

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*We would like to begin this week's newsletter with reminders of two special dates for your diary in the next two weeks.*



## Year 5 and 6 Open Evening

On Thursday 29th September, we welcome parents of children in Years 5 and 6 to join us for a face-to-face open evening from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. There will be a presentation from the headteacher and other college leaders (delivered at 6.00pm and repeated at 7.00pm), an opportunity to view our first-class facilities, meet staff and to visit individual departments. We look forward to seeing you all.

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MR DUFFY  
HEADTEACHER



## Welcome to Key Stage 4 and Year 11 Parent Information Evening

On the evening of **Thursday 22nd September from 5.30pm until 6.30pm**, we welcome parents and carers of **Years 10 and 11 to attend in person** an information evening outlining key examination and coursework details, dates and tips on how best to support your sons and daughters through Key Stage 4. Revision resources and equipment will also be on sale (at cost) at this event.



In other news...

## NOTRE DAME CORE VALUE...**CHARITY**



Included in this week's newsletter, are truly uplifting stories of Notre Dame students, either individually or collectively, living out our Charity core value.

At Notre Dame, we believe that charitable fundraising and donation is just one outward sign of having a truly charitable heart. St Julie said, "The holiest fast I ask is charity, the practice of charity towards one another" [Julie, letter 246]. We would like to congratulate and thank Darcie and our Year 9 girls for all you do for our community and for one another. We are so proud of you the young people you are becoming.

## Home School Communications

Here at Notre Catholic College, we fully appreciate that the education of your child is a true team effort between home, school and child. As in any team effort, communication is key. College staff and leaders make every effort to communicate effectively with parents and carers throughout the school year. To routinely receive this communication, please download Class Charts and ParentApp onto your smart phones. ParentApp provides regular news announcements and whole school updates and also provides easy access to the content on our school website. Class Charts provides details of homework, daily behaviour reports and a messaging service which enables you to contact your child's teachers directly. **Please see inside this week's newsletter for details on how to download these apps.**





## Bringing water to school

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to encourage students to bring re-fillable water bottles to school. Students have access to fresh water fountains before and after school and during breaks and lunchtime. This means they do not need to buy bottles of water at the canteen, save money, they save the planet and resist the temptation to bring energy drinks into school. To clarify, students are not allowed to bring energy drinks in to school. For further information on the harm caused to children by energy drinks, [please click here](#).



**WISHING EVERY NOTRE DAME FAMILY  
A REFLECTIVE, PEACEFUL AND SAFE  
BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND.**

Mr Duffy



### ***Liverpool Bereavement Service accept donation in memory of Ava***

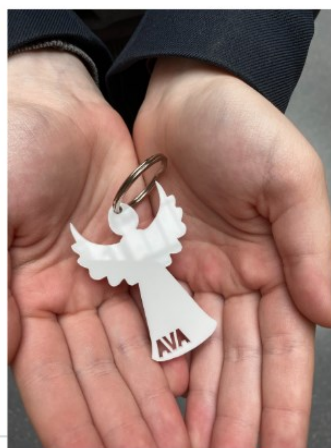
On 14th July, Notre Dame Catholic College held 'Ava's Day' in memory of our student, Ava White. The day was organised by Ava's friends in Year 9 and with support of our school Chaplain, Miss Wall, and their Assistant Head of Year, Mrs Doran with lots of fundraising activities throughout the day. This included the sale of white angel key rings and white ribbons to signify awareness against violence towards women and honour Ava's name. Touching tributes to Ava were shared on a butterfly display in school and Ava's favourite song was played during lesson changes. We were also blown away by the generosity of our school community who donated hundreds of items to the cake and crisps sale. In total we raised an incredible £1279.00.



Ava's friends were proud to present The Liverpool Bereavement Service with £1000 of this money today, in Ava's memory. The Liverpool Bereavement Service offers dedicated Bereavement Support to children and adults and works with schools across the city to offer sessions to support young people coping with loss.

**Leslie Mosses from the Liverpool Bereavement Service spoke with our students about the service they provide and thanked them for their generosity, saying, "We receive so many referrals for young people. This £1000 will help us to reach an additional 6 children and provide them with 6 sessions of 1-1 support which can make a huge difference to those affected by the loss of a loved one. We can't thank you enough."**

Leslie and The Liverpool Bereavement Service will be working closely going forward with Miss Wall to ensure our students continue to be supported following Ava's loss. The remaining money raised by our students will be used to purchase a memorial bench in school in memory of Ava. A huge thank you goes to all those who donated and were involved with the organisation of this. We continue to send our love and prayers to Ava's family.





### **DJ Darcie helps charity raise over £18,000!**

A huge WELL DONE to our Year 8 pupil, Darcie, who has taken part in 2 fundraising events for Radio City Cash for Kids

Radio City Cash for Kids' mission is to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in our communities who are affected by illness, poverty, neglect or have additional needs. The money they raise has helped to support smaller charities to do amazing work such as supply wigs for sick children, provide toys to under privileged children at Christmas and support organisations providing services for children with additional needs.

Darcie supported regular Breakfast Show presenter's, Leanne and Scott, and Radio City Cash for Kids by DJing at a local primary school, Milstead Primary. The Radio City team described Darcie's performance as "so patient, professional and Darcie provided brilliant entertainment for all involved."

