

# Newsletter

Friday 5th February 2021

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Feast Day

Firstly, we hope all Notre Dame families enjoyed a peaceful and reflective Feast Day on Tuesday. 'Thank you' to all staff and students involved in the production of our student and staff liturgies. A particular 'thank you' to our Chaplain, Miss Wall, whose creativity and determination meant that we were able to continue this important College tradition under such challenging circumstances.

### Year 9 Guided Choices

Following last Thursday's Year 9 Guided Choices event, option choice forms have been steadily arriving through the course of this week. These are providing the college's curriculum leaders with a clear view of what subjects are proving to be popular and which are not. May we remind students that those courses that do not prove to be popular, will not run next year. It is therefore in students' best interests to get their forms in to Mrs Thomas in order to ensure that their courses of choice run in September. The deadline for options forms is today (Friday 5th February), however, we know some families are having final discussions over the weekend and can therefore submit their forms **no later than Monday 8th February**. All of the information you need can still be found on <https://www.notredameliverpool.com/copy-of-curriculum-1> and the options booklets and forms have been sent to students via Class Charts and to parents via parent mail.

### Sixth Form Application Window

Last night we held our virtual Sixth Form Open Evening and launched our sixth form application window. Thank you to all parents and students who joined us for the event. Anyone who was unable to join us last night can click [here](#) to view our open evening presentations and subject briefing presentations. As mentioned above, it is crucial that students register their applications with us and indicate their course choice preferences. By doing so, they significantly increase the likelihood that their courses of choice will run in September. The deadline for applications in next Thursday 11th February. Interviews will then start in the week beginning **Monday 22nd February**. If students or parents would like any further information or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the sixth form team. Students can also contact their form tutors or Miss Wishart for further advice and guidance.



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### **Safer Internet Day**

Next Tuesday, 9th February, marks national Safer Internet Day. Whilst this has always been an important topic for our students, the current unavoidable increase in 'screen time' makes it even more so. The 2021 theme for Safer Internet Day is '**An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world**'. To mark this day, our ICT curriculum leader, Miss Callaghan, has produced some fantastic resources and tasks that will be set for all year groups via Class Charts on Tuesday. This lesson will replace **one** of students' timetabled lessons for that day. Students and parents can also find further information and resources linked to safer internet day via <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/uk-theme-safer-internet-day-2021-announced>

### **Internet Access Help**

Staying with 'all things internet', if any families continue to struggle to gain access to the internet, please do not hesitate to contact the college confidentially, either via reception or by contacting your child's Head of Year via the Class Charts messenger service. We still have Vodafone Data SIM cards and BT WiFi Hotspot vouchers in school ready to issue.

### **Free School Meals during Half Term**

...and finally, further to the government's announcement that Free School Meals vouchers would be issued over February half term, we can confirm that the half term vouchers will not be distributed via our normal e-voucher system. **Half term vouchers will be sent out in the post next week**, so please look out for them in your post. We will then return to our normal lockdown e-voucher system when we return on Monday 22nd February.

Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mr Duffy





## Notre Dame Catholic College is proud to be celebrating Safer Internet day on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores reliability online. The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction?

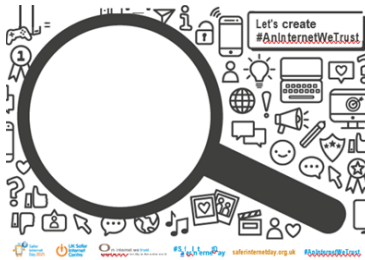
All students will have the opportunity to explore this theme by completing a remote learning lesson on safer internet day. The following themes will be taught:

Key Stage 3 (Ages 11 – 14) How ‘believable’ content is on the internet.

Key Stage 4 & 5 (Ages 14 – 18) What is ‘fake news’?

Students will also have the opportunity to **customise a Safer Internet Day social media poster**. **Students** could fill the magnifying glass with their ideas about how we can create #AnInternetWeTrust. This could be:

- Questions to ask when you are looking at information online, for example: Who wrote this? Why was it written?
- Words or questions we can ask to help us spot if something is reliable online.
- Illustrations of what a better, more trustworthy internet could look like. Or images of online clues that may make something seem less reliable or trustworthy.
- Pledges of what they will do to help create a more trustworthy internet, such as, “I will only share things I have checked are true” or “I will support my friends if fake news upsets them.”



