

# Newsletter

Friday 11th March 2022

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Mock Examinations

As parents of Years 11 and 13 will be aware, both year groups have spent the last fortnight in mock examinations in preparation for this summer's examinations. We would like to congratulate both year groups for their commitment and diligence throughout what can be an exhausting and strenuous two weeks.

We encourage all students to take a rational and proportionate approach to their mock results. If students have done well, ***remember they are only mocks, there's a long way to go!*** Similarly, if students are disappointed with their results, ***remember they are only mocks, there's a long way to go!***

We hope all students have a well-deserved rest (unless you have GCSE Spanish on Monday!) and we look forward to working with you on Monday in your final push towards the summer examinations.

### Face-to-Face Parents Evening – Year 8 on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March & Year 7 on 24<sup>th</sup> March

As parents of Year 8 will be aware, next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding a face-to-face Parents Evening for Year 8. The event will start at **3.30pm and end at 6.00pm**. This will allow all parents to have a short consultation meeting with each of your child's subject teachers. Year 8 parents will receive your child's Assessment Point 2 (AP2) report on arrival in the evening. Please ensure you have booked your appointments with the teachers you would like to meet prior to the event. We hope you find the evening helpful and supportive. We all look forward to seeing you in person!

### Theme for the Week: Lent

This week's collective worship has continued to focus on the tragic situation in Ukraine and our Lenten promises. This week, we offered prayers for all those effected by the conflict in Ukraine and explored more ways in which we, as a Notre Dame community, can help. We also explored different ways of fasting during Lent beyond the obvious 'eating less



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## International Women's Day – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

This Tuesday marked International Women's Day. In addition to our collective worship, some Year 10 students attended a National Women's Day Event at Liverpool Hope University's Creative Campus on Shaw Street in which they heard from a range of guest speakers, all of whom were successful women from various different professions including sport, education and performing arts. The day included talks, activities and panel discussions and was attended by students of all genders. Many thanks to former student, Laura Kenny, for the invitation.



On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, the 'Girl Power' theme continued as almost 80 girls from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in the biggest ever football game for girls in partnership with The Football Association and Barclay's Bank. Well done to everyone involved and further details of the event can be found in this week's newsletter.

## Staff Sporting Success

Finally, continuing the theme of inspirational women, I am sure parents, carers, students and colleagues will all join me in congratulating our very own Mrs Bate, who won 5 gold medals in last week's British Masters' athletics tournament in discus, javelin, shot, hammer and weight throw. Quite an achievement!



Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.



# P E NEWS

## #LetGirlsPlay

On 9<sup>th</sup> March, Notre Dame joined a number of schools around the country taking part in the *Biggest Ever Football Session*. Over 70 girls from Key Stage 3 took part in a carousel of football drills, led by Year 12 sport students, followed by a mini tournament.



A great time was had by all. Everybody played well, demonstrating excellent teamwork skills.



# VACCINATIONS

NHS Nurses will be in school on Friday 18th March in order to vaccinate Year 8 students for HPV. If you have not already done so, please complete the e-form via the link below.

If you **do not wish** your child to be vaccinated please complete the form to avoid your child being called **unnecessrily**.

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



The poster features a light beige background. In the top left corner is the 'arm against cancer' logo, which includes a stylized figure with arms raised. In the top right corner is the NHS logo. The center of the poster is dominated by the large text 'HPV' in blue and purple, with 'vaccination' in blue below it. At the bottom left, a blue text box contains the message: 'Protecting against HPV infection to help reduce your risk of cancer'. On the right side of the poster, a young man and a young woman in school uniforms are standing with their arms crossed, smiling at each other.

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# ATTENDANCE

## Easter Attendance Challenge

*Starting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022*

All pupils with 100% attendance on a Friday will go into a raffle to win a Letterbox gift.

There will be 5 Letterbox gifts one for each year group.

HOY will pick the winning name.



*100% until the end of term gets you into the raffle for the Easter Egg for your year group*

*And the form with the best attendance each week will also get a special treat.*

***Good Luck!***

# DESIGN TECHNOLOGY NEWS

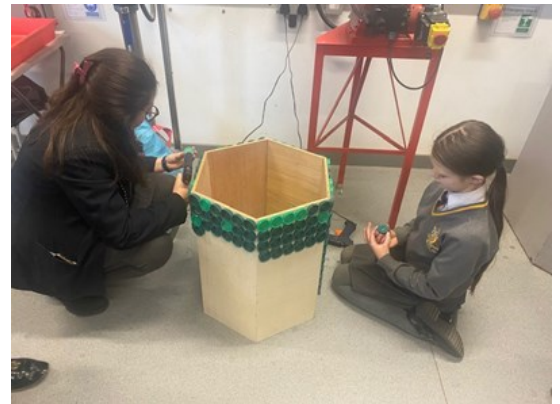
During this school year, there have been a number of visits organised by the DT and Food department.



The year 10 Hospitality and Catering visited L20 at Hugh Baird College. The pupils had a tour round of the facilities before having a three course meal prepared and served by students at the college.



Pupils who attend Eco club, on a Friday lunchtime, have been encouraging departments within the school to recycle. They have been making labels for recycling bins and emptying them each week. They have also been making sleeping bag liners from recycled crisp packets and decorating a bin with recycled bottle tops.

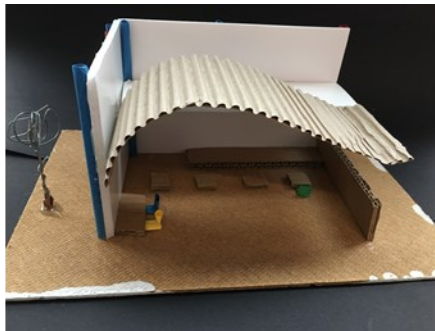






In December, 10 year 7 pupils visited Lush in Liverpool as the winners of a DT competition. They were given a tour of the store, learnt about sustainability and made their own bath bombs.

## Harrison Stringfellow



As part of A Level 3D Design, pupils had a workshop and careers talk from Liverpool architect, Sian Atherton, from Harrison Stringfellow practice. Students went onto create their own architectural designs and models for a building in the local area.





## *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. Sanatamera (Year 12)**

“He is always cheerful and always says Good Morning.”

Mrs Pasco

### **M. Elwrfalli (Year 7)**

“Always helps members of staff and puts the chairs up for the cleaners when asked by a lab technician.”

Mrs Ghorbani

### **H. McMahon (Year 10)**

“He has such a positive attitude in form and has been very kind with donations to the Anne Fowler House.”

Mrs McDonnell

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

“He has such lovely manners, offering to open a door to let staff through always has a beaming smile!”

Mrs Hall

### **L. Smith (Year 12)**

“Always first to class, polite and tries to use my 'word of the day' during the lesson.”

Mrs Pasco

### **S. Innes (Year 13)**

“Always thanks me for the lesson.”

Mrs Pasco

### **M. Byrne (Year 7)**

“She was really kind to her friend during a football event this week. Even though she really wanted to take part in the match, she took her friend, who was upset, to the toilet and looked after her.”

Mrs Morrin

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

“He arrives early for school and always says good morning to me before the start of the school day.”

### **S. Quinn, N. Birkett, M. Byrne and P. Graham (Years 12 and 13)**

“Always polite and wish me a good morning/afternoon/ say hello or goodbye at the end of the lesson.”

Mrs Pasco

# **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



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](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