

Newsletter

Friday 10th June 2022

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

One Big Notre Dame Family!



This week, Year 9 representatives of our Faith In Action Group had the pleasure of visiting our sister school, Notre Dame High School in Norwich. The student conference was a fantastic reminder of our shared mission and inspiration. Students were taken on fantastic tours of the school, its beautiful chapel and the local countryside. Students also took part in a range of workshops on the themes of global sustainability and our shared mission as Notre Dame schools, inspired by the teaching and life of St Julie. We would like to thank Mr Savage and Mr Pinnington for being such welcoming hosts and 'thank you' to Miss Wall and Miss Collings for organising and supporting the trip.

Year 6 Parents' Information Evening

Next Thursday 16th June, we welcome parents of next year's Year 7 cohort for a Parents' Information Evening. The evening will include welcome presentations from the Headteacher and other senior leaders, introducing parents to the culture and ethos of Notre Dame, our routines and expectations and also important information on our curriculum.

Parents will also have the opportunity to informally speak to other key staff and partners including our SEND team and uniform providers. Orders for uniform will be able to be made on the evening. **The formal presentations begin at 6.00pm in the Dorothy Stang theatre.**

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Independent 'Further Learning' at Home



Notre Dame's curriculum is truly broad and ambitious for all of our students. However, we also understand that some students have a deep and personal passion to go further in some subjects. This is one of the reasons why each subject page on our [website](#) has a '**Further Learning**' in which students can explore high quality subject-specific websites to revisit topics covered in our curriculum or explore topics not covered here at Notre Dame. Materials include animations, recorded lessons, videos and reading materials to satisfy the widest range of interests.

Exam success

We would like to congratulate Years 11 and 13 on another successful week of examinations. The series has two more weeks to go. We continue to be proud of students' vigilance, resilience and commitment during what we know is a challenging time. Further to this, Years 7, 8 and 9 have also been involved in a series of baseline assessments this week. Parent reports on the results of these assessments will be sent out along with our end of year reports later this term. Again, 'well done' to all involved.

Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful weekend.

Mr Duffy



YEAR 11 LEAVERS SERVICE

Our Year 11 students gathered in the school's Dorothy Stang Theatre this morning for one final time as a year group for a celebratory assembly to acknowledge their time and achievements during the last 5 years at Notre Dame Catholic College. The Assembly was led by their Head of Year, Mrs Smith and their Assistant Head of Year, Miss Lee.

The Leavers service featured words from our Chaplain, Miss Wall, Head Teacher, Mr Duffy, all the Year 11 Form Teachers and Mrs Smith, Head of Year 11. Students were then treated to a musical performance by year 11 students CJ and Joely, who sang a rendition of 'I Still Believe' from the musical Miss Saigon and a second performance by Year 11 student, Cristian, playing guitar and Year 10 student, Joel, on vocals singing 'Blackbird' by The Beatles.



A final reflection from Mrs Smith closed the proceedings, where she spoke of her own fond memories and experiences as Head of Year and thanked all of the staff for their support. Finally, students were then treated to a video compilation featuring memories of their time over the past 5 years which was kindly put together by Miss Lee.

Students gathered outside to sign shirts and share photos following their assembly. They are now officially on exam leave and will only be required to attend school for revision sessions and for their final exams. We are so proud of our students and look forward to welcoming them all back on results day during the summer to celebrate with them once again!

Year 11 students, we wish you all the best and leave you with our Foundress, St Julie's words of wisdom:

"God is good. Trust in God's goodness, do small things with great love, give of your best and you will change the world for good."

BULLY BUSTERS

Our Year 7 student representatives for Bully Busters met with Sherell from the Bully Busters team this week and were presented with their Student Leader Badges.

They will act as mentors for other students who feel like their struggling at college and would like to reach out for peer support. Bully Busters have regular meetings with our student representatives to talk through ways they can help and support their friends!



SUMMER FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Over this half term, Year 7 and 8 students have been offered the opportunity to take part in a 7 a side football league.

The aim is to allow students to take part in a fun based league whereby they can pick their own teams, and enjoy a game of football with their friends!

Matches will take place on Tuesdays 3pm—4pm. If your child is in Year 7 or 8 and would like to take part, please ask them to see Mr Townson to find out more!



SUMMER FOOTBALL LEAGUE AT NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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:

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](#)

Drug and Alcohol Awareness by Liverpool Parenting Network.

Online parenting course taking place on 23rd June, 6-8pm.

Liverpool Parenting Network are completing a session for parents around substances, their effects and how to support young people who are using them.

Full details of this event can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drug-and-alcohol-awareness-tickets-301468629787>

The screenshot shows the Eventbrite page for the 'We Are With You' event. The header features the text 'we are withyou' in a blue and white color scheme. To the right, it indicates the date 'Jun 23' and the event title 'Drug and Alcohol Awareness' by 'Liverpool Parenting Network'. It shows '77 followers' and a 'Follow' button. The price is listed as 'Free'. A green 'Register' button is prominently displayed. Below the header, the event description states: 'Join We Are With You, in this workshop we aim to give parents the knowledge and understanding on the different substances and their effects.' Under 'About this event', it provides workshop information: 'We are a commissioned drug service within Liverpool (Formerly known as Addaction). we have seen massive increase in drug and alcohol misuse'. On the right side of the page, the 'Date and time' is 'Thu, 23 June 2022 18:00 – 20:00 BST' and the 'Location' is 'Online event'.

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

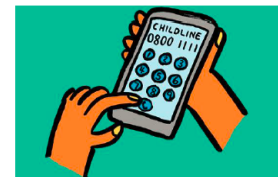


<https://ypas.org.uk/services/whats-on-calendar/>

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