

Newsletter

Friday 24th June 2022

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Faster, Faster Reading Project



As all Notre Dame parents and carers know, reading is of huge importance to us in our community. Our aim is to cultivate in our students the habit of reading, to develop their confidence in reading, and to ensure that they acquire a love of reading that will last a lifetime. This week, 18 Year 8 students took part in a 'Faster, Faster Reading' project in which they read two whole books, cover-to-cover, in just four days!! A combined total of over 94,000 words read in four days!! The commitment and enthusiasm shown by these students throughout the week has been truly inspiring. We would like to thank Miss Kay from School Improvement Liverpool for working so hard with our students...and for the donuts! For more information on how you can support your child's reading, please visit the [Reading Strategy page](#) on our college website.

Eco Club Litter Pick...with a difference



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On Tuesday, 9 members of Notre Dame's amazing Eco Club took part in a paddle board litter pick in Liverpool's historic Albert Dock. Students learned about our local environment challenges and just how cold the dock water is! Thank you to Liverpool Watersport for taking students on the water so safely and thank you to our very own Miss Collings, Eco Club leader and organiser, and Miss Wall for supporting the event.

Miss Collings shared how much the students enjoyed the trip, commenting:

"As it was too windy for individual boards, we were given two large paddle boards between us! Students found that the litter had collected near the sides of the docks and we managed to fill four buckets full of litter. As well as collecting litter, pupils gained confidence in the water and in trying a new sport.

After paddling our way down to the Albert dock, we were towed back by the water sports boat as the wind was going against us.

Pupils enjoyed the morning and have been asking when we can go again! "



Upcoming Evening Event – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 7th July sees our final face-to-face Parents' Evening of the year. On this evening, we welcome parents of Year 10 to come and meet with your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress through the year, how they performed in their recent mock examinations and how they prepare for Year 11 over the long summer holiday. Please book your appointment slots with subject teachers through the course of next week when appointment letters will come home.



Preparation for end of year assessments



As mentioned in our newsletter on 27th May, students in Years 7 to 9 should now be preparing for 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.

Students and parents can still visit 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 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.



Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful weekend.

Mr Duffy

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Farewell Year 13

We held our Year 13 Leavers Mass today (Friday 24th June) in our Dorothy Stang Theatre to celebrate their time at Notre Dame Catholic College and to mark the completion of their education with us, taking the next steps to their future!

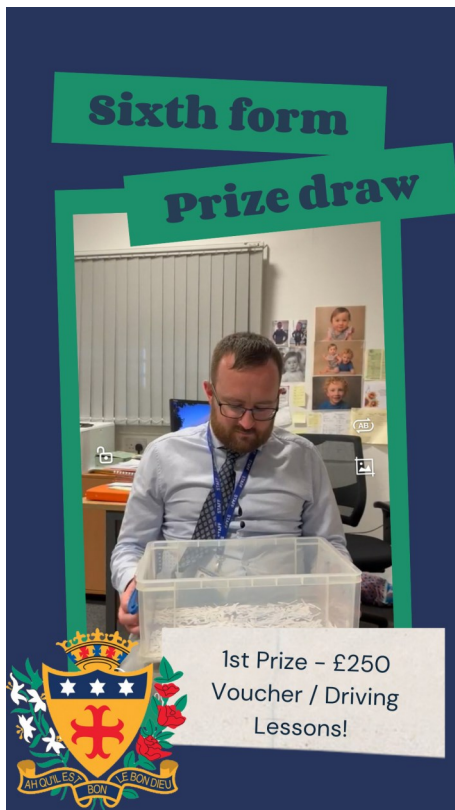


Students, parents and guests joined us as Father Richard led the Mass alongside our college Chaplain, Miss Wall and the Sixth Form Team. The service included speeches from our students, musical performances, prayers and words from our Headteacher, Mr Duffy and Head of Sixth Form Miss Nicol. Following the Mass, refreshments were provided and it was an opportunity to mingle and reminisce together. This was followed by a special leavers video where students and guests enjoyed taking a trip down memory lane and college staff shared their well wishes and messages of thanks to our Year 13 Class of 2022.

As this chapter of their time with us closes, we look forward to welcoming them back on their results day in the summer to celebrate the start of the next chapter of their lives!

