

Newsletter

Friday 1st July 2022

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Prom



This Monday, we had the pleasure of hosting our first Year 11 Prom since 2019 at The Isla Gladstone. Turnout from both students and staff was amazing: all conducted themselves impeccably and students clearly had a ball! It was fantastic to see students relax and enjoy themselves after what has been a stressful year.

Some of the choices of music left much to be desired but there's no accounting for taste, as you can see from 'the money suit' in the picture above. Performance of the night goes to Joe Riley's 'Vogue'. A special 'thank you' to Mrs Smith and Miss Lee for organizing such a wonderful celebration that was enjoyed by so many.



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Yesterday, Liverpool's secondary headteachers heard from Phil Watson of Liverpool City Council's Fostering Service. He outlined the sharp increase in the number of children in care since the pandemic and the growing number of children finding themselves in the care of private fostering agencies due to a shortage of foster carers in the city.

If any Notre Dame parents have ever considered fostering, please visit Liverpool City Council's fostering information website to find out about what it entails, eligibility criteria, payment and much more. You can visit the website by clicking on the image above or this link:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/fostering/>.

Year 10 Reminders for next Thursday (7th) and Friday (8th)

We would like to take this final opportunity to remind parents of Year 10 that we will be hosting a face-to-face Parents' Evening on Thursday 7th July in which parents of Year 10 can 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 continue to book your appointment slots with subject teachers through the course of next week.

We also remind parents that Year 10 will be working at home on Friday 8th July and that all work will be set on Class Charts for that day.



Eco-Schools Green Flag Award



...And finally, we have this morning received confirmation that Notre Dame Catholic College has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award in recognition for its work on our environmental sustainability. More on this next week, but in the meantime well done to Miss Collings and her Eco Club for this fantastic achievement.

Wishing every Notre Dame family a peaceful weekend.

Mr Duffy

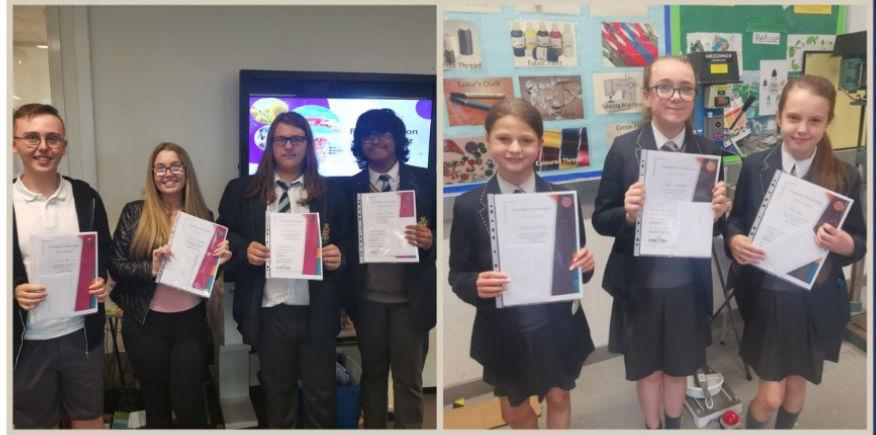


FAITH IN ACTION - AWARDS!



Faith in Action

Awards



Congratulations to all our students who achieved their Faith in Action Award this year! We had students join us on Wednesday 29th June as they were presented their Pin, Bronze and Silver Award badges and certificates.

Students achieved these awards by taking part in charitable work in the school and wider community. The charity students chose to support this year was Ann Fowler's house. Students researched the charity, organised bake sales, arranged donations of items and sent cards to residents at Ann Fowler's house. They also shared acts of kindness such as organising sharing sweets on Father's Day and flowers on Mother's Day to staff in school and delivering handmade cards to people in the community such as our local care home.

Year 7 student, Maya, who achieved her first pin award, said, "I've really enjoyed taking part in the Faith in Action Awards this year. It has helped me to become much more confident!"

Year 11 student, Bonnie, added, "We enjoyed researching the charities when we were selecting who to support and holding the bake sales around school—it's been really good." Bonnie achieved her silver award and will be working towards her gold award in Sixth Form.

Well done all!

A VIRTUAL DAY OUT!

Our Year 7 Sunflower group enjoyed a rewarding trip to VR Here, the North West's best reviewed Immersive Experience Centre and home to Liverpool's Highest 'Rollercoaster'!

