

Newsletter

Friday 1st April 2022

Headteacher's Message

Super Saturday



Tomorrow, we host the first in a series of 'Super Saturday' transition mornings in which we will welcome some Year 6 students who will be joining us in September. Invited students have received a letter in the post and will join us from several primary schools. These mornings will run for invited students between now and the end of May. We look forward to meeting our first group tomorrow.

Musical Bells and 'Lates Detentions'



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, this week, we launched our punctuality drive. This included the reintroduction of 'lates detentions' and the trial of a musical bell (this week's music was the Jurassic Park theme tune!). Both of these measures have proven to be a great success (and a bit of fun!). Student punctuality to lessons has improved significantly this week. Congratulations to both students and staff on this and 'thank you' to parents and carers for your support. We've also had some 'interesting' requests for future songs from the students which we will trawl through in the coming weeks!



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Easter Programme

Next week, we will publish our Easter revision programme for Years 11 and 13 as they prepare for their summer examinations. We ask that parents keep a close eye on Class Charts to see when each session takes place and to encourage your sons and daughters to attend all relevant sessions.

Mobile Phones in School

Notre Dame's position on mobile phones in school is clear. Students do not need their mobile phones in school; they should therefore not be seen or heard between 8.45am and 3.00pm. The school reception and student services desk are both fully staffed and trained to take messages from parents and relay them to your child – just like when we were at school ourselves. We have taken this position because there is a proven link between mobile phone use in schools and poor mental health of students, due to bullying and malicious communications.

On this, I would like to draw your attention to the letter that Mrs Brennan sent out via Parent App and Class Charts this morning, reminding all of our position on mobile phones and the actions staff can take if a mobile phone is seen or heard. This is in response to an increase in instances where a student's photograph has been taken without their knowledge in school and posted on social media. Whilst this might not be intended to be malicious, it often is, and it causes great anxiety to the student in the photograph. Such actions are not becoming of our college, our ethos or our **CHARITY** core value. We would appreciate it if parents could talk through Mrs Brennan's letter with your son or daughter over the weekend to reaffirm the college's position and the reasons for it.



Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mr Duffy



EVENTS

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network



Dates for the summer Autism Post-Diagnosis Programmes have been announced. If your child has received an autism diagnosis, this course will guide you through your journey. Designed for three age groups: 3-8, 9-13 & 14-19.

+ [#AutismAcceptanceWeek](#)

For further information please use this link



Date: 31 March 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian

The Easter HAF programme starts on the 11th April and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the Easter break including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at **no cost to you**. There's a great range of activities across the city including **boxing, trampolining, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, climbing, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, a make up course, trips out** and much more! Every day there will be a meal available for every child that attends.

To find out where your nearest scheme and all the details of what is on click on this link - <http://www.merseyplay.com/haf-easter-half-term/> or visit www.Merseyplay.com and click on the Easter HAF link.

When you have chosen an activity, you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when you book. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and ring the providers directly.

Liverpool City Council is working with the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the HAF programme. The programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Early Help Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [Early Help Directory](#)

Regards

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Easter HAF (Holiday Activities & Food) providers in Liverpool

This provision is aimed at children and young people living in Liverpool and receiving free school meals. Each provider will have a limited number of FREE places subject to availability/demand.

Please use this list to find your nearest / most appropriate provider and contact them directly to register children and young people for activities over the Easter holidays.

Please note: This is not a childcare provision service.

- **Academy 1 International LTD**

Multi Activity provision for 5-15 year olds

We will be running our Easter programme throughout the school holidays and will be welcoming children aged 5-15 to join in a selection of fun activities and games. Our opening times are 9.30am - 1.30pm and all children are welcome to have a free breakfast, lunch and snacks. To register your child to attend please email us at info@academyinternational.co.uk, stating all contact details plus any medical or dietary conditions that children may have. We will ask you to complete a registration form if details haven't been provided already. Most SEND children are welcome, but our staff have limited training and so parents should contact us beforehand to assess a child's needs before confirming their place. We will be running our activities across multiple sites, and so parents should specify which area they are in when they contact us.

0151 220 6446 info@academyinternational.co.uk
1 Garden Cottages, Eaton Road, Liverpool, L12 3HQ

- **Acronym Community Empowerment [ACE]**

Multi Activity/numeracy/literacy provision for 7-11 year olds

We offer 7-11 year olds free activities and food during the Easter holidays. To register for Acronym Community Empowerment (ACE) February half term Activity Club. We are based at Crawford House Community Partnership in Toxteth.

07737079336

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