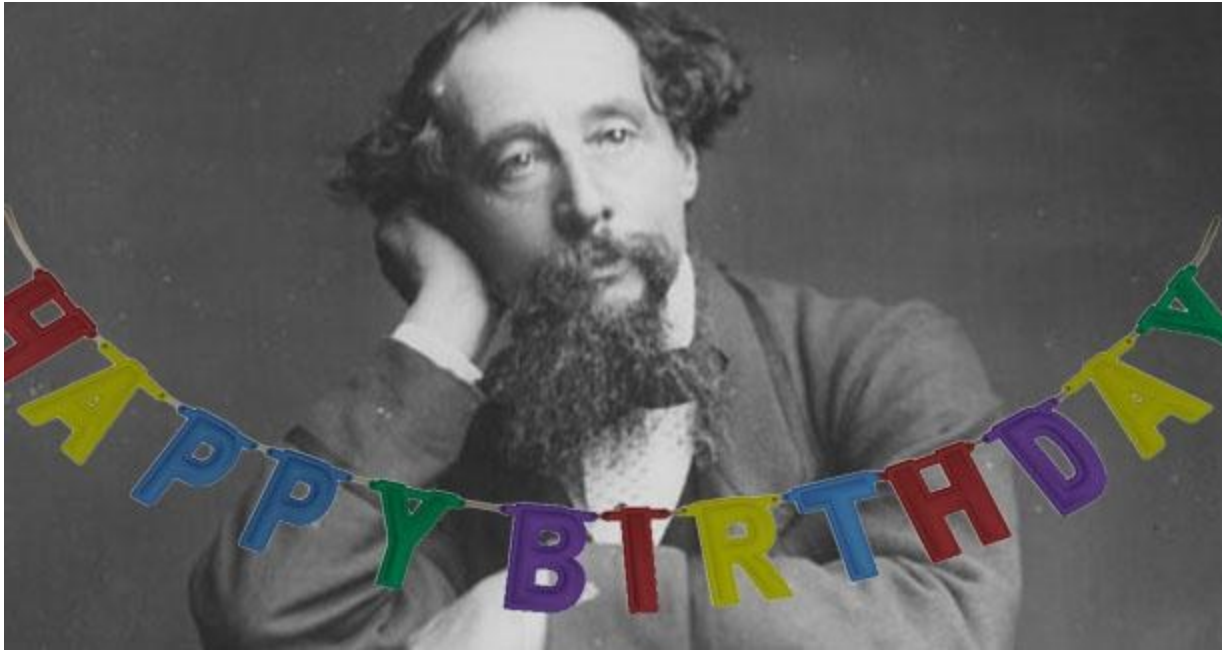
These resources will be available on Classcharts. Students posters will be shared on NDCC Twitter and our school website too. For more information about this Safer Internet Day please go onto the following links:

**Parent/Carer information** - <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-am-parent-or-carer>

**Internet Safer Day videos** - <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-am-educator/safer-internet-day-2021-films>



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR DICKENS !



## **'The Pain of Parting is Nothing to the Joy of Meeting Again'**

To celebrate Charles Dickens' birthday on 7<sup>th</sup> February, students will be encouraged to watch a film adaptation of one of his novels such as 'Oliver Twist', 'David Copperfield' or 'Great Expectations'.

As well as this, students will learn about the famous novelist in their English lessons throughout the course of the week.

# WELLBEING

## **Free webinar for parents/carers 'Stress and Wellbeing'**

**Elevate's FREE Stress and Wellbeing webinar is on Tuesday 9th February 6pm - 7pm**

- The surprising symptoms of stress and how to identify them,
- How parents can support and stabilise their children through tougher periods,
- Strategies to manage exam and study-related stress,

How establish and maintain a routine that protects wellbeing in lockdown

# 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/>



# 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>	Shriya S	Katie G	Deacon M	Chris X	Mollie A
<b>Reading Champion</b>	Lorcan M	Emily B	Jasmine L		
<b>Remote Learner of the Week</b>	Matthew B	Ava R	Daisy H	Jessica D	Evie P
<b>Class Charts Points Award</b>	Maria D S	Olu A	Abdalla E	Joseph R	Max B
<b>'In School' Reward</b>	Tillie S	Thomas D	Jake J	Ciaran T	Alex G
<b>Special Mention Award</b>	Charlie P	Shea D	Zack J	Jake F	Ameliez B
<b>Head of Year Award</b>	Lennon W	Josh B	Joe Mcf W	Karrar J	Mikey M
<b>Virtual 'Arts Performance'</b>	Alfie B	Madalina S	Shea B	Cristian CG	Kerry A
<b>Voucher Winner</b>	Shriya S	Ava R	Daisy H	Karrar J	Kerry A



# "THE PANTRY" @ NOTRE DAME



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20<sup>th</sup> 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](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