

Newsletter

Friday 11th February 2022

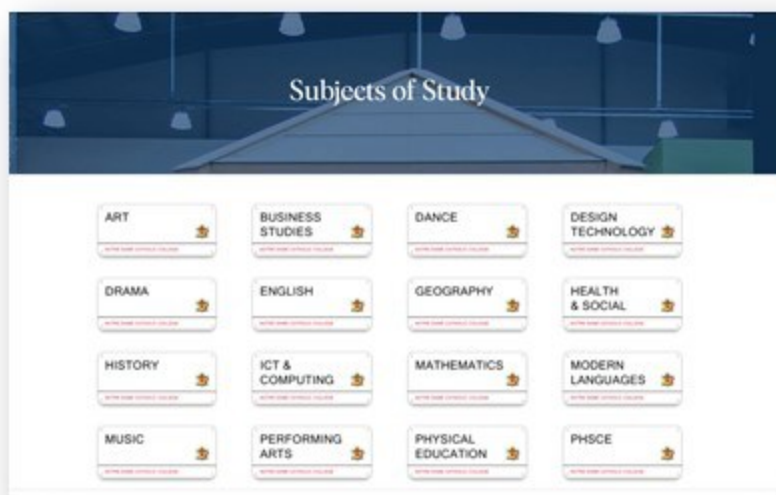
Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by apologising for the length of this week's newsletter but this week has been National Apprenticeship Week, Children's Mental Health Week and included Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, so it has been a packed but enjoyable week here at Notre Dame!

Curriculum Information

Over the past 18 months, college leaders and teachers have worked tirelessly to review and update every aspect of our subject curriculum, to ensure it meets our whole college vision to ***open hearts, minds and doors***. In doing so, each curriculum area evaluated the topics covered, the depth in which they explore each topic and the order they are taught in. Our curriculum aim is to provide ***access, ambition and challenge for all***, including parents and carers. To access the full details of the curriculum your son or daughter is currently studying, click on the [curriculum page of our college website](#). Here you can see how our curriculum is organised and at the bottom, you can find a link to each subject page for further information and guidance that can help you support (and check up on!) your child. We hope you find this area of our website useful and your feedback, as always, is welcome.



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This curriculum offer extends to our extra-curricular and enrichment offer, which you can also find full details of in our [extra-curricular and enrichment page on the web-site](#). If your child does not already go to an enrichment or extra-curricular club, please encourage them to do so, as these can be a fantastic way to relax, develop their confidence and even meet new friends.



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MONDAY	12:30-1PM	Faith in Action	Year 7	Chaplaincy	EW
	3pm - 3:30pm	Year 7 Choir	Year 7	Music Room (M)	JA
	3:30pm - 4:00pm	Football	Year 10 & 11	Audr	CT
TUESDAY	8:00 - 8:30am	Early Morning Music	All Years	Music Room	PC/MAK
	8:30 - 9:30am	Youth Mental Health	Key stage 3	Music Room	Assistant Year Heads
	12:30-1PM	Faith in Action	Year 8	Chaplaincy	EW
	12:30 - 1pm	Music Choir	7,8 and 9	Computer Room	JA
	12:30-1pm	Career advice	7,8 & 9	Career Office	JA
	1:30 - 3pm	1804	Year 11	Chaplaincy	EW
	3:30pm-4pm	Badminton	Staff and students	Sports Hall	MAK/CT
	3:30pm-4pm	Sports/Outdoor	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	PC/MAK/CT
	3:30pm-4pm	Science Workshop	KS 1-5	Science Room	Science Dept
	3:30pm-4pm	Computing	KS 1-5	Computer Ben	ICT
WEDNESDAY	8:00 - 8:30am	Early Morning Music	All Years	Music Room	PC/MAK
	8:30am - 9:30am	Diversity	All year groups	Music Room	JA/SD
	12:30-1pm	Faith in Action	Year 9	Chaplaincy	EW
	1:30-3pm	Faith in Action	Year 11	Chaplaincy	EW
	3pm-4pm	Girls Football	All year groups	Sports Hall	SM
	3pm-4pm	Gym	Year 9 & 10	Audr	PM and MAK
	3pm-4pm	Chamber Choir	Year 8 - 11	Audr	Music Dept
	3pm-4pm	Comedy	Year 11	Ben 30	VC
	3pm-4pm	Swimming	Year 11	Ben 30	VC
	3pm-4pm	H & S Care coursework	Ben 45	AC	



