

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Open Evening

Enrolling Year 7 for September 2023

Thursday 29 September 2022 6pm - 8pm
Headteachers Presentation @ 6pm and 7pm

Year 5 and 6 Open Evening

This week's newsletter is our final opportunity to remind parents of children in Years 5 and 6 to join us for a face-to-face open evening on Thursday 29th September 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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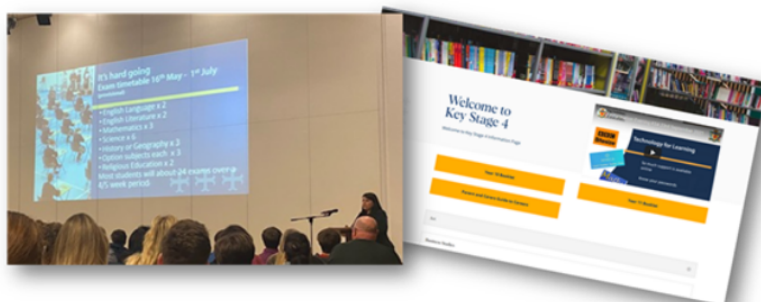
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MR DUFFY
HEADTEACHER

Welcome to Key Stage 4 and Year 11 Parent Information Evening

We would like to thank parents of Years 10 and 11 who joined us last night for our Key Stage 4 parents' information evening in which parents heard from Mrs Thomas, our Senior Assistant Headteacher, and our curriculum leaders for English, Maths and Science.



The evening provided parents and carers with the information needed to fully support your children in achieving their full potential in the forthcoming examinations. All of the materials, presentations and links to resources can now be accessed on the school website at

[Welcome to Key Stage 4 | Notre Dame Catholic College \(notredameliverpool.com\)](https://www.notredameliverpool.com)

Thank you to all staff who contributed to the evening and thank you to every parent who attended – it was great to see you!

School attendance and Term Time Holidays

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May we again remind parents and carers that outstanding school attendance for all students is a significant priority for us this year at Notre Dame. We again draw parents' and carers' attention to the announcements made in last year's newsletters on 9th April 2022 and 11th May regarding term time holidays.

Term Time Holidays

During the pandemic, college governors and leaders fully appreciated the challenges families were facing and so took the decision to continue to not approve term time holidays but to temporarily suspend parental fines. This year (from September 2022), Notre Dame will be returning to its pre-pandemic stance and will recommence submission of parent fines for term time holidays unless they are in truly exceptional circumstances. Please be aware, weddings are not classed as exceptional circumstances.

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Free 'Pre-Loved' Uniform

Finally, we would like to remind parents of our offer of free 'pre-loved', washed and ironed items of Notre Dame uniform. If, for any reason, you child has lost or damaged an item of uniform that you are finding difficult to replace quickly, please do not hesitate to confidentially and discreetly contact our College Chaplain at



rwall18.341@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk

For the very latest uniform and equipment guidance, please [click on this section of the website.](#)

**WE WISH EVERY NOTRE DAME FAMILY
A PEACEFUL AND SAFE WEEKEND.**

Mr Duffy

Students and Staff get ready to celebrate... LANGUAGES!

Monday 26th September will be European Day of Languages a day to celebrate linguistic diversity, greater intercultural understanding and the rich cultural heritage of our continent.

Notre Dame Students and Staff will be celebrating throughout the day, led by our wonderful Modern Foreign Languages Department! The whole school (students and teachers!) will take part in a language quiz during form time and morning briefing to test their knowledge and highlight the benefits of learning another language and the various ways languages have adapted and evolved over time.

Spanish music will be played during lesson change over periods to capture the spirit of the celebration. Students studying Spanish will take part in activities throughout the day and all students will be invited to take part in a competition!

Competition Rules:

- Students will be shown many different ways of how to say 'hello' in lots of different languages.
- Many of your teachers will have one of these greetings on their lanyards on Monday.
- Students can collect an entry sheet from any of the language teachers on Monday. This will have a list of teachers they need to find!
- Find the teachers on the list throughout the day.
- Copy down the correct spelling of the greeting on their lanyard.
- Work out the language of each greeting.
- Students can hand in their completed form to any teacher with their name and form by registration time on Tuesday morning.

There will be prizes for the most accurately completed sheets!

**OPENING
DOORS**

¡BUENA SUERTE!

Thank you to our friends at LFC's Red Neighbours for generously donating 200 tickets for our students & families to this week's Women's Super League match! We hope they enjoy the Barclay's Women's Super League Derby – Liverpool vs Everton!

Good luck to the players - we're sure there'll be a fantastic atmosphere on Sunday whoever you support!

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Hi!

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Hola!

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

**MON 26TH
SEPTEMBER**



Cashless Catering

From January 2023 Notre Dame Catholic College will no longer be accepting cash for transactions in the school canteen. All purchases must be made via a student's Parent Pay account. It is important therefore that you sign up to ParentPay which will allow all students to pay using the fingerprint scanners at the till stations in the canteen with the money being deducted directly from their account.



Benefits of a cashless system:

- Convenience of paying for college meals. No more looking for change every morning.
- Discourages the misuse of dinner money through spending in shops outside of the college grounds.
- Specific food allergy ingredients can be barred automatically.
- Healthy eating is encouraged.
- Queuing times are reduced through increased speed of service.
- Automatic free meal allocation with the pupil remaining anonymous
- A more efficient delivery of service helps the caterer to provide wholesome, healthy and enjoyable meals at a low cost.
- Alleviates many of the associated problems with the use of cash i.e. loss, theft and bullying.

If you need help or guidance accessing your Parent Pay account, please call the school office for further information on 0151 330 5122.

INSET Day Reminder: Friday 30th September 2022

Students and Parents are reminded that next Friday 30th September will be an Inset day and therefore students will not be in school.



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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

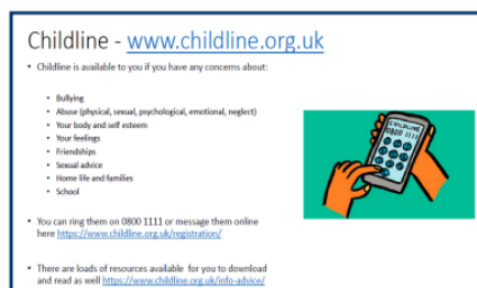
Samaritans Support for anyone who needs to talk
116 123 (Call)

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

www.notredameliverpool.com/safeguarding/