

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### Year 10 Mock Exams

We would like to begin this week's newsletter by congratulating Year 10 on a fantastic assessment week. All assessments have been held in the exam hall under full exam conditions. The maturity and focus that has been applied by students to this invaluable learning experience has been impressive. This bodes well for the year ahead and we urge all students to continue to show this diligence and maturity in the weeks and months ahead. **'Well done' to all involved.**



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MR DUFFY  
HEADTEACHER

## Sixth Form Parents' Evening

We would like to thank all parents and carers who attended our sixth form Parents' Evening last night. We hope you found your consultations with subject tutors informative and insightful.

## Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 19th January

Next Thursday, we welcome all Year 11 parents to attend our face-to-face Parents' Evening event. This event has been timed so that subject teachers can provide detailed feedback on areas of strength and gaps in knowledge that were evidenced in their recent mock examinations.

**These consultations are vital in ensuring the success of your sons and daughters in the forthcoming mock exams and in the summer. Parents will receive your child's reports in the post earlier in the week.**



## Theme for the Week – **Courtesy**



This week's theme for collective worship and reflection focused on our **Courtesy** core value. We reflected on good manners that are built on mutual respect, appreciation and love. We explore real-life scenarios and topical issues that best exemplify St Julie's message that "a simple soul is affectionate and attentive to the needs of others." To learn more about what courtesy means to us here at Notre Dame, what last year's assembly on our website [here](#).

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

**Mr Duffy**



## Year 9 Leadership Event – Athletics Competition

Our Year 9 students supported a Primary Athletics Competition held at our College Sports Hall on Friday 13th January. Over 40 primary schools are taking part in the School Sports competition with 2 heats at Notre Dame and 2 sessions at SFX next week, with the winning primary school teams going through to the national finals.

Our Year 9 students supported the primary aged athletes through their challenges, taking charge and displaying fantastic leadership skills and our core College values of **courage** and **confidence**.

Students also showed great **courtesy** and respect working with the staff from LSSP and the various visitors (staff and students) from each primary school.

**A great experience! Well done all.**

## OPENING HEARTS





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### ***Science Club explore Newton's Third Law of Motion!***

Year 7 Science Club investigated why certain balloon rockets travel further than others this week! If you're interested in attending Science Club, speak to Miss O'Hare for more information or contact Miss McCullen to find out what other Enrichment Clubs / Opportunities are available!

**OPENING  
MINDS**



### ***Flourish at Tatton Park***

Students within our Flourish group had a great day at Tatton Park, where we experienced the life of Victorian servants. What better way than to become a servant for the day. The students had the best time and went home very tired after a hard day's work!



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## Resonate Sessions

Resonate Music Studios is back this week. Wednesday evenings 4pm – 6.30pm open to any students who attend Notre Dame.

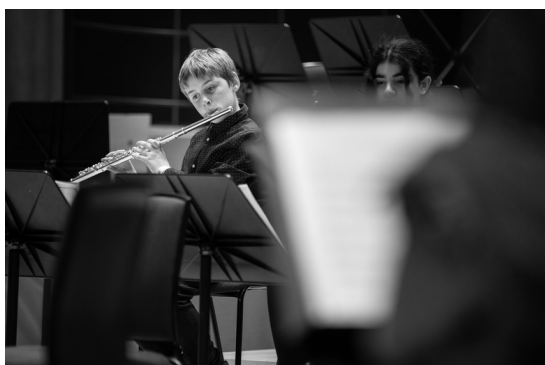
We have our new Resonate Sessions for budding Rock and Pop stars who play Guitar, Bass Guitar Keyboard, Drums or sing from 5pm – 6.30pm

Other groups include the Let's Play Orchestra for those students who have recently started learning to play an instrument, 4pm – 5pm and for the more advanced players at Notre Dame the Resonate Youth Philharmonic Orchestra for grade 2 upwards.



This year many of our ensembles will be performing at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, The Tung Auditorium and performing as part of the Eurovision celebrations.

**For more information and to register for an ensemble see Mr Curtis based in the Resonate/Music Department or visit [resonatehub.co.uk](https://resonatehub.co.uk).**



## Sixth Form Host Coffee Morning

Six Sixth Form students are planning to take a pilgrimage this Easter to Lourdes, France and visit their famous healing waters. As part of their fundraising efforts for the trip, our students held a Coffee Morning in the staff room where a selection of hot drinks, cakes and sweet treats were available for staff members to purchase.

Thank you to all the staff who donated generously during the coffee morning and to our students for co-ordinating and hosting the event. We can't wait to hear more of their trip later this year!





## Spring Term Challenges

### **Year 11 – Points = PROM!!**

We have launched a challenge for **ALL YEAR 11** students to be in with a chance of winning their Prom Ticket. This will work on a points based system with students given the opportunity to earn points from the first day back after Christmas and run up until the final day of the Spring Term.

