

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### Theme for the week - **Love your neighbour**

To coincide with national Anti-Bullying Week, this week's theme was '**Love Your Neighbour**'.

It provided us with further opportunity to explore our Charity core value, reflecting on 'the greatest commandment' and taking inspiration from those who have led charitable, generous and courageous lives such as the Polish priest of Auschwitz, Maximilian Kolbe.



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MR DUFFY  
HEADTEACHER

## Year 11 Mock Interviews



Also this week, Year 11 have continued with their fantastic careers programme by taking part in mock interviews with some amazing volunteers from local businesses and organisations. We cannot thank these volunteers enough for giving up their time so generously to help prepare our students for next months' work experience week and the world of work. The feedback from staff, students and interviewers has been fantastic. 'Thank you' to all involved and to Mrs Hall for organising this great experience.

**Read the full story on page 5.**

You can also watch a compilation video of 'Top Tips' from post-16 providers on our YouTube channel [here](#)

## Merseyside Police Hate Crime Assemblies

Continuing with the theme of anti-bullying, students in Years 7, 10 and 11 also took part in a fantastic presentation from Merseyside Police exploring types of bullying, impacts of bullying along with some examples of hate crime with reference to specific examples of crimes in Liverpool that have been reported in the media. 'Thank you' to Mrs Brennan for organising such a thought-provoking and informative session. Further information on these assemblies can be seen inside this week's newsletter.



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## Free 'Pre-Loved' Uniform



We would like to remind parents and carers of our 'Pre-Loved' free uniform offer. As we shared at the start of the academic year, so many Notre Dame families have generously donated 'pre-loved', washed and ironed items of Notre Dame uniform. If, for any reason, your 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](mailto:rwall18.341@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk)

For the very latest uniform and equipment guidance, see inside this week's newsletter or please click on [this section of the website](#).

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

**Mr Duffy**



## Anti-Bullying Week

This week is national Anti-Bullying Week, reminding us that preventing and stopping bullying is a responsibility we all hold. This year's theme is #ReachOut encouraging everyone - students, parents, teachers and our whole community to reach out to one another for support and to take a stand against bullying. Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out. It takes courage, but it can change lives. So, this Anti-Bullying Week, we've been encouraging our students to come together and reach out to stop bullying.



Students have enjoyed a visit from Rachel Roberts from Merseyside Police this week who has delivered assemblies to Year 7, 10 and 11 about Anti-Bullying initiatives and Hate Crime.

We encourage you to remind your child there are support networks at school they can reach out to, whether it is their Form Tutor, Head of Year, their Subject Teacher or our Chaplain Miss Wall, there will always be someone who will be ready to take the time to listen to any problems or concerns they may have.

We would also like to remind Parents and Students that if you ever have a worry or concern of a serious nature, please contact our Safeguarding Team. You can do this directly by speaking to our designated **Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Brennan** or **Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Littleboy**.

There is also the option to use our Whisper service online to disclose information to our Safeguarding Team:

## Who can use Whisper? Parents/Carers/Students



- Do you need to inform the **safeguarding team** about **a safeguarding issue**?
- Would you like to do it **anonymously**?
- **\*Neglect \* Abuse \* Bullying \* Sexual harassment \* Peer on Peer Abuse \* Threats \***
- **\*Criminal exploitation \* Drugs/Alcohol \* Worried about a friend \***
- Use the **QR code** to access the online form or visit <https://forms.office.com/r/WfTPCFWANz>
- You can either fill in your name on the form or you can fill out the information **anonymously** – it is up to you! If you fill out your name and leave a contact number we will contact you.
- We **all have a responsibility** to help our young people before they come to harm
- The online reports will be monitored during term time and will be checked on a daily basis Monday to Friday
- **Remember – if someone is at risk you should phone Careline 0151 233 3700 if it is an emergency phone 999**



You can access this form via the QR Code or via our [Safeguarding Page](#).