National Citizenship Service

This week a number of our Year 11 signed up to the NCS (National Citizen Service). The organisation offers a voluntary personal and social development programme for 15 to 17-year olds. Students will take part in a residential experience and also commit to a local community project during their summer holidays. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and commitment. More details can be found here:

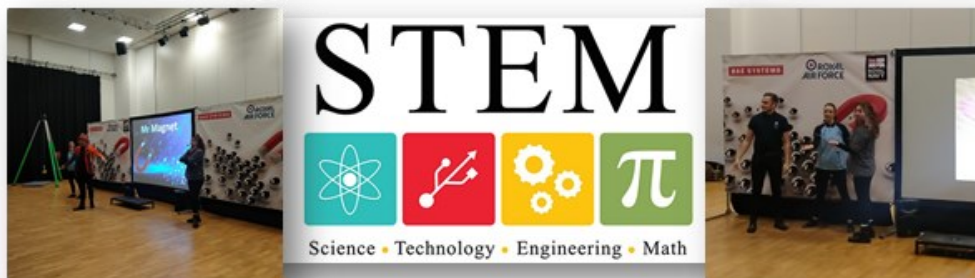
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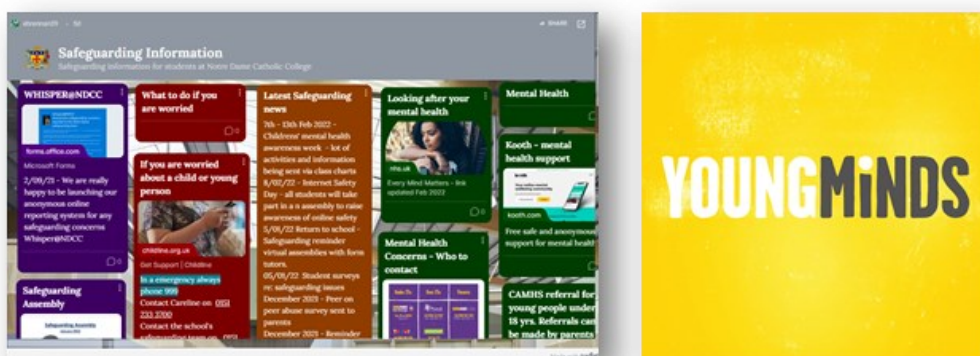
National Apprenticeship Week

To celebrate National Apprentice week our Year 7 and 8 students took part in an exciting performance of magic and science! Involving an engaging workshop delivered by key organisations within the STEM careers industry; BAE, RAF and the Royal Navy. The performance delivered a mesmerising display of electromagnets and illusion. Natalie, a Year 7 student exclaimed "I really like the part with the magnets, it was like a Science lesson but even more fun!" Thank you to Mrs Hall for arranging



National Children's Mental Health Week

To mark Children's Mental Health Week, parents will have received several messages via our ParentApp, providing access to the [Young Minds website](#), which includes fantastic tips and resources for both students and parents who feel their children need help. A further message provided a reminder link to our amazing [Notre Dame safeguarding padlet](#) which includes a whole host of brilliant guides,



Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8th February 2022

Finally, we would like to thanks Mrs Shaw for here fascinating assembly on Safer Internet Day which followed this year's national theme which is **"All Fun and Games?"**. The assembly included a powerful and thought-provoking video assembly exploring ways to be considerate to others when online. This was also linked to our COUTRESY core value. To view materials from previous Safer Internet Days, click [here](#).



Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mr Duffy



RECOGNITION BOARD

At Notre Dame we have the highest expectations of behaviour. When students meet those expectations, we believe it is vital they receive recognition for their efforts. We actively seek to praise those students who demonstrate the learning attitudes that we know will open Hearts, Minds and Doors and ultimately make them successful.