The students enjoyed all aspects of the virtual reality experience from playing games, experiencing the work place running their own cafe, swimming with whales, riding the rollercoaster, walking with dinosaurs and some high speed motor action! They interacted with each other developing their social skills and supported each other.



Staff at the venue commented on how polite and respectful students were and that they are a good representation of Notre Dame. We hope to visit VR Here again next year!

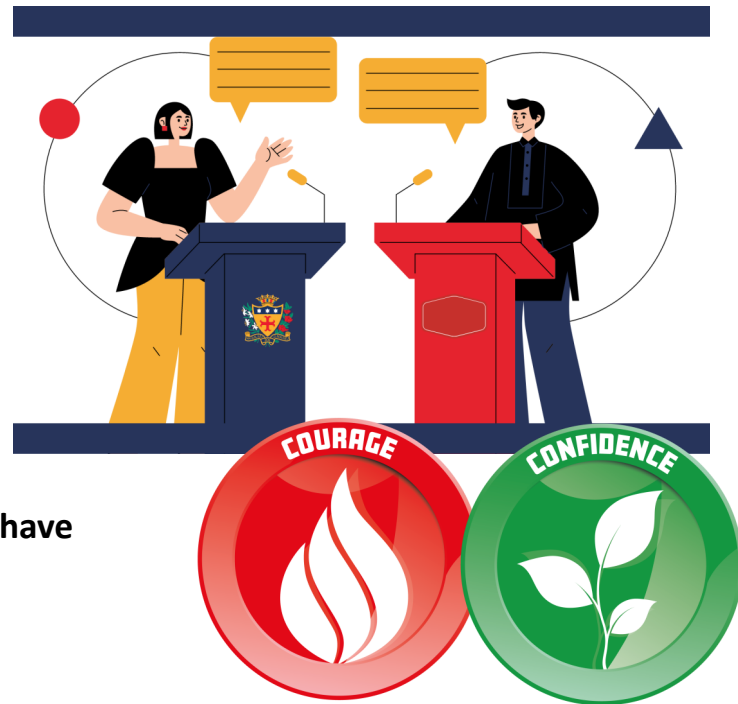
SPEAKING EVENTS!

Year 8 Public Speaking Competition

The Archdiocese of Liverpool is hosting a 'Public Speaking Competition' for 11–14 year-olds across the city. There are three events and two of our Year 8 students will be representing Notre Dame Catholic College in the 'West Liverpool Cluster' at Arch Bishop Beck Catholic Sports College on **Wednesday 6th July 2022**.

Students were able to choose from a list of topics. The two topics our students have chosen are 'Schools should do more to support young people's mental health?' and 'Should it be compulsory to be vaccinated?'

We wish the students the best of luck and we are grateful for the courage and confidence they have shown.



Former Student Returns as Speaker

It was wonderful to welcome former Notre Dame student, Abbie, back to the college this week. Abbie, who is now a Higher Education Peer Advocate for Shaping Futures, delivered a session to our Year 12 Sixth Form students around the university course search and the UCAS process.

Shaping Futures aims to reduce the gap in HE participation, support young people to make well-informed decisions about their future education and support collaboration between HE providers, schools, colleges, employers and other partners.



It was wonderful to welcome Abbie back!

COLLEGE BOOK FAIR

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the library from
Wednesday 6th July — Wednesday 13th July. There will be hundreds of books
available to browse and buy in the library. Happy reading!

OVER 200 BOOKS TO CHOOSE

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

Fill our school with **FREE BOOKS** when you buy from the **BOOK FAIR***

Last year, your support helped to donate over £6.4m books to schools nationwide

NEW

TikTok favourite!

YOU'LL BE THE DEATH OF ME
Karen M. McManus
14+

£7.99

NEW

MARCUS RASHFORD YOU ARE A CHAMPION
How to be the best you can be
£9.99 **£7.99**

NEW

ENDGAME
Malorie Blackman
13+

£7.99

NEW

TikTok favourite!

THEY BOTH DIE AT THE END
Adam Silvera
14+

£7.99

NEW

LISA THOMPSON THE ROLLER COASTER BOY
Illustrated by Marnie Corbell
£6.99

NEW

THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES
Suzanne Collins
13+

£8.99

THE BEST NEW BOOKS FROM ONLY £2.99

 **SCHOLASTIC**

STUDENT TRAVEL 2022 –23

Message from Arriva:



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The next school year is fast approaching! If your child doesn't already travel to school by bus, have you thought about this as an option for the next academic year?

