

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

NEU Strike Action – 1st February 2023

Further to last weeks' newsletter and yesterday's Parent App message, we can confirm that due to the number of colleagues taking part in the NEU strike action, **Years 11, 13 and in Flourish will still attend school for face-to-face learning on Wednesday 1st February and should attend school at their normal time.**

Students in **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and 12 will be learning at home.** All work will be set via Class Charts. Plans for subsequent strike days (28th Feb, 15th and 16th March) will be communicated nearer the time. We thank all Notre Dame parents and carers for their support, understanding and patience in managing these days.

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MR DUFFY
HEADTEACHER

'Young Writers' Competition Success



Last term, our fabulous librarian, Miss Dennis, held a creative writing club which included students submitting entries to a 100-word story competition called 'Young Writers'. We are delighted to announce that ten of those pupils have been picked to have their stories published in a collection of short stories! They also have the chance to win a prize of £50 but the overall winners are still to be announced. In the meantime, students have been awarded their 'Young Writers' certificates and bookmarks. Successful entries came from students ranging from Years 7 to 11 – an amazing achievement. **'Well done' to all involved.**

Theme of the Week: Holocaust Memorial Day



This week, like many schools across the country, students have been reflecting on the events of the Holocaust during collective worship and a poignant assembly from Miss Cavanagh. Students have opened their minds to the impact of injustice and prejudice in the world and opened their hearts to remember the victims who suffered and lost their lives. Our A level historians also attended a live webcast with Holocaust survivor Ruth Posner tomorrow – a truly inspirational experience. Thanks, as always, to Miss Cavanagh for organising such a poignant week.

"Ruth's story was very inspirational and moving. I felt privileged to be able to listen to her tell it."

Rhiannon, Year 12

"It was very eye-opening. The bit that stuck with me was hearing Ruth's experience in the aftermath of escaping, with the bombs falling, hiding in the bushes and the people taking her in and helping her."

Paul, Year 13

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Feast Day Celebrations

Further to our newsletter on 6th January, we would like to remind students' and parents' that next week marks our Feast Day celebrations. We commemorate the day in 1804 when St Julie Billiart, Françoise Blin de Bourdon and Catherine Duchâtel committed themselves to God by a vow of chastity and the care and education of young girls. This was the founding day of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Amiens, France! This is a hugely significant day in our calendar and has traditionally been a day of celebration, prayer and reflection. Celebrations with culminate in a **Feast Day Service on Friday 3rd February**.

On this day, all students will finish school at 12.00 noon.



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

Mr Duffy

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Year 11 Mock Timetable

Year 11 students have Mock Examinations taking place on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February. See below:

| Date | Time | Subject | Length |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------|--|
| Monday 6th February | Lesson 1 & 2 | English | 1 hour 45 minutes |
| Monday 6th February | Lesson 4 & 5 | Chemistry | Trilogy 1 hour 15 minutes Separates 1 hour 45 minutes |
| Tuesday 7th February | Lesson 1 & 2 | Maths | 1 hour 30 minutes |

Details of revision sessions taking place during Form Time and after school can be found online here: <https://www.notredameliverpool.com/examinations/> to support your revision planning.

Save the Date! Sixth Form Taster Evening, Thursday 2nd March 2023

We will be holding a Taster Evening for Students and their Parents to attend on **Thursday 2nd March 2023 (5.30-7.45pm)**. This will be an opportunity for students to gain a full understanding of the subjects we offer at Sixth Form including what they will learn, how they will be taught and how they will be assessed. It will give them a flavour of subject content to help students decide their final option choices and also explore new subjects they may not have had the chance to study before.

Sessions are being finalised and will be available to book online shortly. Watch this space for further details!



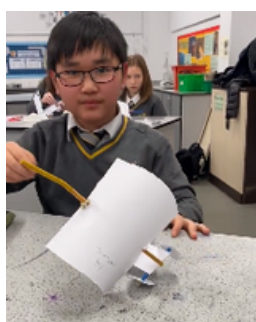
OPENING MINDS

New Display!

Look out for our new display of *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox, and The Horse*, by Charlie Mackesy in our Library! We were very pleased to have won the display materials in a recent giveaway and hope the wonderful illustrations help to inspire our students!



Science Club explores Wind Power!



This week our Science Club students created sail cars and used the power of wind to propel them across the room. It was lots of fun! If you're interested in our Science Club, please speak to Miss O'Hare for further details.



100% Attendance!

**Well done to our
FLOURISH GROUP**

#AttendanceMatters



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 are [available here](#).

| | Subject | |
|-----------|---|---|
| Monday | Spanish / RE | |
| Tuesday | History / Geography / Computing | *A small number of students may need to alternate |
| Wednesday | English / DT Product Design and Food | *A small number of students may need to alternate |
| Thursday | Maths / Separate Science (Chem Physics) | *A small number of students may need to alternate |
| Friday | Trilogy Science | |

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!

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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](#)

Road Safety – Changes to the Highway Code

Changes were made to the Highway Code last year to protect vulnerable road users. This includes, amongst others, drivers waiting to allow pedestrians to cross road junctions before making their turning manoeuvre.

Brake, the Road Safety Charity have produced a short animation highlighting these changes and what this means for drivers and pedestrians.



We would like to ask any Parents, Carers, staff and members of our local community using the roads around school, to please familiarise themselves with these updates and continue to ensure our roads are safe for our students and local community.

[You can watch Brake's animation here.](#)



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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

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