

Newsletter

Friday 18th February 2022

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Liverpool City Council Post-16 Surveys

Over half term, we are supporting Liverpool City Council's city-wide re-search into Post-16 education. As part of this research, we are asking all students in Years 10, 11, 12 or 13 to complete a survey about their views on Post-16 education and their future aspirations. If your son or daughter has not yet completed this survey, please encourage them to do so over half term.

The survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and can be accessed using the links below. (Please ensure they click on the correct link.)

Sixth Form Student Survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SixthFormStudentSurvey0222/>

Year 10 and 11 Student Survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KS4StudentSurvey0222/>

To bolster this research, parents are also being asked to share your views on Post-Education. Again, the survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and can be accessed using the links below. You will not be asked to give your name and we will not share your individual responses, only combine them with responses from other parents of students at Liverpool schools.

Sixth Form Parent Survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Parent-Carer-SixthForm/>

Year 10 and 11 Parent Survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Parent-CarerKS4/>

All surveys will close at **4pm on Monday 28th February**.

If you would like the survey in another language, please email

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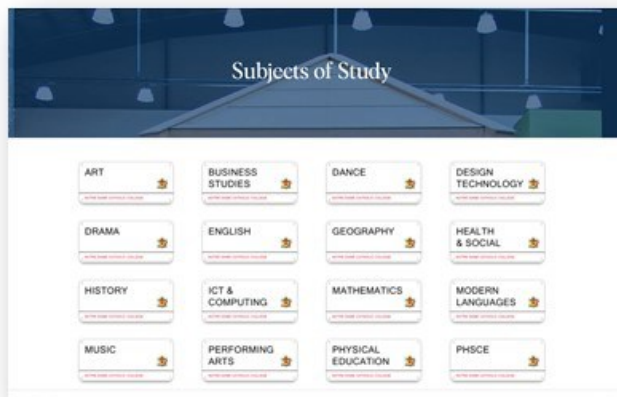
Our Theme for the Week – Equality

In this week's collective worship and assemblies, we explored the theme of **equality** both in terms of our legal obligations under the Equality Act of 2010 and in terms of having the **COURAGE** to fight injustice and inequality around the world. The latter coincided with our commemoration of the death of Sister Dorothy Stang who lost her life in Brazil on 12th February 2005 whilst fighting against the injustices suffered by the local Amazonian communities at the hands of illegal loggers and criminal organisations. Sister Dorothy continues to be an inspiration to us all at Notre Dame. May she Rest in Peace.



Curriculum Information

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, parents and carers can find full details of our curriculum offer on our website in our [curriculum page of our college website](#). This shows the structure of the whole school curriculum and full details of each subject curriculum for every year group, including the topics covered at each point in the year. We hope you find this area of our website useful and your feedback, as always, is welcome.



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COVID-Restriction-Free Half Term Entertainment Ideas

As we begin our first COVID-restriction-free holiday in nearly two years, we thought it might be useful to share this link [<https://www.visitliverpool.com/things-to-do/attractions/family-friendly>] to the Visit Liverpool website which includes a long list of ideas for family-friendly days out across the city, many of which are FREE! We hope this provides some inspiration on how to entertain your sons and daughters next week. For those still reluctant to get out and about, our [extra-curricular and enrichment page on the website](#) includes a long list of **virtual visits** to interesting locations all around the world.



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

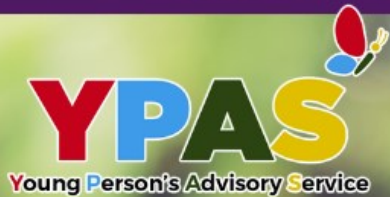
Mr Duffy



COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Free events you or your family
may find helpful**

**WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
10AM - 11:30AM**



Finance & Debt Advice Coffee Morning



Event will be delivered by ZOOM

If you're struggling with your finances, it can be hard to know where to turn. But with lots of free advice services available you can find help in a way that's best for you.

**To book email:
bookings@ypas.org.uk**





Online course for residents of
Liverpool

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

SOLIHULL APPROACH

'Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)'

- Have you noticed changes in your behaviour?
- Do you sleep more than you used to?
- Want to know why teenagers are more open-minded?



Your brain is changing!
Find out more!