This Year we have introduced Recognition Boards. The recognition board is designed for positive praise, reinforcing the behaviours and actions we want to see in every child in every area of our school. Every classroom has a recognition board which staff use to praise students every single lesson. We also have Departmental Recognition Boards, to have your name displayed on these is a huge achievement, only one student in the whole school is recognised in each department as being the student who has got everything right and embodied the school values of Charity, Courtesy, Courage and Confidence.

Each department recognises the efforts of one student each month and we display their names and pictures proudly as examples to other students.

For the months of November and December, the following students have been recognised for their outstanding efforts;

	Nov	Dec
English	J Airey Smith (11)	R Zeqaj (11)
Maths	A Doyle (8)	M O'Brien (8)
Science	C Crieta (7)	E Glynn (10)
Performing arts	I Akankji (11)	J Knisella (11)
Art	E Blanco (11)	M Cassidy (9)
IT	R Polpakkara Mana (10)	S Azzam (9)
RE	H Szymczyszyn (9)	E Hughes (9)
Geography	J Hennessey (11)	O Smith (7)
History	M Jensen (13)	J Dutton (11)
DT	H McMahon (10)	M Dean (11)
Business/Health	A Emad (10)	B Jackson(11)
Spanish	J Dutton (11)	A Jones McGrath (10)

ENRICHMENT

Enrichment Term 2 2021-2022

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	3pm -4pm	Criminology	Year 13	Rm 90	VP
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	8.30-8.45am	Meditation	Year 7	Geography Rm	CW
	12.30pm 1pm	Philosophy Film Club	Year 7,8 & 9	RE Room	BD
	12.30pm-1pm	Games Club	Year 7,8 & 9	Chaplaincy	RW & 6 Formers
	1.30pm - 2pm	Games Club	Year 10, 11	Chaplaincy	RW & 6 Formers
	3pm – 4pm	Trampolining	Year 7-11	Sports hall	JB
	3.15pm -4pm	STEM	Year 7 & 8	Science 86	Science Dept
FRIDAY	12..30 – 1PM	Eco Club	Year 7/8/9	Chaplaincy	IC & RW

Coming Soon	8.45am- 9.15am	Lego Therapy/ Social Skills	Year 7	Therapy Room	SEN TA's
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Year 11 Revision Sessions

Tuesday 18 th January	English
Tuesday 25 th January	Science
Wednesday 26 th January	Option 1
Tuesday 1 st February	English
Thursday 3 rd February	Maths
Monday 7 th February	History
Tuesday 8 th February	RE
Wednesday 9 th February	Option 2
Thursday 10 th February	Maths
Tuesday 15 th February	Science
Wednesday 16 th February	Option 3

Times for next half term will be arranged soon.

Business and Health and Social Care Department

Who are we?

Mrs S Jones – Head of Department

Ms A Chappell – Health and Social Care

Mrs K Sweeney - Health and Social Care

Mrs L Richardson – Business

Current Topics

Business

Year 10 - OCR National enterprise and Marketing

Product Life cycle

External influences on Businesses

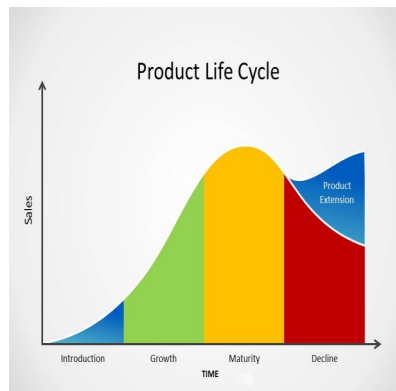
Year 11 - OCR National enterprise and Marketing

Branding

Year 11 GCSE

Operations and Production

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Health and Social Care

Year 10 – OCR National Health and Social Care

Equal Rights and Values

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Good Luck



Important information for year 10 students and parents/carers of Business and Health and Social care:

Your external examinations in these subjects will be as follows:

Year 10 - OCR National enterprise and Marketing – 25 th May 2022	1.5 hours
Year 10 – OCR National Health and Social Care – 16th June 2022	1.5 hours



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

S. McNeilly (Year 9)

"He listens in form and asks relevant questions. He is polite and respectful."

