

Newsletter

Friday 18th March 2022

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Face-to-Face Parents Evening

We would like to begin this week's newsletter by thanking all parents of Year 8 who attended our first face-to-face parents' evening since the pandemic. It was wonderful to see so many parents in school, for the first time for many! We hope you found the consultations with your child's class teachers informative and helpful and that you enjoyed seeing the work your child has been producing during the year.

All of us here at Notre Dame, hope that the return of these face-to-face encounters with parents and carers will once again bring us closer together, post-pandemic, strengthening our sense of togetherness, as we work together to provide the very best education for each and every student.

For parents and carers unable to attend, your child's report has been sent home in today's post. If you have any questions regarding its content, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year. We now look forward to welcoming parents of Year 7 next **Thursday 24th March**. Again, the event will start at **3.30pm and end at 6.00pm**.



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Theme for the Week: Lent Almsgiving

This week's theme focused on the Lenten theme of Almsgiving. One way that we, as a school community, will be living out the challenge to 'give' during Lent is by supporting the work of Ann Fowler House, a hostel situated just off London Road (L3). Ann Fowler House provides single, homeless, over 16s with somewhere to stay. They also provide those staying there with breakfast, self-esteem and confidence building, mental health drop-in sessions, computing sessions, nurses who drop in every fortnight, the host *Addaction* and more. We are hoping to support their work by donating items such as:-

- Breakfast items e.g. cereal, UHT milk, tins of beans etc
- Toiletries
- Single Bedding
- Tableware e.g. plates, bowls, knives, forks or spoons etc.
- Towels
- Easter Eggs

If any members of students or families would like to donate any of the above items, the deadline is **Tuesday 5th April**. All donations can be brought to main reception marked for the attention of our Chaplain, Miss Wall. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



Oxford University Trip

As parents and carers may have seen on our @ndcc_careers Twitter page, a group of Year 11 and 12 students visited St Peter's College, Oxford. They took a tour of the historic campus, attended a thought-provoking tutorial and even had lunch in college's dining hall. We hope all students found the day inspiring and we look forward to reading your Oxbridge UCAS applications in the coming months/years! Thank you to Mrs Hall and Mrs Costello for arranging and supporting the visit.



Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mr Duffy





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. Mercer (Year 8)

“For always having lovely manners and being a kind friend.”

Mr Campbell

A. Williamson (Year 7)

“Extremely polite and offered to help carry equipment for our lesson.”

Mr McKeon

M. Bower (Year 8)

“He always demonstrates courtesy. He is always well mannered and respectful.”

Mr McKeon

C. Hodson and M. Elwrfalli (Year 7)

“For volunteering to help others by collecting revision resources and handing out equipment. Thank you!”

L. Hart, C. Heffey-Slater, J.Duncalf and F.Oldham, M.Nicholas

(Years 7 and 8)

“Nominated because they are so polite and well mannered.

The sunshine of our day.”

J. Ryan (Year 7)

“Always helps giving books out and collecting equipment.”

Mrs Ghorbhani

J. Cowell (Year 8)

“He always says than you at the end of the lesson, he is always well mannered and polite.”

Mr McKeon

L. James (Year 7)

“He has brought in a bag full of donations for Anne Fowler house. Thank you for your kindness!”

Miss Jacks

Brzezicka (Year 9)

“For being a little ray of sunshine!! Has fantastic manners, always asks me how I am and goes out of their way to help me. Thank you!”

Miss Wall

Well done to each of 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

• 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