalla E | Ethan M    |             |
| <b>Remote Learner of the Week</b> | Olivia N   | James Q   | Leo P     | Jack A S   | Melanie D S |
| <b>Class Charts Points Award</b>  | Ana F      | Zyann C   | Paola Z   | Rhiannon Z | Mikey M     |
| <b>'In School' Reward</b>         | Liam Jo    | Joseph G  | Joel H    | Alex P     | Alex G      |
| <b>Special Mention Award</b>      | Lois F     | Guillet B | Jake R    | Rhia P     | Davina Z    |
| <b>Head of Year Award</b>         | Sophie H   | Filip D   | Harry G   | Daisy P    | Kacey W     |
| <b>Virtual 'Arts Performance'</b> | Shriya S   | Christy B | Paola Z L | Joseph R   | Davina Z    |
| <b>Voucher Winner</b>             | Lois F     | Caitlin A | Jake R    | Daisy P    | Davina Z    |

# "THE PANTRY" @ NOTRE DAME



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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](mailto: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