

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we welcome all students, parents and staff back from what we hope was a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Sixth Form Taster Evening

We invite our Year 11 students to join us on **Thursday 2nd March 2023, 5.30pm - 7.45pm** for our Sixth Form Taster event. Students will have the opportunity to take part in sessions organised by our expert Sixth Form Curriculum leads to discover what they can learn, how it is taught and gain a true insight into Sixth Form life. Booking is open now:

www.notredameliverpool.com/sixth-form-taster-sessions/



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MR DUFFY
HEADTEACHER

Theme of the week: **Courage** Core Value



This week's assemblies and collective worship focused on our **Courage** core value. Students explored how all courageous acts start by acknowledging what we are fearful of. Our **Courage** core value is defined as 'the inner voice that tells us to persevere through challenges and having courage in our convictions'. Together, we explored the many ways within which this core value can be lived out in our college and in the wider community. Taking inspiration from our Foundress, St Julie, and Jesus' prayer in the garden of Gethsemane.

Year 9 Castlerigg Retreat



We would like to congratulate the 30 Year 9 students who went on retreat this week to Castlerigg in the Lake District. All students engaged superbly throughout the retreat and did Notre Dame proud. A huge 'thank you' to Miss Hollis, Mr Appleton and Miss Wall for organising and leading this fantastic experience for our students. More to follow on this next week!

NEU Strike Action – 28th February 2023

Finally, we would like to remind parents and carers that due to the number of colleagues taking part in the NEU strike action on Tuesday 28th February, **Years 11, 13 and in Flourish will still attend school for face-to-face learning 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 (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.

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

Mr Duffy

Feast Day Photographs!

Before Half Term, we celebrated a very special day in our school calendar. Feast Day celebrations took place on Friday 3rd February to celebrate the anniversary of St Julie Billiart, Françoise Blin de Bourdon and Catherine Duchâtel committing themselves to God by a vow of chastity and the care and education of young girls.



Students took part in fun activities with their form groups and classes throughout the day, with celebration culminating in a whole school service and reflection on the life and mission of St Julie and how that mission is alive here at Notre Dame.

Turkey/Syria Donations – A huge THANK YOU!



As ever, we are hugely grateful for the fantastic spirit of **Charity** and generosity our Notre Dame community displays. Before Half Term, we put out an appeal for donations for those sadly affected by the Earthquakes that have taken place in Turkey and Syria. Despite only having 24 hours to collect donations, we were blown away by the amount of donations we received from our Notre Dame families and our staff.

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the appeal, to our Chaplain, Miss Wall, for organising and to all of our students who helped us to manage the donations quickly and efficiently so we could get them to those in need!



Tracey and Harry, Step into Law



During Half Term, two of our Year 12 students attended an inspirational day at **The Step into Law** event led by Liverpool Chambers and Brabners Law Firm with input from local legal firms including Weightmans, Jackson Lees Law, Carpenters Group, MSB Solicitors and In-House Legal Solutions.

Students took part in a variety of workshops including CV workshops and looking at interview techniques, demystifying Imposter Syndrome and what it means to be a lawyer, looking at the various pathways into a career in Law and support available in joining the legal industry. Students also had the opportunity to take part in a mock tribunal case and acted on behalf of the defendant or claimant.

Tracey, who has aspirations of working in Family Law, explained how useful she found the event, "It was a brilliant day. We did a whole session on myth busting and the Lawyers spoke about how there is an impression Lawyers have to be full of confidence all the time. They explained this isn't realistic and that confidence is a skill that we need to build over time, so not to put too much pressure on yourself. Hearing that from actual lawyers who are successful in what they do was really relatable."

Tracey continued to build upon her experience taking part in a 3-day legal work placement online once she returned to school!

OPENING DOORS

Harry said, "The Step into Law event was really interesting! It was a good insight into the different pathways into Law."