We will see you then Year 13 —Good Luck from your Notre Dame family!





Sixth Form Prize Draw

Our Sixth Form Team introduced a competition for our students this year as an incentive to encourage good attendance practices! Each week a student achieved 100% attendance, their name was entered into a prize draw.

Students with stronger attendance therefore had increased odds of being drawn but everyone had an opportunity to get their name in the hat!

1st prize - £250 worth of vouchers or driving lessons

2nd prize—£50 worth of Liverpool One vouchers

This week we drew 1st and 2nd place through an impartial judge (Thank you to Mr Forshaw from our Finance Team.)

[You can see our prize draw taking place here.](#)

Congratulations to our 2 winners Ryan and Louis - we hope you enjoy your prizes!

Sixth Form Taster Sessions!

As we say good bye to our Year 13 cohort, we look to welcome our current Year 11 students back for the start of their Sixth Form journey. Year 11 students have been invited to join us to attend a series of Taster Sessions in our Sixth Form subjects to get a flavour into Sixth Form life at Notre Dame Catholic College!

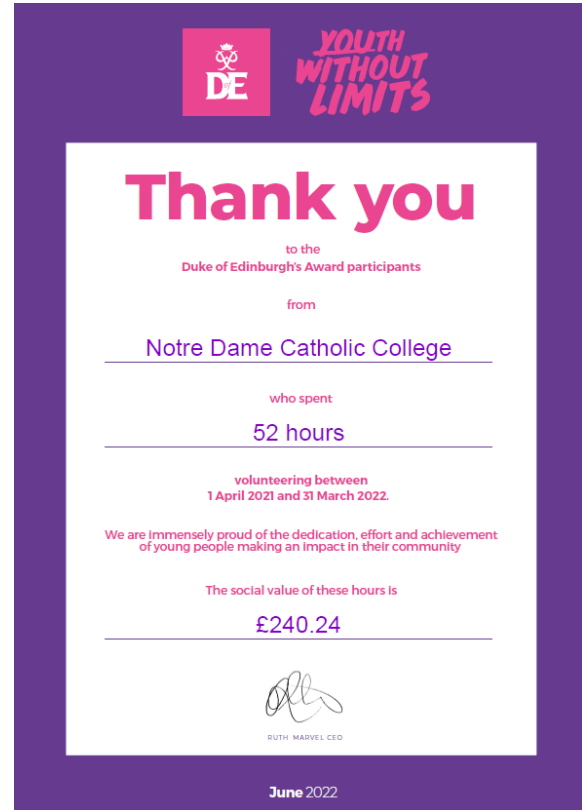
This is the perfect opportunity for students to gain an insight into what Sixth Form study will involve, to speak with the Sixth Form Team and for students to try out a range of subjects if they are still deciding on their final course options.

The information letter including the timetable of Taster Sessions is available to [view here](#)



OPENING MINDS & HEARTS

Check out these amazing achievements completed this year by our students in Notre Dame!



Students that took part in Read for Good's Liverpool Readathon 2022 read for an outstanding **35,145 minutes!** Students from **Notre Dame Catholic College** dedicated **52 hours** to volunteering between April 2021 and March 2022, with a social value of **£240.24**.

Well done to all involved in our Readathon and all the students who have completed voluntary work through the DofE and their Faith in Action activities this year! **Fantastic!**



SAVE THE DATE:
6th—13th July
Book Fair

Y9 CAREERS TRIP

On Friday 17th June, a group of year 9 students attended a workplace visit to the new Novotel in Paddington Village which officially opens on 4th July. Our school was one of four local secondary schools who attended. The aim of the visit was to showcase to students the varied range of job roles within a hotel. They took part in a carousel of different activities experiencing all the departments of the hotel. Students were able to try hands-on activities including pizza making, making mocktails as well as supporting housekeeping staff with making the beds to a high standard.



Hotel staff were extremely complimentary about our students' engagement and attitude to the different tasks.

One of our students, Shea, said:

"I really enjoyed looking at the different rooms and suites. It was fun to try and make the beds the way the staff wanted ."