Darcie also supported the charitable cause by taking part in their Lego Walk at Hickory's Smokehouse in West Kirkby which, in total, raised over an incredible £18,000!

**Laura Charlton, Cash for Kids Charity Manager, said, "It is so important that our charity recognises young talent in the city, and we will do all that we can to provide opportunities for young people like Darcie, who has been absolutely incredible."**



### **Notre Dame achieve Eco School Status!**



We are delighted to have been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award in recognition for our work on our environmental sustainability. This is down to the hard work of our students in our Eco Club who have been raising awareness of Eco issues around the school by ensuring our classroom recycling bins have been emptied and taking part in activities such as a Paddleboard Litter Picking session in the River Mersey and around the school grounds.

A huge thank you also goes to Miss Wall and Mrs Collings for their dedication and support organising Eco Club and supporting students with their activities. Well done to all involved!



**Foundation**  
THE CLUB'S OFFICIAL CHARITY

### **Well done to...**

Daniel Coakley has been awarded for his outstanding effort so far in the "onside" programme! LFC have given him 2 tickets for the LFC legends match on 24th September. Enjoy!



FRI 16TH SEPTEMBER  
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NOTRE DAME  
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# NOTRE DAME READING CORNER

## Latest Library News

Miss Dennis, our School Librarian has introduced weekly themes and competitions to the NDCC Library!

**This week's theme will be 'Banned Books' and the competition is 'Blackout Poetry'.**

If your child is interested in finding out more, ask them to call into the Library next week and speak to Miss Dennis for full details!



## RESONATE

Resonate Music Studios will be starting back at Notre Dame Catholic College on Wednesday 28 September. There are lots of different ensembles taking place between 4pm and 6.30pm for pupils of all ages and abilities on any instrument! Many of our ensembles are free to join, and bursaries are also available.



**For more information about the ensembles, please visit our website:**

**<https://www.resonatehub.co.uk/resonate-music-studios/>**

**Email us at [rms@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:rms@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk) or call us on 0151 330 5130**



## How to... Class Charts

To download Class Charts, simply search for the Class Charts app on your iOS or Android App Store. You can also access it via your computer by searching for 'Class Charts' in your web browser.

Once you download the app / access the website, you will need to follow the instructions on the screen and enter the unique activation code provided to you from school.



**If you have not received a code, please call us on 0151 330 5122.**

For more tips and a comprehensive guide to downloading Class Charts, [please click here.](#)

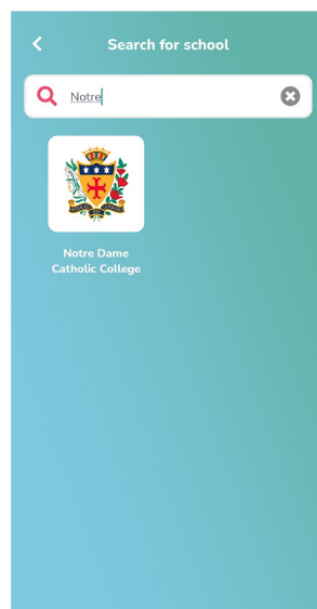
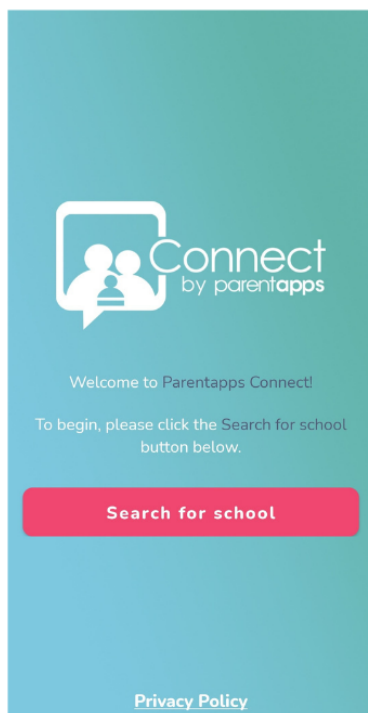
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To download Parent App, simply follow the invitation link sent to you from the school. This will be located in your email inbox or in your SMS messages file. All Parents and Guardians that we have contact details for have now been sent this invitation link, so if you have not yet received yours, please contact the school on 0151 330 5122.

Once you click on this link, you will be able to follow the step-by-step instructions to download and create your Parent App Account.

If you already have the Parent App Account, simply click on the app and select 'Search School'. Input Notre Dame Catholic College and follow the instructions on screen.



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## SAFEGUARDING UPDATES

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

### 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

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



### 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

### The Safeguarding Team

Headteacher – Mr P Duffy  
Deputy Headteacher – Mrs AM Costello  
Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs E Brennan

#### 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 Safer Police Officer  
Miss H McCullen – Leadership/Alternative Provision  
Mrs P Shrimpton – Attendance Officer  
Mrs K Sweeney – Special Educational Needs  
Miss C Lee Y7, Ms R Glorman Y8, Mrs S Doran Y9, Mrs J Littleboy Y10, Mrs E Garvey Y11 – Pastoral Assistant Heads of Year