 9 Modules

For technical support contact:
solihull.approach@heartofengland.nhs.uk
or call 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm



Register on:
www.inourplace.co.uk
and enter the 'access code'

PURPLEBIN

to gain **FREE** (prepaid)
access where eligible



Side-by-side

An immersive event exploring the art of accompaniment

Join us for this interactive event, exploring the vision of a Church that walks together and accompanies people in life and faith. We'll consider how deepening our existing practice of accompaniment will help our Catholic community be recognised as relevant and impactful, and how it will offer us all hope for growth.

Give it a try in a carousel of enriching workshops. Everyone will be given a resource pack to take away and use in schools, parishes, local communities and families.

We invite you to attend with a partner, to accompany one another throughout the day (if you are coming alone, let us know and we'll pair you up with someone).

Tea, coffee and lunch will be provided.

To register, email your name, parish and which event you will be attending to registration@rcaol.org.uk by 6 March for in person events and 25 April for the Zoom event.

"Are you prepared for this adventure?"

Pope Francis

Saturday 19 March

10am-4pm

St Margaret Clitherow Centre

Liverpool Archdiocesan Office

Croxteth Drive

LIVERPOOL

L17 1AA

Sunday 20 March

12-6pm

Optional Mass at 11am celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon followed by the event 12-6pm

Venue as above

**Tuesday 26 and
Wednesday 27 April**

7-9pm each day

Both these days comprise one event

Online via Zoom



Archdiocese of
Liverpool

For more information, visit:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/side-by-side

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 month of January, the following students have been recognised for their outstanding efforts;

	Jan
English	J Hyland (10)
Maths	K Jawad (11)
Science	H McMahon (10)
Performing arts	D Carroll (7)
Art	F Farukh (7)
IT	A Williamson (7)
RE	J Woodward (9)
Geography	F Williams (7)
History	G Bedson (9)
DT	T Vulcanescu (9)
Business/Health	E Maguire (12)
Spanish	K Greene (y9)

ENRICHMENT

Enrichment Term 2 2021-2022

DAY	TIME	CLUB	TARGET	ROOM	TAKEN BY
MONDAY	12.30-1PM	Faith in Action	Year 7	Chaplaincy	RW
	3pm – 3:30pm	Year 7 Choir	Year 7	Music Room M1	JH
	3.15pm -4.00pm	Football	Year 10 & 11	Astro	CHris
TUESDAY	8.00- 8.35am	Early Morning Music	All Years	Music Room	JH/JMcK
	8.15 – 9.10am	Youth Mental Health	Key stage 3	Thrive Room	Assistant Year Heads
	12.30-1PM	Faith in Action	Year 8	Chaplaincy	RW
	12.30 – 1pm	Ideas Club	7,8 and 9	Computer room	LH
	12.30 -1pm	Career drop in	7,8 & 9	Career Office	GH
	1.30 – 2pm	1804	Year 13	Chaplaincy	RW
	3.00pm-4pm	Badminton	Staff and students	Sports Hall	HMcC
	3.00pm-4pm	Gym/Dodgeball	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	PMcG/DMcK
WEDNESDAY	3.00pm-4pm	Science revision	Yr 11	Science Room	Science Dept
	3.00pm-4pm	Computing	Yr 11	Computer Rm	EC
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	8.15am – 9.10am	Diversity	All year groups	Thrive Room	JL/SD
	12.30-1pm	Marvel	Year 7/8/9	Rm 43	AK
	12.30-1pm	Faith in Action	Year 9	Chaplaincy	RW
	1.30-2pm	Faith in Action	Year 11	Chaplaincy	RW
	3pm-4pm	Girls Football	All year groups	Sports Hall	SM
	3pm -4pm	Gym	Year 9 & 10	Astro	PM and DMcK
	3pm-4pm	Chamber Choir	Year 8 - 13	Astro	Music Dept
	3pm -4pm	Criminology	Year 13	Rm 90	VP
	3pm -4pm	Sociology	Year 13	Rm 90	VC
	3pm-4pm	H & S Care coursework		Rm 45	AC

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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.

ART AND DESIGN NEWSLETTER

Who is in the team

Miss Kenny

Mrs Powell

What are we studying at Key Stage Three?

Year 7:

- Drawing and painting studies: Vincent Van Gogh.
- Exploring the values of colour: Fauvism/print.



Year 7 – Daniel Morris



Year 7 – Natalie Zaristowska Class Work



Year 7 – Drawings by Fizza Farukh



Year 7 – Natalie Zaristowska Extra Study Sketchbook

Year 8:

- Abstract and Photoreal Portraits.
- Expressive Portraits.



