

# Newsletter

Friday 8th April 2022

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Happy Easter

We would like to begin this week's newsletter by wishing every Notre Dame family a reflective Holy Week and very Happy Easter. Many thanks to the students and staff who contributed to today's beautiful liturgies, led by our Chaplain, Miss Wall. This year's Easter Liturgies also fall on the 206<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Julie's death. May we all remember her and continued to be guided and inspired by her life and mission this Easter.



### Super Saturday



Tomorrow, we host the second 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 meeting our first group tomorrow.



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### **Changes to COVID measures**

Further to the letter we sent out this week from Liverpool City Council. We can confirm that there have been further relaxations of COVID measures in schools. Schools are still expected to maintain basic control measures such as well-ventilated spaces and reinforcing good hygiene practices such as hand washing and cleaning.

From last Friday (1<sup>st</sup> April), if a child was to test positive, they should **not** come into school and try to isolate for **3 days** after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they are well enough, they can return to school. Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, **can continue to attend school**. Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can.

The NHS maintain that the best way to keep everyone safe is for all eligible children to get vaccinated. To learn how to get a vaccination, [click here](#). You can also find a full list of local drop-in clinics [here](#).

### **Easter Revision Programme**

Earlier in the week, we circulated details of our Easter revision programme for Years 11 and 13. This programme starts on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April for Year 11 and on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April for Year 13. Please encourage your sons and daughters to attend all relevant sessions to support their final preparations for the summer exam series. Full details can be seen on the homepage of our college website.



## Easter holiday revision sessions for Yr 11 & 13

Yr 11	9 – 11.30am	12 – 2.30pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Computing Creative iMedia Music	Science (n2,n3,n4 biology)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Art Music Health & Social Care (Ms Chappell)	Art Music Health & Social Care (Ms Chappell)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	English	English
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Maths (all)	Maths (n1 & n2)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	History (Ms Cavanagh)	Spanish
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	RE	Business

  

Yr 13	9 – 11.30am	12 – 2.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Art	Art
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Chemistry	Maths
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Business	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Business	

### Attendance Superstars

As parents and carers will be aware, student attendance is a major priority for us here at Notre Dame, particularly as part of our Post-COVID recovery plan. We would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring excellent, unbroken attendance at school.

Today, we celebrated some of our attendance superstars who won our Easter Attendance Challenge.



All students who had 100% attendance went into a prize draw. Congratulations and well done to all students whose 'names were in the hat'; it could be you next time! We also had a form prize for best attending form which went to our amazing Flourish form group. Well done everyone and keep it up! A special 'thank you' to Mrs Shrimpton, our Attendance Officer, and her team for driving this crucial aspect of what we do here at Notre Dame.



### 2022-23 Term Dates and Holidays

With this in mind, we are conscious that some Notre Dame families may be beginning to make holiday plans for the next academic year. For the 2022/23 academic year, Notre Dame will be following the published Liverpool City Council school term dates (which can be found [here](#)) however, the first two days of term (Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September) will be staff training days and so students will return to school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

During the pandemic, college governors and leaders fully appreciated the challenges families were facing and so took the decision to continue to not approve term time holidays but to temporarily suspend parental fines. Next year, Notre Dame will be returning to its pre-pandemic stance and will recommence submission of parent fines for term time holidays unless they are in truly exceptional circumstances. Please be aware, weddings are not classed as exceptional circumstances.



### **Safeguarding Padlet**

As we go into our Easter holiday, we would like to remind all Notre Dame families that they can continue to access a whole host of safeguarding information, advice and guidance via our Safeguarding Padlet which can be accessed [here](#) or via the safeguarding page of our website. Referrals can also continue to be made via our [Whisper online referral tool](#) or via email at [sg@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:sg@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk).

### **Careers Fair – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Finally, we would like to draw all parents', carers' and students' attention to our Careers Fair which will be taking place in school during our first week back

Wishing every Notre Dame family a holy, peaceful and joyous Easter.

Mr Duffy





## Quidditch Tournament

Year 7 and 8 braved the cold weather this week to take part in a Quidditch tournament, organised by the LSSP. Quidditch, based on the famous sport played at Hogwarts, can best be described as a combination of rugby, handball and dodgeball (with no brooms involved, unfortunately!) The teams played a number of matches against other schools and soon picked up the rules and tactics involved. Overall, it was a successful competition and a fantastic way to get fit!





Date: 31 March 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian

The Easter HAF programme starts on the 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

*Sally Dobbing*

Sally Dobbing - HAF Project Manager





## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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



<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



# OPEERATION ENCOMPASS

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**Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.**

“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right<sup>1</sup>. ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident. ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”

“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

<sup>1</sup> Domestic Abuse Act 2021

[www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org)