Mrs Fitzpatrick

A. Williamson (Year 7)

"At the end of every lesson thanks me for days lesson and then follows it with "Have a good day Miss.""

Miss Hobson

M. O'Reilly (Year 9)

"For helping and supporting other students in lessons."

Mrs Collings

A. Gonzales (Year 11)

"She helped me tidy something up without being asked. She could see me struggling and came over to help. It made me feel so much better."

E. Skinley and C. Donoghue (Year 9)

"They really helped another student to learn some basic moves on the trampoline. They were so positive with him. They encouraged him, showed great patience and clapped when he mastered a seat drop! They were excellent role models."

J. Ratchford (Year 10)

"He always shows a courteous attitude towards staff, his peers and his work."

Ms Kenny

J. Riley (Year 11)

"He went out of his way to hold the door open for me the other day."

Mrs Pasco

P. Bennett (Year 7)

"She is always polite in lessons and to those around her. Always volunteers to hand out the books without being asked to and anytime she sees me on the corridors will always stop and say hello or good morning."

Miss Hobson

L. Wordsworth (Year 10)

"I only have the form one day a week, but he is always supportive of me: he will go and run little errands for me, which he is always willing to without needing to persuade him. I can always rely on him."

M. D'Arcy (Year 12)

"For a positive first reading mentor session. She did a fantastic job of supporting a younger student with his reading."

Mrs Kildare

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

SKI TRIP - YEAR 9 / YEAR 10

Information taken from the letter sent out to parents/carers

Pila – Ski Trip March 2023

I am pleased that your son/daughter would like to take up this exciting opportunity to attend the Ski Trip to Pila in Italy staying at the Miage hotel. The company we are using to arrange this trip is Interski who are ABTA & ATOL protected. The visit to Pila in Italy will take place from Sunday 5th March until Saturday 11th March 2023. Flights and times will be available once we have paid the deposits and will be passed on as soon as we have confirmation.

The cost of this amazing opportunity is a total of £1220 which includes coach to and from the airport, flights, transport, food, accommodation, five days of skiing including lift passes, insurance, ski equipment, specialised clothing (e.g. ski jacket and salopettes), coaching sessions and evening activities. Some smaller pieces of equipment such as ski goggles and warm clothing will need to be supplied separately (this list will be made available at a later date).

This visit will give students the opportunity to participate in five full days of skiing at the resort. The students will have ski instructors working with small groups of different abilities. We will also hold an information evening in the future to give parents/carers information they will require regarding the trip and to answer any questions.

The initial cost for this trip would be a non-refundable deposit of £250 which needs to be paid via the parent pay app and then monthly payments thereafter. In order to make this as affordable as possible we will split the costs up and the payment dates are as follows, unless you wish to make the payment in full:

1st installment of £250 by 31st March 2022 (non-refundable deposit)

2nd installment of £250 by 31st May 2022

3rd installment of £250 by 15th July 2022

4th installment of £250 by 30th September 2022

5th installment of £220 by 30th November 2022

Once we have confirmed numbers of students who have paid deposits we may need to do a draw to confirm final numbers for the trip. Any student who is not successful in the draw will receive the deposit back and placed on the reserves list. Students participation in the visit is dependent on maintaining good levels of behavior in school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Bate

Teacher of Physical Education & 6th Form Enrichment Co-Ordinator

Pila – Ski Trip March 2023

I have paid the first installment of £250 on the parent pay app for my son/daughter to attend the Pila Ski Trip from Sunday 5th March to Saturday 11th March 2023.

Signed.....

Date.....