NOTRE DAME, NORWICH

We shared news of our recent trip to Notre Dame, Norwich in our newsletter on 10th June—Students have shared their thoughts on the trip with us! A group of five year 9 students along with Miss Wall and Mrs Collings recently spent three days visiting Notre Dame, Norwich. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to spend time with other students their age reflecting on what it means to belong to a Notre Dame school as well spend time thinking about the similarities and differences between our two schools.



Whilst there we also explored and reflected on different global issues such as hunger and the impact of war. We also learnt some historical information about Norwich as well as visited some of the local attractions such as The Broads, Norwich Cathedral and the local fish and chips shop!! A wonderful time was had by all!



Students said:

"We went on a trip to Norwich to visit Notre Dame Norwich to talk about what is happening on our planet and things we need to stop together. I learnt that a large number for people don't have access to things we call normal for humans to have e.g. toilets. While we were there, we took part in many group activities with the other school to get to know our groups we were put into. We also got the opportunity to walk around Norwich and learn about historical figures like Julian of Norwich. My favourite part of the trip was going to St Helens church and making the climb up the tower to the top. The views were definitely worth it!"

— K. Greene

“I had an amazing time in Norwich for the time I was there. My favourite part of the trip was spending the evening at Alex’s home where we played card games and had really nice food. I also loved meeting the students at Notre Dame, Norwich. They welcomed us with open arms and made us feel really comfortable and happy. The trip helped me build my confidence and do things I wouldn’t have done in the past. I am still applying my new-found confidence today by volunteering for more and speaking to new people. I would like to say thanks for this amazing opportunity.”

– E. Hughes



ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE

Liverpool City Council have shared the following message: for Parents and Guardians:



Liverpool
City Council

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Important information regarding E-Bikes & E-Scooters

During visits to several schools in the last few weeks, it has become apparent that many pupils have already or are in the process of obtaining electric bikes and electric scooters for their own use. We would like to remind all parents and guardians of the current UK law surrounding the use of both.

Electric bikes (or e-bikes) are classed as Electronically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs) by authorities. The current UK law surrounding EAPCs states that riders must be at least **14 years of age** when using them on the roads. Therefore, it's **illegal** in the UK for children under 14 to ride e-bikes.

It is important to remember that once a battery has been fitted to a bike, there's the potential for it to be turned on and used, so children under 14 years of age are still prohibited from using one whether the battery is on or not.

There's currently no law regarding the use of electric bikes on bridle paths, but the Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) states that there's a tacit implication that people should comply with the road laws whilst on bridle paths.

Children under 14 are, however, allowed to ride e-bikes on privately-owned land at the owner's discretion. Private land isn't subject to the Road Traffic Act, so this is one way to allow children to enjoy e-bikes. We would recommend, however, that you use good judgement to determine whether it's actually a good idea to allow your child to ride a power-assisted bike. Regardless of the law itself, there is a safety concern for young riders – **ensure they're skilled and responsible enough to ride, even if you do have permission to use private land.**

With regards to the use of e-bikes for those 14 years and over, there is no requirement to hold a license, register it or pay vehicle tax.

E-Scooters that can only be used on public roads are those that are **hired** as part of the government-backed trials. We would also remind you that to use these trial scooters you need to be a minimum of 18 years old and in possession of a current driving license. **Private e-scooters can only be used on private land (with the landowner's permission) and not on public roads, cycle lanes or pavements.**

When the new Transport Bill to be introduced by the Government is passed regarding the use of Private Scooters **we will update you**, but many of the scooters you can currently buy from retailers or online may not fit the new legal criteria and will remain illegal after the introduction of the new legislation and may also include age restrictions and other legal requirements.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Council's Road Safety Team on 0151 351 1365 or email road.safety@liverpool.gov.uk should you require any further clarity regarding the information contained above.

Kind regards

Road Safety Team

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FSM?

This summer Liverpool City Council will be providing a £135 food voucher for every Liverpool resident Free School Meal Child.

If you believe your Liverpool resident child is entitled to Free School Meals, please make sure you apply by **Friday 5pm on 28th June 2022.**

You can apply online (and check your eligibility) via this link:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

Vouchers will be posted directly to all those eligible in the last week of the school term, to the address we hold for you on our records.



Free School Meals



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
62222

YPAS
Young Person's Advisory Service

<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