

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### Theme for the week - **Remembrance**

To coincide with the commemoration of Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, this week's theme and assemblies focused on the theme of Remembrance. Assemblies encouraged students to reflect on why we mark Remembrance Sunday and give thanks for the freedoms we all enjoy due to the sacrifices made by so many. Our reflections culminated in a whole school service on Friday morning which was observed impeccably throughout the school. Many thanks to Miss Cavanagh for producing such poignant resources this week.



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MR DUFFY  
HEADTEACHER



## School Attendance - Form Group Challenge!



As we enter the darker and colder weeks of winter, we would like to stress the significance of strong, unbroken attendance for all students. Last week, Mrs Shrimpton and our fantastic attendance team launched our Form Group Challenge which outlined the trips and rewards on offer to the form group with the best attendance this half term. These range from cinema trips to mini golf and visits to Liverpool's Christmas markets – students literally need to be **"in it to win it!"**


**Good luck to all form groups!**

## Medical Appointments

With this in mind, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the College's procedure for students who have medical appointments.

1. On the day of the appointment, students must show either an appointment letter or a parent note (on paper or in their planner) to our Student Services desk during Form Time.
2. Our Student Services Team will issue your child with a pink slip that looks like the image below.
3. When your child needs to leave school, they show their pink slip to their classroom teacher and report to main reception where they will be signed out of school.

The College's Tannoy system is intended to be used for emergencies only, not to call students down for routine medical appointments, as Tannoy announcements can unnecessarily interrupt learning in classrooms.

Date	Pupil's / Student's Name	Year / Form	Reason for Absence	Time Out	Person Authorising Absence
<b>AUTHORISED ABSENCE PASS</b> The above pupil / student is authorised to be out of school on the date and time specified above					
 <b>NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC COLLEGE</b> Great Homer Street, Liverpool L5 5AF Tel: 0151 235 1600					
No. 027725		This pass must be returned to the school office		Expected return time:	



## 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 **Parentapps Connect** onto your smart phones. Parentapps Connect 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.

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

Mr Duffy

## ***Remembering Amelia, Ava and Joan***

Coinciding with our week's theme and the month of November celebrating Remembrance, it seems fitting that we were able to unveil the memorial benches for our students Amelia Roxburgh and Ava White alongside a memorial plaque for our former dinner lady, Joan Morton this week.



A service was held in the school chapel, led by our Chaplain Miss Wall and Father Richard, to remember the amazing character and light that Amelia, Ava and Joan each brought to our Notre Dame community during their time with us. We were joined by their friends in Year 9, Year 11 and our staff members from the school canteen to remember them and reflect on their lives.

Each memorial item was blessed with Holy Water during the service and Year 11 student, Amber, also read a touching poem in honour of Amelia, Ava and Joan.

The money raised at fundraising events held in Amelia and Ava's honour was used to purchase their memorial benches which will have pride of place in our school and be a place where our Notre Dame Community can visit, sit and remember Amelia and Ava.

The memorial plaque for Joan will feature in our lower school canteen alongside a photograph as tribute to Notre Dame's 'most glamorous' dinnerlady.





### ***Auschwitz Visit***

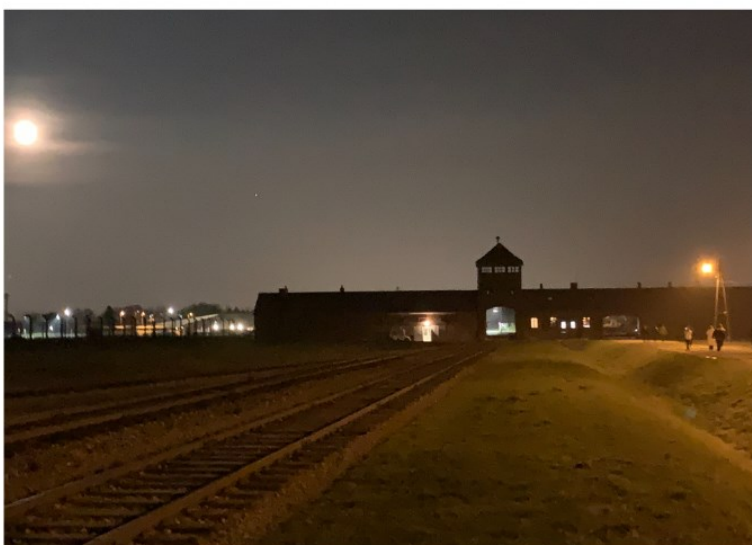
On Wednesday 9th November 4 of our Sixth Form Students took part in an educational visit to Poland alongside History Teacher, Mr Bond to visit Auschwitz, Birkenhau. Year 12 students, Maggie and Leah were joined by Year 13 Head students Paul and Louis. Louis shared the following experience of their trip:

"On Wednesday we spent the day at Auschwitz 1 and Auschwitz 2, also known as Auschwitz Birkenhau. The day was full of learning about the hardships that the Jewish people had to endure under Nazi occupation and how they tried to survive in those inhumane camps. Before we visited the concentration camps, we firstly visited Oswiecim. We visited this town because this was where the Jewish community lived before they were deported to Auschwitz and we learnt about how they loved and how the Jewish people of Oswiecim had a thriving community before the Nazi invasion. After the visit to Oswiecim, we then travelled to Auschwitz 1. We had a tour guide showing us and explaining to us the tragedies the Jewish people had to live through. Furthermore, when walking through the exhibits looking at all of the belongings of the Jewish people it really showed the depth of destruction that was caused. When walking through the exhibit of human hair you experience a feeling that is indescribable.

