

# Newsletter

Friday 28th January 2022

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Free Breakfast**

We would like to begin this week's assembly by sharing our Free Breakfast offer to all students arriving to school between 8.00am and 8.40am. This allows time for students to enjoy breakfast together before form time or assembly.



### **Amelia's Day Fundraising**

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of presenting a check for £1000 to Claire House following last term's fundraising on what students labelled '**Amelia's Day**'. Last term, students decided to mark the birthday of Amelia Roxburgh, who we tragically lost during last summer, with a day of fundraising for a worthy local cause. What better way to celebrate Amelia's memory and what example of our CHARITY core value?! Well done and thank you to all involved, including the army of parent bakers that we clearly have here in Notre Dame. Claire House have asked me to pass on their sincere gratitude for the money raised.



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### **Year 9 Options**

We would like to thank all Year 9 parents, carers and students for your fantastic response to the Year 9 Options process. We have received the vast majority of option forms back. The deadline for these was this **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January**. If for any reason you have been unable to meet that deadline, please ensure any remaining forms have been submitted to Mrs Thomas no later than Monday morning to avoid disappointment. As explained in the presentations, getting forms in on time increases students' chances of gaining places on their selected courses.

### **Feast Day – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

A final reminder to parents that we will be celebrating our Feast Day on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. As in previous years, **students will finish at 12 noon on this day.**

### **Appointment of New Parent Governor**

Finally, we are delighted to confirm the appointment of Mr Mark Gawne as our new parent governor. We thank Mr Gawne for his nomination and for his commitment to the College. We all look forward to working closely with him. Mr Gawne's appointment will take effect from 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for a period of four years.

Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mr Duffy



# FEAST DAY



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28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that Wednesday, 2nd February is our Feast Day.

The celebration of our Feast Day is a very important day in our college calendar and on this day in particular, although this happens throughout the college year, we remember St Julie, our foundress and Francoise, our co-foundress and the work that they did during their lifetimes to establish so many foundations for education for young people here and abroad.

We also remember the work of the Sisters of Notre Dame in this British Province and the support that they give to us here at Notre Dame Catholic College.

On Wednesday students, currently attending school, will spend the morning celebrating this important day in our school calendar and they will be dismissed from school at 12 noon. I would ask you to make appropriate arrangements for your son/daughter to be received home safely on this special day.

May I take this opportunity to wish you, our parents, a very happy Feast Day and ask for your continued support for us here at Notre Dame.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Brennan  
Senior Assistant Headteacher

Dear Head Teacher/ Immunisation Link,

As promised could I kindly ask if the below message can be circulated to all 12-15 year old parents/carers email addresses as soon as possible.

I have previously emailed to confirm the date of your schools' next COVID vaccination sessions and look forward to working together to continue to protect our young people.

Please don't hesitate to contact the team if we can be of any further support.

## **Message to be emailed to parents/carers**

Dear Parents/carers

RE: COVID VACCINATION

All 12 to 15 year olds are now eligible for their COVID-19 vaccination

Vaccinating your child can help to reduce the need to have time off school and avoid disruption to their education whilst also reducing the spread of COVID-19 within schools

During this 2nd phase the immunisation team will be delivering COVID-19 dose 1 or dose 2 vaccines in school. Doses will be dependent on consent being received and will be 12 weeks after dose 1, a positive Covid test or Covid illness.

**We kindly request you complete your child's form following the below link even if you don't want your child vaccinating before Midnight Sunday 30/01/22 to help support campaign planning.**

(open in google chrome)

<https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/>

Many Thanks,

School based immunisation services



## Courtesy Stars of the Week

Courtesy is one of our four Core Values at Notre Dame and it is our Core Value focus for this term. Below are the names of students who staff feel deserve wider recognition for living this value out

### **L. Childs and L. Clarke Gonzalez (Year 8)**

"These girls are the first to volunteer to help out around the classroom. Both girls have beautiful manners and are a little ray of sunshine!"

Miss Leppert

### **O. Smith (Year 7)**

"He is always very polite and always says good morning when he comes in the building."

Mr McKeon

### **L. Riley (Year 13)**

"Always helpful and polite!"

Mrs Powell

### **N. Jones McGrath (Year 10)**

"So helpful and courteous twice in one day - showed me where Miss Wishart's classroom was and then volunteered to help find her/information as to where she may have gone. He also brought a delivery to the office and was so polite, which really brightened my day. Thank you!"

Mrs Neary

### **L. Candido and V. Sadocco (Year 7)**

"The girls have helped all this week in the library. Really courteous and willing to help tidy shelves and sort books."

Mrs Murphy

### **M. Bower (Year 8)**

"Always uses his manners and offers to help carry equipment during lessons."

Mr McKeon

### **M. Dean and A. Seasman (Year 11)**

"For consistently being respectful and courteous of others and for always being willing to help in lessons without me having to ask."

Mrs Robinson-Powell

### **A. Tchieja (Year 9)**

"He is always happy and friendly with others in class and around the school building."

Mr Campbell

### **J. Riley and B. Jackson (Year 11)**

"These two wonderful students gave up one of their lunch times to assist the dinner ladies in cleaning the lower canteen. The dinner ladies were so grateful for your act of service."

Miss Wall

### **M. Agnew (Year 12)**

"Always willing to support and assist students and staff during her music lessons."

Miss Hart

**Well done to each of you !!**



# EQUIPMENT CHECK



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## Equipment Check!!

Are you prepared for school? Do you have:

- ✓ Two Black or Blue Pens
- ✓ A Purple Pen
- ✓ A Pencil
- ✓ A Ruler

Stationery can be  
bought at  
Student Services

Pens = 20p  
Ruler = 20p  
Pencils = 10p  
Rubber = 10p  
Sharpener = 20p  
Full pack = £1



# 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 contact



## The Safeguarding Team

Headteacher – Mr P Duffy  
Deputy Headteacher – Mrs AM Costello

Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs E Brennan – Senior Assistant Headteacher

### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs J Littleboy – Assistant Head of Year  
Mr D McKeon – Leadership – Director of Behaviour  
Mr A McVerry – Leadership – SENCO

PC P Wood – school's safer police officer  
Leadership/ Alternative Provision – Miss H McCullen  
Attendance Officer – Mrs P Shrimpton  
Special Educational Needs – Mrs K Sweeney  
Pastoral Assistant Heads of Year – Ms R Glorman Y7, Mrs Doran Y8, Mrs E Garvey Y10, Miss C Lee Y11

## 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

Merseyside Police on 0151 709 6010

## CRISIS DROP-IN'S

### Across 3 Community Hubs



<https://ypas.org.uk/services/whats-on-calendar/>

## 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/>

## 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