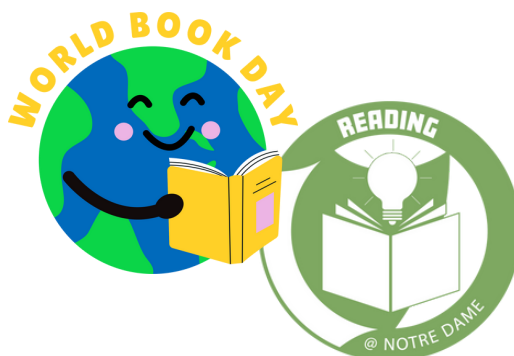
Learning Theory through Practical PE



Year 10 sport students participated in a swimming gala this week to learn about the effects of mental strategies on performance in sport. Students took part in two swimming races. They practised mental rehearsal strategies before their second race in an attempt to improve focus and motivation. Results showed that times in the second race were significantly lower. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, completing the lesson with a game of volleyball. **Congratulations to Anthony H who was the overall winner of the gala.**

World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March

We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day with students next week. Miss Dennis, our school librarian has organised a form time quiz for next Thursday and there will be exciting competitions and activities students can take part in throughout the week in the library! Pop along to Miss Dennis to get involved!



**OPENING
MINDS**

'Thank you' to our Secret Saint Helpers!

This week our ASPIRE group launched its very own version of "secret saint".

Students have been busy all week, coming up with some really kind and thoughtful ways of showing their secret saint that they care. From chocolate donuts to colouring in books, to VIP lesson opportunities and kind words on post-it notes, it has been relentless!

Our ASPIRE students have also nominated a member of staff to be their messenger (in order to keep incognito!).

Mr Townson said, "Well done to everyone who took part. There were some really amazing moments, seeing our students faces when they have given someone a helping hand, a kind word - and when they have received too! It really was representational of our amazing school!"



TOP SECRET

**OPENING
HEARTS**



Mock Timetables for w/c 27th February

Year 11 and Year 13 students have Mock Examinations taking place Monday 27th February - Friday 3rd March. See below:

Year 11 Mock Timetable

Date	Registration, Lessons 1 & 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4 & 5
Monday 27th February	English Literature Paper 2 2 hrs 15 mins	Spanish Listening F	History (Germany) Art (if you don't have History)
Tuesday 28th February	8.45 Maths (non calculator) 1hr 30 mins 10.30 English Language Paper 2 1hr 45 mins 1.00 Science - Biology, separates 1hr 45 mins, Trilogy 1 hr 15 mins		
Wednesday 1st March	Geography Art (if you don't have Geography)	Spanish Listening H Health & Social Care Creative iMedia	Maths (calculator)
Thursday 2nd March	History (Medicine) Art (if you don't have History)	Lessons as normal	Food Music Spanish (Reading & Writing) iMedia
Friday 3rd March	Computing DT	Sport Art	Science - Chemistry
Monday 6th March	Science - Physics	Health & Social Care	Geography Art (if don't have Geography)
Tuesday 7th March	English Literature Paper 1 1hr 45 mins	RE	Lessons as normal

Year 13 Mock Timetable

Date	Registration, Lessons 1 & 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4 & 5
Monday 27th February	Sociology 2 hrs	Criminology 1 hr	
Tuesday 28th February	8.45 - 11.15 English 2 hrs 30 mins (DT Sport 2 hrs 30 mins) 12.30 - 3.00 Sport, History, Geography 2 hrs 30 mins 12.30 - 2.30 Sociology* 2 hrs (not PG) * Sociology to be done at 8.45 if it clashes with Sport, History or Geography		
Wednesday 1st March	PG Sociology 2 hrs		
Friday 3rd March	10.00 - 12.30 English 2 hrs 30 mins (please ensure you bring lunch as you will not have time to go off site). Whole of Yr 13 on early lunch 12.15 - 12.45 with lesson 4 12.45 - 1.45.		