Finally, we visited Auschwitz, Birkenhau and upon going through the gates at Birkenhau you were hit with this overwhelming sense of loss and destruction. During our visit we looked at how the Jewish people lived and how their lives were taken away and once we finished the tour of Birkenhau we had a ceremony for those who died and this was an experience I will never forget."

***Louis Smith, Y13***

## **OPENING HEARTS**





## ***Year 10 boys football V West Derby School 8/11/22***

### **Match report by Mr Townson**

The afternoons weather definitely mirrored the game- ferocious!

The squad was missing a few key players however spirits were high amongst the boys prior to kick off. Having started really well, we went down 0-1 to a penalty. It was very much against the grain although we went straight back at it, another goal conceded. Heads started to wobble, however there was always the belief that our footballing ability and leadership particularly in midfield- that we would raise our game.

Joseph G took charge in midfeild- a commanding period in the game that saw him net a well earned goal, which we hoped would kick us on. Sadly they responded with a very well worked goal.

### **HT 1-3**



There were a few minor changes made to team shape and specific instructions sent out- all the boys committed to the ideas. Ellis, Year 9 came out of the traps 1st- orchastrating a move that ended up with him netting! 2-3 game on!

Cometh the moment, cometh the man- Josh G with another fine strike after winning the ball back in midfield. 3-3! Scenes!!!!!!

They continued with this idea and tempo all the way- Emerson scoring with a pure strikers finish- 4-3 and we hoped we'd have enough to hang on with just 6 minutes to go....

The west derby left winger had other ideas- weaving through 3 of our challenges and slotting an amazing goal. 4-4....

**Onto penalites.** We were mentally spent at this point so it was critical to keep calm heads and positive mindsets... enter the cat- Josh K! Josh saved the 1st penalty which put us in the driving seat and with Charlie, Gilbo, Ellis, Emerson all scoring- it was 4-4....

### **Sudden death!!!!**

Lewis P had a stunning game albeit up against two very capable WD defenders, and it was all on him to take the next penalty... if he scores, we win.....

**Cooly dispatched like a journeyman professional!** Needless to say, it was comfortably the moment of the year for the team! Onwards to the next round we go!

Thoroughly amazing, **well done lads!**



### YEAR 7 & 8 – A league of their own!

Our Year 10 boys weren't the only ones to taste success in the Football field this week. Our Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in a football tournament at Simpsons playing fields. It was a World Cup event arranged by the LSSP with a total of 24 teams taking part.

Both teams for Notre Dame did really well. One even qualifying to the knock out stages after topping their group unbeaten, sadly getting pipped to the post on penalties at the final round.

They are however, comfortably sitting at the top of their league! Well done all!!



#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Notre Dame Catholic College B	5	5	0	0	12	0	12	15
2	Childwall Sports and Science Academy A	5	3	1	1	9	2	7	10
3	St Hilda's CE High School B	5	3	1	1	4	3	1	10
4	Kings Leadership Academy Liverpool A	5	2	0	3	7	8	-1	6
5	Alsop High School A	5	1	0	4	1	7	-6	3
6	Dixons Fazakerley Academy B	5	0	0	5	0	13	-13	0



### Year 10 Leadership Event – Athletics

A number of Year 10 Sport Studies students helped run a primary school indoor athletics event at Everton Park sports centre this week. Over 20 primary school across the city took part. The event ran very smoothly thanks to the efficiency of the sports leaders. They were a credit to Notre Dame, demonstrating **courtesy** and **confidence**.





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### **Educate Awards**

We're delighted to have been nominated for an award at the prestigious Educate Award which will take place on 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 inclusive and all students are able to open hearts, minds and doors to achieve their full potential.

**Wish us luck!**



### **Parent App Connect & Class Charts**



## **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, [CLICK HERE!](#)

## **How to... Parent App Connect**

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.

For more tips and a comprehensive guide to downloading Parent App, [CLICK HERE!](#)



### **Online Safety – Useful links**

Take a look at some of the useful links and user guides below to support your child to stay safe online.

#### **BeReal – A guide for parents and carers to the new social media app:**

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/bereal-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-to-the-new-social-media-app>

#### **Grandparents Guide to online safety:**

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/grandparents-guide-to-online-safety/>

#### **How to start a conversation with your child about using a phone safely:**

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

#### **Advice about key social media platforms and apps**


<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>


#### **How to start a conversation with your child about gaming safely:**

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/games-consoles>

There are a host of guides available via the following link including guidance to support online bullying and what you need to know about various social media platforms including Instagram, Reddit, Steam and more:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>



  
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**What Parents Need to Know about How to Combat Online Bullying**

This week's free online safety guide focuses on combatting online bullying. It highlights a number of tips such as playing online games with your child, talking about your child's online life and being prepared to listen without showing any judgement or criticism.





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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 Gloman 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/)