Year 8 – Emilia Mirga

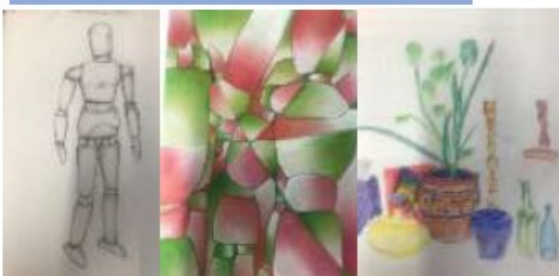
Year 8 – Lily Kelly

Year 8 – Print by Lennon Williams

Year 9:

- Structural Forms.
- Cityscape – Geometric Forms.

This half term will see the top 25 pieces of artwork produced so far by our year 9 students entered into local schools dot art competition.



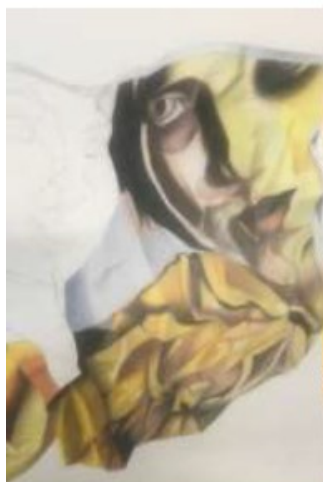
Year 9 – Maggie Maguire



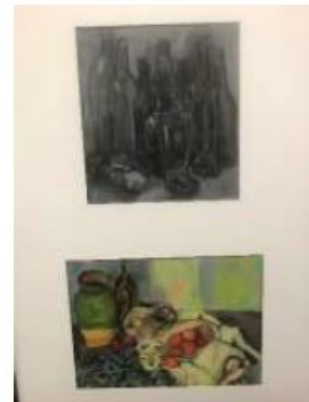
Year 9 – Nikola Walczynska



Year 9 – Victoria Mejias Zaccaria



Year 11 – Abigail Gonzales



Year 10 – Jake Ratchford

What are we studying at Key Stage Four? AQA GCSE ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN

Students produce individual portfolio work. They journey a range of ideas to produce original work.



Year 12 – Paris Tootle

What are we studying at Key Stage Five? AQA GCE ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN

Portfolio work. Personally developed selection of work presented using pupils own choices of materials.



Year 13 – Libby Hesdon Collins



TATE GALLERY VISIT

Key Stage 5 students visited Tate Liverpool to look for inspiration.

The piece to the right was extremely popular!



CAREERS EDUCATION

Six form students recently visited the John Lennon School of Art at John Moore's University to explore the vast range of careers and further education opportunities that the visual arts offer!



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

J. Alhamoud (Year 9)

"She is always really courteous. She greets me politely every lesson, asks how I am, and always collects things in and tidies up at the end of the lesson without being asked.

Ms Snowden

Blower (Year 8)

"For always going above and beyond in history. He always offers to help with any classroom jobs and he is always polite and friendly to others."

Miss Wishart

R. Shrimpton (Year 9)

"For looking after a new student. He looked after him all day and brought him to lessons."

Miss Hobson (I.T)

E. Hughes (Year 9)

"Always helps me in class with printing and getting stationary etc. Someone who I can always rely on."

Mrs Ghorbani

Birsan (Year 8)

"She is always polite and offers to help give out equipment often without asking, she will also collect this back in for me. She is a pleasure to have in the class."

Miss Hollis

M. Hehetror (Year 8)

"He is extremely polite in class, he is courteous to his classmates and will help them out if needed.

Max always says 'thank you miss' at the end of the lesson, clearly demonstrating our core value of courtesy.

Miss Hollis

J. Mills (Year 8)

"He was ahead of me the other day and opened a door and then not only did he hold it for me, he stopped and let me go ahead. Extremely courteous!"

Mrs Snowden

Dul and J. Cahill (Year 7)

"These two boys have impeccable manners! They are a credit to their parents and our school. It's a pleasure to be in their company."

Miss Leppert

R. Shrimpton (Year 9)

"For looking after a new student. He looked after him all day and brought him to lessons."

Miss Hobson

C. Hodson (Year 7)

"For spending time speaking to and helping a younger student who I was speaking to about his behaviour. CJ then offered to go a chat with the student the next day.

Miss Hobson (Science)

C. Westhead (Year 11)

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Mrs McNulty

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

• 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