

# Newsletter

Friday 4th February 2022

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Feast Day Celebrations

As parents and carers will be aware, this week's collective worship theme has been dominated by our Feast Day celebrations. On Wednesday, we celebrated the anniversary of St Julie Billiart, Françoise Blin de Bourdon and Catherine Duchâtel committing themselves to God by a vow of chastity and the care and education of young girls. The day was filled with activities, celebration, prayer and reflection on the life and mission of St Julie and how that mission is alive here at Notre Dame.

We would like to thank all staff and students who contributed to the planning, preparation and delivery of such a lovely day.

### Free Breakfast



We are delighted to confirm that this week's launch of our **Free Breakfast** offer has been incredibly successful and popular! If any students wish or need to arrive at school that little bit earlier, free breakfast is served at the lower servery between **8.00am and 8.40am**. This allows time for students to enjoy breakfast together before form time or assembly and also eliminates the need for students to nag parents for some money to nip into one of local food outlets on the way to school, which not only costs parents money but can often make students late for school – I think we call that a “win-win situation”. We look forward to seeing even more students for a free breakfast on Monday morning.



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## Vaping Pens and E-Cigarettes

We wanted to take an opportunity to share with parents and carers some useful information on the very real dangers of e-cigarettes and vaping pens, particularly for young people. Across the country, some children can and have been led in to a false sense of security when it comes to vaping; many believing it to be safe when it is not. If you feel your child may be at risk of this, please see some helpful information and guidance here: [Vaping: What You Need to Know \(for Parents\) - Nemours KidsHealth](#) This risk is now being compounded by some manufacturers blatantly marketing vaping pens to young people through either their branding, packaging or flavouring and we therefore all need to be clear on our message about how harmful they are and the many risks associating with them.

## Parking Outside of the College Building

We respectfully ask parents who drive their children to or from college to park considerately whilst doing so. Please ensure that pedestrians have clear and unobstructed access along pathways and other motorists have good visibility when at junctions onto Great Homer Street. Parents will be aware that this main road can and does get busy during these times and good visibility is essential to the safety of both motorists and pedestrians. Thank you for your support with this.

## Alumni Success

And finally, we would like to congratulate former Notre Dame student and Head Girl, Rosie Andrews for being featured in last week's Observer as one of their 10 best debut novelists for her amazing debut novel *The Leviathan* which is set in Norfolk (home of one of our sister schools!) during the English Civil War. Copies of the novel have been purchased for our school library for students to take out and read. What an inspiration to all of our budding authors!



Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mr Duffy



# FEAST DAY

Feast Day is a special day for our school community. Not only do we remember and give thanks for the Sisters of Notre Dame, but we also take time to reflect on the life of St. Julie and think about how her life and teachings can inspire us as students and staff at Notre Dame Catholic College today.

This year we remember and celebrate 218 years of the Sisters of Notre Dame and 218 years of Notre Dame Education. We also celebrate 153 years of Notre Dame Education here in the North of Liverpool.

Students began their Feast Day Celebrations by watching a student led pre-recorded Feast Day Liturgy in their form classes. Following this, students took part in activities linked to our four Core Values (Charity, Courtesy, Courage and Confidence).



# ENRICHMENT

## Games Club at Notre Dame.

It nice to be able to spend time playing games with our friends and chatting to them without a mask!







## **Notre Dame Catholic College is proud to be celebrating Safer Internet day on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

On **Tuesday 8th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2022**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

### **The theme this year is ‘All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online’.**

From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people’s role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in Notre Dame, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. Some of the activities we’ll be participating in on the day include:

All pupils will take part in a virtual assembly during form time on Tuesday.

Some pupils will also take part in an online quiz during their computing lesson.

This online quiz will be available to all students via Classcharts to complete at home.

Poster competition promoting positive ways to interact with others online.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Resources for Parents and Carers which is available at: [saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents](https://saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents).

There are top tips, quizzes, and films which you can use at home with your child.

Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre \(saferinternet.org.uk/parents\)](https://saferinternet.org.uk/parents)
- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet \(childnet.com/parents-and-carers\)](https://childnet.com/parents-and-carers)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from Common Sense Media ([commonsense.org](https://commonsense.org))
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters \(internetmatters.org./controls\)](https://internetmatters.org./controls)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or sexual abuse from [CEOP \(ceop.police.uk\)](https://ceop.police.uk)

Online safety is an important issue which as a school we’re committed to teaching our pupils about. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child’s form teacher, Mrs Shaw or our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Brennan.



# P.T. NEWS

Football is undoubtedly the most popular activity on the PE curriculum for boys but an increasing number of girls are expressing an interest in this sport. Girls' football club has been running every Wednesday since September and this week, the Year 7 and 8 football team participated in a tournament run by the Liverpool Schools Sport Partnership. The team played exceptionally well, demonstrating courage, courtesy and confidence on the pitch. Well done





## 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

### **B. Baker and C. Byrne (Year 8)**

"Both stopped and waited to hold a door open for me at different times this week."

Miss Snowden

### **W. McGinley (Year 9)**

"During Feast Day activities he was respectful of others wanting to take part in challenges but also encouraging. Also helped to tidy form room."

Miss Cavanagh

### **S. Joyce (Year 11)**

"He helped an elderly visitor who was delivering a heavy item to school. Thank you for being polite and courteous."

Mrs Neary

### **W. Mellett (Year 8)**

"Said 'thank you' for every resource handed to him in RE by other students and was incredibly respectful to the views shared during the lesson."

Mr Duffy

### **L. Hart (Year 8)**

"For being very polite and considerate when asking me to swipe him through doors. If I am speaking to someone, he will patiently wait until I'm finished to ask me."

If he sees me coming along the corridor he will stand to the side and hold the door for me."

Mrs Dixon

### **E. Garcia (Year 7)**

"For always being polite, positive and demonstrating excellent manners to other staff and students."

Miss Wishart

### **J. Kinsella (Year 11)**

"Always respectful to members of staff and will always offer to help me."

Miss Hart

### **A. Akdeniz (Year 10)**

"Every lesson he greets me at the door with a smile, he says hello and then genuinely asks me how I am. It means a lot!"

Mrs Richardson

### **J. Templeton (Year 9)**

"He opened all of the doors for me without being asked and said good morning to me."

Miss Wishart

### **V. Powell and K. Greene (Year 9)**

"Thank you for supporting the younger students in Games Club and for staying behind to help me tidy up each week."

Miss Wall

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

# VIOLENCE REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP



## Your Voice on Violence in Merseyside

**If you are aged 13-25, we want to hear from you.**

Scan the QR code to take part in a quick survey.

Tell us what matters most to you, so we can work  
*with* you to change things.



**If you are a parent/carer in Merseyside, we want  
to hear from you too.**

Scan the below QR code to take part in a quick  
survey.

Your answers will help us to work closer with you on  
things that matter to you and your family.



**Thank You!**



# 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