Tassomai – Revision Tool

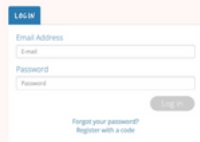
Tassomai is a revision tool Year 11 students have access to to support their learning. The package worth £44.99 individually, **is free to all using our school's unique code**. The platform uses quizzing to test and teach. The platform's algorithm means all revision resources are tailored to each student through personalised content to help organise and spread out their learning and build students knowledge.



We strongly encourage students to use the platform to assist with their revision during Mock Week and to prepare for their examinations this summer! For more information, **please ask students to speak with their subject teachers to gain the unique code to sign up!**

“How do I get started ?”

To get started, go to tassomai.com/login and choose 'Register with a code'

A registration form with fields for 'Email Address', 'Email', 'Password', and 'Confirm Password'. There is a 'Log in' button and a link for 'Forgot your password? Register with a code'.

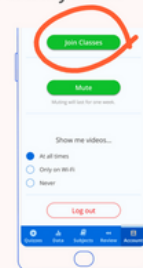
REGISTER HERE

Enter your school's **unique code** – your teacher can give you this! Create your account by filling in the details and select the class that you are in from the drop down. Get quizzing!

Using Tassomai for more than one subject?

1. Simply **create your account** and select any one of the classes that you are in.
2. Once you've done this you can then go to your settings and select 'Join Classes' to choose the remaining groups that you need to be in.

TOP TIP: once you have joined a class, you can't leave it (your teacher has to remove you) so make sure you select the correct class!



You can access Tassomai via this link: tassomai.com/login and choose 'Register with a Code'. Create your account and select 'your class/classes'. Once you have signed up you can use the free app to log in. If a student has logged in but needs to join more classes of another subject, they can go to 'User Details' and select "join classes" to add themselves to a class e.g. Science 11N4 Maths 11N3 etc.



Year 10 and Year 11 Homework Club

We will be starting our new 'Homework Club' for all **Year 10 and Year 11** students from week commencing Monday 27th February. The Homework Club will take place **every Monday and Wednesday, 3-4pm in Room 95** (Mrs Shaw). This will be a quiet space for students to complete or catch up with homework or coursework and ask for support if they need it!

We look forward to seeing you there.



Behavioural Reminders

We appreciate Parents/Guardians continued support in upholding our Behaviour Policies. Can we please remind you of our policies related to our PE Kit and Soft Drink/Fizzy drinks and Chewing Gum. Thank you!



REMEMBER!

OUR BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

FIZZY / SOFT DRINKS

If a member of staff sees a fizzy, or soft drink such as **Lucozade** or **Prime**, it will be **confiscated** and placed in the bin.

If a member of staff sees you chewing you will be asked to remove the gum and place it in the bin

Fizzy drinks have a negative impact on health and are detrimental to your ability to learn. They directly effect concentration and motivation levels and make it difficult for you to manage your behaviour.

Chewing gum creates a health risk as some students do not dispose of it correctly. It also has a negative effect on the school environment.




Full information and guidance in regards to our School Uniform, including PE kits, can be found here: <https://www.notredameliverpool.com/uniform/>



REMEMBER!

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Notre Dame Full Year 7 PE Kit includes:

- ✓ Navy & Gold branded polo top
- OR Navy & Gold half zip tracksuit top
- ✓ Navy socks



- ✓ Navy shorts or leggings with college branding OR NO logo/branding
- OR
- ✓ Navy trackuit bottoms - NO logo/branding



Year 7 students will wear PE kit all day on their timetabled PE day. Students must not 'mix & match' their PE kit with their ordinary school uniform.

Year 7



REMEMBER!

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Notre Dame PE Kit (Year 8+) includes:

- ✓ College branded navy and royal blue polo shirt.
- ✓ College branded navy skirt, skort or shorts.
- ✓ College branded hoodie (Optional).



- ✓ Navy leggings (Optional) - must be plain navy with no writing/logos/branding
- ✓ Navy socks



Students must not 'mix & match' their P.E kit with their ordinary school uniform.

Year 8+

FRI 24TH FEBRUARY
2023



NOTRE DAME
CATHOLIC
COLLEGE



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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