Frequently asked questions

1. **Does my child need a passport?** Yes, we will be flying into another Country. Passports must have at least 6 months left on the pass port prior to flying out on the trip.
2. **Does my child require a visa?** No, you do not require a visa to travel to Italy for less than 90 days.
3. **Does my child need to pay for meals during the trip?** No, all meals are provided. The hotel provides half board which includes breakfast and evening meal. Whilst out on the slopes the students will be provided with a hot meal for their lunch. Food is also included during the travel to and from Italy however, students may wish to take some cash to buy snacks whilst at the airport.
4. **Do I need to by ski equipment for my child?** Hire of skis, ski boots, salopettes, ski jacket and helmet are provided as part of the cost.
5. **Do I need to by any other ski accessories for my child?** You will need to provide ski goggles (you can get these from £8.99 from Decathlon/ Amazon and other shops), water proof gloves, ski mask (optional), thermals (optional) & high factor sun cream which can be found for reasonable prices from various shops, otherwise provide suitable warm clothing. Optional extras – snow boots but shoes with thick-ish soles e.g. trainers or walking shoes if they already have them are fine to wear (this is just to keep feet warm whilst walking from the hotel to the slopes).
6. **Does my child need to take money with them whilst they are away?** It would be suggested that students take some spending money as there will be opportunities to buy items and snacks from shops. We will have a better idea closer to the time as to a suggested amount to take.
7. **Do I need to take my child to the airport?** No, there will be transport provided from school and return to school.
8. **What does the day look like during the trip?** They will get 5 hours of skiing per day and we will have a clearer idea of the itinerary e.g. times and evening activities when we have more details when the booking is confirmed.
9. **Do they need to have skied before?** No, they will be separated into groups of similar abilities.
10. **Will they need to attend sessions prior to the trip?** No, however we will give students the opportunity to attend a session at Chill Factore closer to the visit if they wish to have an introduction to skiing.
11. **Who will my child be going with?** At all times the students will be closely supervised by teaching staff. During the skiing sessions both ski instructors and staff on the course, all of whom are experienced in assisting in residential visits of this nature and there will always be a first aider available.
12. **Cost of this trip?** The cost of this trip is always a major concern and you will understand that skiing is not a cheap activity. Particularly when you have to pay for lift pass, ski lessons as well as flights and accommodation including food. However, such a trip is a memorable trip that a student can have.
13. **Students behavior?** I am sure you will appreciate that students will be taken on the understanding that student behavior prior to the trip is exemplary to comply with the risk assessment guidelines. It is not possible to take students who present a risk to themselves, other students or staff. We therefore reserve the right to bar from the trip students whose behavior we deem unacceptable. In these exceptional circumstances' monies paid to the company will be non-refundable.

Does my child need to be vaccinated against covid? This maybe a possibility depending on government guidelines at the time of travel.

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15What happens if one or more members test positive for covid or need to self-isolate? They are covered for the cancellation of their place on the trip as part of the insurance policy and we can make a claim for re-imburement.

16 Do I need to quarantine or take a covid test? This will depend on the current rules at the time of departure. We do not expect this to be the case due to current rules. We agree to follow government travel advise at the time of the visit.

17 What else do I need to do? You will need to apply for a GHIC card (European Health Card) – This card is free and provides medical necessary state-provided healthcare that cannot reasonably wait until you come back to the UK.

18 What if my child has special dietary needs? We will need to be made aware of any special requirements early on so that we can discuss and pass on relevant information to the necessary people.

19 What if my child has a medical condition? This is best to be discussed with the school on an individual basis prior to paying any deposits.

Insurance details: For further details visit – https://www.interski.co.uk/Downloads/Schools/Insurance?Promotion_Pack/

If I have any more questions? If you have any questions please feel free to phone school or send a message on class charts and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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



YPAS North Hub
Croxtale Road West,
L14 8YA

YPAS Central Hub
36 Bolton Street,
L3 5LX

YPAS South Hub
Lyndene Road,
L25 1NG

See website and social media for times

We can support you through times of crisis

- STRUGGLING WITH YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?
- YOU OR YOUR CHILD ARE IN A CRISIS?
- FEELING LONELY & ISOLATED?
- NEED A LISTENING EAR?
- NEED A SAFE SPACE?

Liverpool CAMHS
0800 1111



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

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/>



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