Arriva monthly direct debit passes allow travel for as little as £1 per day, depending on your child's age. Your child will get unlimited access to travel on any Arriva bus across all of our routes within your chosen travel zone.

The pass will not only cover their travel to and from school/college, it can also be used to travel in leisure time too.

Arriva's Direct Debit scheme allows you to spread the cost of your child's ticket over affordable monthly payments. It's an easy way to pay for travel and there's no contract involved.

It's a simple process to arrange your Direct Debit, please visit:

www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets

To ensure delivery of tickets in time for the start of the new school year, we recommend registering as soon as possible.

Once registered, you can choose to either receive your monthly pass by post, or it can be sent to your child's mobile phone. This ticket will rollover every month for as long as the direct debit remains active.

SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

There are a number of workshops during the month of July offering support for parents across the city, all to be held on line every Tuesday and Thursday evening 6pm-8pm.



05/07/22 – Mersey Care CYP – Mersey Care Children & Young People’s services – [BOOK HERE](#)

07/07/22 – Kinship Carers – Awareness of Kinship – [BOOK HERE](#)

12/07/22 – RASA Merseyside – Understanding Child Sexual Abuse – [BOOK HERE](#)

14/07/22 – BullyBusters – A parents awareness session; What can we do. – [BOOK HERE](#)

19/07/22 – Liverpool YPAS – Incredible years – Effective Limit Setting – [BOOK HERE](#)



SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

See below a message from Liverpool City Council for families eligible for benefits related Free School Meals:



Dear Parent or Guardian

The Summer HAF programme starts on the 20th July 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 summer holidays 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-holiday-activities-and-food-fund/> - or visit www.Merseyplay.com and click on the 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 - HAF Project Manager

BEHAVIOUR REMINDERS



REMEMBER! OUR BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Fizzy drinks and chewing gum are not permitted in school

If a member of staff sees students with a fizzy drink it will be confiscated and placed in the bin.
If a member of staff sees students chewing they will be asked to remove the gum and place it in the bin



WHY?

Fizzy drinks have a negative impact on health and are detrimental to a student's ability to learn. They directly effect concentration and motivation levels and make it difficult for students to manage their behaviour.
Chewing gum creates a health risk as some students do not dispose of it correctly. It also has a negative effect on the school environment.



REMEMBER! OUR BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Mobile phones are not to be seen or heard in the college grounds during the college day

If a member of staff sees or hears a mobile phone it will be confiscated and kept until the end of the day. If a mobile phone is confiscated more than twice a parent/carer will have to come to school to collect it. Students should not wear Bluetooth earphones in school, these may be confiscated by staff.

Students are asked to keep phones switched off and out of sight (in a bag or blazer)

WHY?

Mobile phones have been proven to have a negative impact on student progress and attainment
Mobile phones are associated with poor mental health
Mobile phones can be used for anti social purposes, online bullying, harassment, etc.




STUDENT UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT



REMEMBER! EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

ARE THEY READY TO LEARN?

- 
- Black / Blue pens
 - Colouring pencils
 - Pencils
 - Eraser
 - Sharpener
 - Ruler
 - School bag big enough to hold A4 size documents / files
 - School planner / Timetable (will be provided by school)



REMEMBER! UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Notre Dame Full Uniform includes tie, blazer, jumper, black shoes

If students arrive to school without full uniform;

- They will be provided with the item of uniform they are missing, from the school uniform store.
- They will be asked to sign for the item
- If they are picked up without full uniform through the day, they will be given the missing item from the school store.
- If they refuse to borrow uniform they will be taken to referral for the remainder of the day
- Coats are not allowed to be worn in the school building and will be confiscated if students are seen wearing them.

WHY?

- Everyone wearing the same uniform helps us create a community and helps students feel like they belong to that community.
- Research shows us that students who wear full uniform improve academic achievement, because uniform reduces the amount of distractions in the classroom and symbolises a students attitude to learning.
- Wearing uniform reduces peer pressure/Bullying
- Easier for parents! No pressure to have the latest clothing and a different outfit every day, which can become expensive.



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?

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