- **1 point = 1 week 100% attendance (including form time, every lesson and PHSCE)**
- **1 point = Attendance to ANY Afterschool Revision Session - the more sessions you attend the more points you can earn!**



Any student who earns 50 points within the Spring Term will have their prom ticket paid for by the school (approximate value of £40).

Details of our Year 11 prom are being finalised and will be shared with you shortly and details of our programme of extra-curricular sessions (after school revision and catch up classes) will also be made available.

## Spring Term Attendance Challenge

Our Spring Term Attendance Challenge is now underway and will run from the beginning of this term, 4th January up until the final week of Spring Term (which ends on 31st March).

**All KS3 & Ks4 students who achieve 100% attendance in this time will be rewarded with a cinema trip in the final week of term.**

Good Luck all!

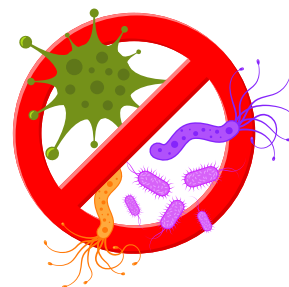


## School Immunisation Service

Thank you to all the team from The Liverpool School Immunisation Service who attended on Friday 13th January 2023 to offer pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 their annual flu vaccination and the HPV vaccination for Year 9 students that had not received their 2 doses.

If your child missed their vaccination or you have any queries, Parents/Carers can contact the team directly by calling 0151 295 3833.

The team will be back to offer vaccinations to Year 8, 9 and 10 later in the year. Further details will be sent out via ParentApp when required.



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## Children's Mental Health Week (6–12 Feb) – Parent Event

YPAS and the Education Mental Health Teams will be hosting a virtual parent/carer coffee event on Monday 6th February, 10am -12pm. Grab a hot drink and join two of Alder Hey's Parenting Practitioners for a discussion on secondary school Children's Mental Health week and it's theme which is connection. The conversations will be around connecting with others and supporting your children to navigate relationships.

Please note: this is a virtual event hosted via Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please use the link in this email to register your attendance and you will receive a link to your email address on the morning of the event itself.



[Click here for more info and to book online](#)

## Cost of Living – Liverpool City Council

January can be a difficult financial month for many families. If you are struggling with the rising cost of living Liverpool City Council have various resources you can access for support.

Please see listed below:



Many residents are currently struggling with rising living costs. That's why it's important to know what help and support is available now that could benefit you, a relative, friend or neighbour.

[liverpool.gov.uk/coll](https://liverpool.gov.uk/coll)

For more information visit:

[LIVERPOOLGOV.UK/COL](https://liverpool.gov.uk/coll)

### Struggling with the cost of living?

If you need money to buy food, sanitary products, essential items for children, essential clothing or cover fuel costs.

If you need white goods, furniture or help to set up home after suffering an emergency or crisis, call our Liverpool Citizens Support Scheme on freephone 0800 456 1523

### Check if you're eligible for benefits

We've helped our residents claim over £10 million in additional benefits in the past year through our benefits maximisation service.

Get benefits advice or help claiming benefits at [liverpool.gov.uk/bms](https://liverpool.gov.uk/bms) or check if you qualify online at [gov.uk/benefits-calculators](https://gov.uk/benefits-calculators). You can also call freephone 0800 028 3697

You can also speak to your landlord if you're a social housing tenant.

### Get help with rent or Council Tax

If you're unemployed or on a low income you may be eligible to receive Council Tax Support. If you already receive this and are still left with a shortfall, you could get extra help through a discretionary housing payment. Visit [liverpool.gov.uk/housingbenefits](https://liverpool.gov.uk/housingbenefits) or call free phone 0800 028 3697

You may also qualify for a Council Tax discount or exemption - find out at [liverpool.gov.uk/counciltax](https://liverpool.gov.uk/counciltax) or call free phone 0800 028 3686

### Worried about debt?

The council has an agreement in place with Citizens Advice Liverpool for providing debt advice and signposting to other advice organisations

For Citizens Advice Liverpool call 0344 848 7700 or visit [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money)

### Homeless or in rent arrears

Housing Options provides help and advice if you are homeless or threatened with homelessness.

Call us on freephone 0800 731 6844

### Struggling to feed your family?

If you are struggling to feed your family, you can get a referral to your local foodbank for an emergency food parcel from a range of agencies including, Children's Centres, Job Centres, GPs and many local community organisations.

For more information and details of your nearest foodbank visit [liverpool.gov.uk/foodbanks](https://liverpool.gov.uk/foodbanks)

Community Food Spaces are places where local people come together around good food. Scan the QR code to find your nearest one.



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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 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/)