

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Prize Giving Evening



What a night! We would like to begin this week's newsletter by extending a huge **'THANK YOU'** to every Notre Dame family, friend, partner and governor who came in their hundreds to celebrate our first face-to-face prize giving for three years. The evening was packed with awards, memories, performances from our famous Notre Dame choir and speeches from the truly inspirational Margaret Aspinall and great friend of Notre Dame, LFC Chaplain, Bill Bygroves. We would also like to thank every member of staff who have worked so hard to make this prize giving (my first!) such a memorable one.

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MR DUFFY
HEADTEACHER

FRI 25TH NOVEMBER
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A selection of our Prize Winners (L-R): Lewis Connolly, Luke Burns, Connor Melia, Joseph Riley, Tracey Basue, Alisha Moulds and Guest Speakers' Margaret Aspinall and Bill Bygroves addressing our audience.

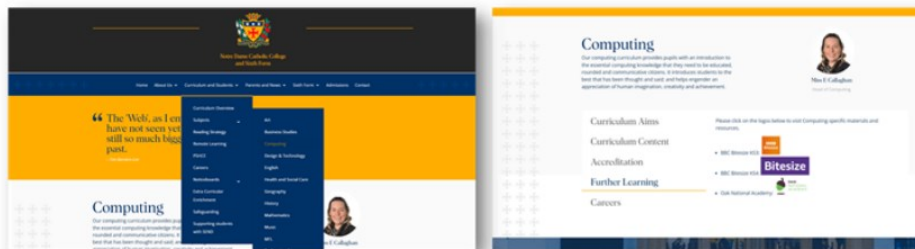
Forthcoming Year 11 and 13 Mock Examinations



We would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents of Years 11 and 13 that their mock examination series begins on **Monday 5th December**. Students have been provided with revision lists and materials in all examined subjects, either in class or via Class Charts. Please support your children in committing time out of school hours to prepare for these important examinations. **The more students prepare for these mocks, the greater their value in identifying gaps** in learning that we can address in the new term.

Students and parents can still visit the [BBC Bitesize Top Revision Tips website](#) 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.



Theme for the Week – Equality



In this week's collective worship and assemblies, we explored the theme of equality. We reflected on the mission of Sr Dorothy Stang SND who fought for the rights and equality of the Amazonian community in Brazil, a cause she tragically died fighting for in 2005. We also reflected on the unequal impact of the global climate change crisis around the world, reflecting on how this month's COP27 Climate Change Conference in Egypt is trying to address the inequality.

Year 9 Parents Evening – Thursday 1st December

Thursday 1st December sees our face-to-face Year 9 Parents' Evening. On this evening, we welcome parents of Year 9 to come and meet with your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress through the year so far, how they performed in across the full range of subjects and how they prepare for the Year 9 GCSE Option Evening event on Thursday 8th December.

Appointments are available from 3.15pm. Please book your appointment slots with subject teachers.



In our prayers



In this month of Remembrance, we continue to pray for and remember all those who we have loved and lost. We remember in particular, all those names mentioned on our Remembrance table in the Chapel and we also memory Ava White, whose passing we commemorate today.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them May they rest in peace. Amen.

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

Mr Duffy

Yr 10 Students deliver first MVP workshop to Yr7

18 of our Year 10 students displayed fantastic **courage** and **confidence** this week delivering presentations to our students in Year 7 as part of their **Mentors in Violence Prevention Programme**.

Our students took part in workshops at the end of last term with Mentors from MYA (Merseyside Youth Association) to develop their knowledge and skills to become mentors themselves and to advocate against violence and bullying for their peers. This was the first stage in their project which will see them deliver workshops to our Year 7 students with the goal of creating a whole school, peer support approach to the prevention of violence and bullying.



Sophie, from MYA explained:

"Merseyside Youth Association's Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) is a peer education programme that provides young people with the language and framework to explore and challenge the attitudes, beliefs and cultural norms that underpin gender-based violence, bullying and other forms of abuse, while building resilience and promoting positive mental health."



"By supporting schools to have a 'whole school', student-led approach to early intervention and prevention of bullying, harassment and risky behaviours, the programme empowers pupils to identify and communicate concerns with peers and school staff alike."

"This was the first time the students had to put themselves in front of their peers to deliver a session and they did a fantastic job. They will continue to deliver sessions to the Year 7 group and then identify 3 core areas to work on as a whole school project which will be identified by the Year 7 pupils they have worked with."

Well done to all students involved! We look forward to sharing more on this project as it develops.

YPAS Assemblies

A big thank you to the team from YPAS (Young Person Advisory Service) who have been delivering sessions this week on issues surrounding Domestic Violence and the importance of having safe and healthy relationships.



www.ypas.org.uk

Safety

Why talk about safety?

You have a right to grow up in a safe environment and be healthy and happy.



How do we
feel in a
Healthy
Relationship



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Notre Dame WINS SEND Provision Award!

We are delighted to announce we WON at the Educate Awards held in Liverpool City Centre last Friday 18th November. The awards which took place in Liverpool's iconic Anglican Cathedral celebrated the very best of the North West region's Education sector. We were absolutely thrilled to be announced as the winners of the SEND Provision Award sponsored by SENDSCOPE.

Our very own Mr McVerry and Mrs Sweeney had the full red carpet experience and were delighted to represent the college and accept the award.

Mr McVerry said:

"We are committed to inclusion in Notre Dame Catholic College and it is at the heart of every decision that we make. We have seen an overall increase in pupils with SEND over the past two years and our overall awareness, as a school has improved and through training and improved referral pathways we have been able to support more families and pupils with their individual needs. This award signifies a pivotal point on our journey."



Aspire Students Focus on: **Charity**

Students part of our ASPIRE Centre have been focussing on our core value this half term '**Charity**' as one of NDCC's core values, building on from the successful previous half term which focused on '**Confidence**'. We have teamed up with the Anne Fowler House (the Salvation Army Homeless shelter off London road) nearby in order to give our students a bespoke experience, and opportunity to make a difference in the community, that hopefully will last in their memories for years to come.

So far our students have-

- Met staff and residents
- Made Christmas decorations for the communal areas at the shelter
- Made Christmas Cards

And every Tuesday, we bake/cook for them, which we take down there every Wednesday!

Mark Spencer-Arneaud (chaplain for the shelter) was amazed with how well our students applied themselves and is looking forward to building more opportunities for our students in the near future!

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Light a candle for Ava



On the anniversary of Ava's passing, we lit a candle in her memory. Ava's family has issued a city wide request to light a candle at **6pm this evening (Friday 25th November 2022)** to remember Ava and the light she brought to this world.

Attendance Challenge update

Our Form Group Attendance Challenge continues! Take a look at this week's leaderboard:



FORM GROUP CHALLENGE - ATTENDANCE

CURRENT LEADERBOARD

Year 7	7Dorothy in the lead - followed closely by 7Francoise
Year 8	8Francoise is still in the lead with 21 points!
Year 9	9Patricia has taken the lead - followed by 9Dorothy
Year 10	10Dorothy has taken the lead followed by 10Francoise
Year 11	11Thomas is in the lead with 17 points!



Keep up the Good Work!

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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

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