

Newsletter

Friday 27th May 2022

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted Inspection

We would like to begin by thanking every member of our Notre Dame family for their support during this week's Section 5 Ofsted inspection. A team of 5 inspectors visited the college for two days to review the quality of education, behaviour & attitudes, the personal development of students, leadership and management and our sixth form. The report is in the process of being written by the lead inspector and will be published in several weeks.

I would like to share just how impressed inspectors were by the **COURTESY**, behaviour and attitudes of our children and that this will be reflected in the report – we should all be incredibly proud of them.

Inspectors also commented on how much progress has been made by Notre Dame despite the truly incomparable challenges we have faced as a family in the past 20 months. The fact that a global pandemic, national lockdowns, army testing, COVID restriction measures and personal tragedies have failed to stall the rate of improvement in our school stands as testament to the commitment, sheer hard work, deep personal pride and care of every member of staff who works with and for our children. For this, I am sure you will join me in thanking every one of them.

Preparation for end of year assessments



In the coming days, parents, carers and students (in Years 7-10 & 12) will be receiving information regarding their end of year assessments. These will provide students, parents and teachers with further information on what knowledge children are secure in and what knowledge gaps remain. These assessments focus on the core knowledge that your child will need to remember in the long term in order to be successful in future exams. Therefore, these provide a fantastic opportunity for your child to practice their personal revision skills and techniques.

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Research has shown that **not every revision technique works for every child**. It is therefore crucial for every student to find out which techniques work best for them personally. The only way to do this, is through **trial and error**. Students should use half term to trial some of the techniques explained on the **BBC Bitesize Top Revision Tips website page**, which can be accessed by **scanning or clicking on the QR code above**. Students are encouraged to bring any flash cards, mind maps or revision posters into school after half term to show us what has worked – **prizes will be given to the best examples!**

For more subject-specific guidance, parents, carers and students can visit the **'Further Learning'** section in each subject page on our website. These can be found in the 'Subjects' section under the 'Curriculum and Students' menu. You will find links to several subject-specific websites and study guides.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



Today, in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we enjoyed a very British lunch of fish and chips, fantastic themed cakes and lolly ices under bunting. We also walked to lessons along to some very patriotic music! Thank you to our catering team and site team for making such an effort at the end of what has been a VERY busy week.

We also had another visitor this afternoon - of the winged variety! Please be assured he/she will not be in school when students return on **Monday 6th June**.



Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mr Duffy



Liverpool
City Council

Date: 23 May 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian

The May Half Term programme starts soon 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 half term 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, Jubilee activities, 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/may-half-term-activities-food/> or visit www.Merseyplay.com and click on the May Half Term 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 May Half Term Activities programme.

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

Regards

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HALF TERM ACTIVITY PROVIDERS



May Half Term Activity 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 half term holidays.

Please note: This is not a childcare provision service.

To get further information and a full list of activities/providers please follow the link below:

<https://www.notredameliverpool.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Full-list-of-May-Half-Term-Providers-2022-002.pdf>

SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

There are a number of workshops during the month of June, offering support and information for parents across the city, all to be held online every Tuesday and Thursday evening between 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

Please see the information below:

07/06/22 – Women's Health Information & Support Centre (WHISC) – Creative Approaches to Looking after your Mental Health - [BOOK HERE](#)

09/06/22 - ADHD Foundation - Understanding Neurodiversity in the Early Years - [BOOK HERE](#)

14/06/22 - The Brain Charity - Becoming a Parent of a Child with Additional Needs - [BOOK HERE](#)

16/06/22 - ADHD Foundation - Planning for Stress-Free School Holidays - [BOOK HERE](#)

21/06/22 - IDVA service - Understanding Domestic Abuse - [BOOK HERE](#)

23/06/22 - We Are With You - Drug and Alcohol Awareness - [BOOK HERE](#)

28/06/22 - Vauxhall Law Centre - Renting – Know your rights - [BOOK HERE](#)

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

For your information: Assessments for students in all year groups will take place on return to school, following Half Term.

Assessment Period 3 (AP3)

- Year 7-10 and 12 will be taking assessments after the half-term break.
- Students will be guided by their subject teachers with revision and how to prepare.
- Class charts will be used to communicate with students and parents.

Year 7-9 will also sit progress tests in English, maths and science.. These are externally marked and you will receive feedback, before the summer, about how best to support them from home. These assessments do not require specific revision. They assess their general understanding in English, maths and science in comparison to students of the same age nationally.

Attendance for the assessments is important so we can reflect on their progress this year and plan accordingly for the next academic year.

Thank you for your support.

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
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
02022



<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