## ***Mock Interviews:***

Our Year 11 Students gained real-life insight and experience today in mock interviews with industry experts. We welcomed representatives from companies including BT, Mott MacDonald, Accor, Novotel Hotel, The Learning Foundry, L & R Roadlines, Buckingham Group. Our experts ranged from Managing Directors to Field Engineers and gave students a taste of real-world interview experience. This was followed up by practical advice and guidance based on their performance to hone their interview skills for the future.

**Year 11 student Mia said, "It was a really good experience. I felt like I prepared well before it and they gave me some tips on how to improve for any interviews I might have in the future. I enjoyed it!"**

**Managing Director of L & R Roadlines, Michael Littleboy, said, "The students did really well. We discussed what skills can make someone stand out to an employer and how important it is to get those across at interview."**

**Christine Dow, Senior Ecologist at Global Company, Mott MacDonald echoed this, saying, "What I look for when interviewing our Graduate Candidates is what soft skills they can bring to the role. By this I mean that we consider things like, how will they fit into the team? Are they enthusiastic and motivated to learn? It's those skills which sets a candidate apart to an employer from a strong set of CVs."**

**Our Careers Advisor, Mrs Hall, said, "It was a fantastic experience for our Year 11 students to meet with real employers from a variety of professions and industries to work on their interview skills and gain practical insights and advice. A big thank you to all the Interviewers who took part for taking time out of their busy schedules to support our students."**



## Calling all budding Actors and Actresses:

Students are welcome to join us at our **Drama Club, every Thursday 3-4pm in the Dorothy Stang Theatre**. Students of all ages are welcome to come along and have some fun, make new friends and grow in confidence!



*If your child is interested, please ask them to contact Mrs Fitzpatrick (Pod 7) to find out more.*

**OPENING  
DOORS**

**OPENING  
MINDS**

## UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT REMINDERS

A smart uniform encourages a sense of community and develops a sense of pride and self-respect. Please continue to encourage your child to ensure they arrive at school with the correct uniform and equipment ready for a successful school day. Take a look at our handy checklists below as a reminder of what students require:

 <b>REMEMBER!</b> UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS		 <b>REMEMBER!</b> EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST	
<p>Notre Dame Full Uniform includes:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Tie</li><li>✓ Jumper</li><li>✓ Grey Socks</li><li>✓ Blazer</li><li>✓ Smart Grey Trousers / Skirt</li><li>✓ Black Shoes</li></ul>		<p><b>ARE THEY READY TO LEARN?</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2 Black or Blue pens</li><li>Colouring pencils</li><li>Pencils</li><li>Eraser</li><li>Sharpener</li><li>Ruler</li><li>School bag big enough to hold A4 size documents / files</li><li>School planner (Y7) or Timetable (provided by school)</li></ul>	

Further details of our school uniform can be [found here](#).



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### **Notre Dame Pantry**

We realise in these difficult and different times that there may be some families who need that little extra support. As a community, we'd like to remind you that Notre Dame is offering the service of "The Pantry" to all of our families as we support each other.

The Pantry is a confidential service (foodbank) run by Notre Dame, whereby you can contact Miss Wall, our School Chaplain, and ask for help with items of shopping, food and toiletries, that you are unable to afford at the moment during these challenging times. You may only need to use The Pantry once, or you may need to use it on a more regular basis. You don't even need to share information with your child.

If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Wall either by telephone or email ([rwall18.341@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:rwall18.341@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk)). Remember you are not on your own in this – we are all in it together!



## **OPENING HEARTS**

### **Educate Awards**

We're delighted to have been nominated for an award at the prestigious Educate Award which will take place this evening (Friday 18th November). We've been nominated for SEND Provision of the year and we're delighted at the recognition our fantastic SEND department continue to receive for the hard work and efforts they put in to ensure our school is a truly inclusive environment for learning and all students are able to open hearts, minds and doors to achieve their full potential.

**Wish us luck!**



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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/>

Childline - [www.childline.org.uk](http://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/information/>

• 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

### 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/](http://www.notredameliverpool.com/safeguarding/)