

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

With Thanks

We begin this week's newsletter by thanking everyone for their condolences, prayers and offers of support this week following the tragic loss of Carter Campbell. Carter was a much loved, unique and fabulously funny member of our Notre Dame family. Our deepest and most heartfelt prayers go to his amazing family and friends at this tragic time.

If your son or daughter requires any further support in the coming days and weeks, please do not hesitate to contact the college.



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MR DUFFY
HEADTEACHER

'Feast Day Celebrations

As parents and carers will be aware, this week's collective worship theme has been dominated by our Feast Day celebrations. On Thursday, we celebrated 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. Celebrations culminated today with a day of activities, celebration, prayer and a whole school reflection on the life and mission of St Julie and how that mission is alive here at Notre Dame.



We would like to thank all staff and students who contributed to the planning, preparation and delivery of such a lovely day.

'Free Breakfast

We would to remind all parents, carers and students of our **Free Breakfast offer**. If any students wish or need to arrive at school that little bit earlier, free breakfast is served at the lower servery between **8.00am and 8.40am**. This allows time for students to enjoy breakfast together before form time or assembly and also eliminates the need for students to nag parents for some money to nip into one of local food outlets on the way to school, which not only costs parents money but can often make students late for school – I think we call that a “win-win situation”. We look forward to seeing even more students for a free breakfast on Monday morning.



Theme of the Week: Identity



This week's collective worship also covered the theme of Identity. Together, we reflected on our uniqueness in God's eyes. We explored how our status, appearance, wealth, career and reputation do not shape our identity in the eyes of God. Our identity as children of God is unchanging. God is reliable. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

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

Mr Duffy

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

Year 11 After School Revision Timetable:

	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	

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.

Don't forget 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 Y11 student who earns 50 points within the Spring Term will have their prom ticket paid for by the school (approximate value of £40).

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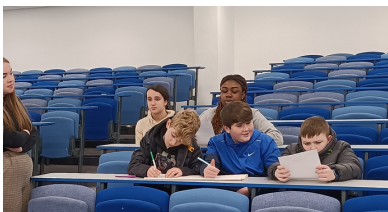
Year 8 'Into University'

On Thursday 2nd February, a group of 26 year 8 students visited the University of Liverpool, organised by staff at Into University. Into University is a national education charity that works with primary and secondary schools to raise students' future aspirations. Our group had prepared for their visit in school earlier in the week with a workshop around exploring differences between school and University and what degrees can be studied.



IntoUniversity **iu**

Year 8 were supported throughout the day by their "buddies" who were current undergraduate and postgraduate students at the University of Liverpool. Our students were able to interview their buddies and find out more about them, what they were studying and received some useful advice for the future. The group enjoyed a campus tour looking at the University's facilities and took part in a seminar around how we make new laws. Feedback from the students was very positive.



One of our year 8 students, Michael said:

"My favourite part of the day was looking at the engineering department. They had a flight simulator which my buddy Josh uses on his aerospace course. The University was much bigger than I thought it would be."

**OPENING
DOORS**

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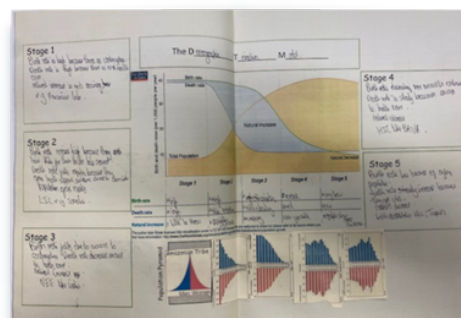


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Opening Minds in Geography!

A fantastic piece of work from Grace-Lei exploring the Demographic Transition Model in Year 9 Geography this week. Well done!

**OPENING
MINDS**



Attendance Stars!

**Well done to Form Groups 8 Julie & 9 Francoise
for their amazing attendance of 98% last week!**

#AttendanceMatters



'Thank you' to our Secret Saint Helpers!

As part of our Feast Day Celebrations this week our School Chaplain, Miss Wall, organised a 'Secret Saint' event between our College staff. Teachers and support staff have been completing a random act of kindness for the member of staff they were assigned to. Students have been getting involved too, by helping our 'Secret Saints' make their deliveries and protect their identities!

Just like St. Julie was able to make a difference to those she met, this was a chance to spread joy throughout our school community and make someone smile. Thank you to everyone who took part!



**OPENING
HEARTS**

LOST PROPERTY
Please collect

LOST PROPERTY - PLEASE COLLECT

We have set up a LOST PROPERTY table at STUDENT SERVICES. Please can Parents and Carers encourage students to come along and collect their missing items by Friday 10th February. We have blazers, coats, PE kit, scarfs, umbrellas and bags. Anything not claimed by this date will either be placed in the uniform cupboard, recycled in some way or discarded. Thank you!

Message from Liverpool City Council: February Half Term Programme

The February "Eat to Meet 2" Half Term programme starts on the 13th February and there are lots of great activities happening over the school. Children and young people, from reception to age 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the half term holidays including specific provision

available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost. There's a great range of activities across the city including boxing, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, discos, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, a make up course, trips out and much more! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well.



Liverpool
City Council

To find out where your nearest scheme is click on this link:

<https://merseyplay.com/feb-half-term-activities-food/> or go to <https://www.merseyplay.com> and click on the February half term activities link from Friday 3rd February.

When you have chosen the activity/scheme you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when you book. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and contact the providers directly.

- If you want to know how to register or how to check if your child is eligible for free school meals then please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
- You will need your national insurance number or an asylum seekers support number.
- If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click:
<https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>
- If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register
<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, Sutton Croft and the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Half Term Activity programme.

The Easter Holiday Activities and Food programme will start on the 3rd April and more details will be available on Merseyplay.com by 6th March.

Liverpool City Council is working with the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to provide the HAF programme. The programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#)

Regards
Sally Dobbing - HAF Project Manager

NSPCC – Free Digital Training for Adults

That's why we're encouraging every adult in the UK to [take our 10-minute digital training](#).*

Listen up and learn a little with our Connect the DOTS training. We'll show you where to go if you need support, and how to speak up for children who need it. Because that little bit of knowledge can help keep a lot of children safe.

Sign up and take the training



Introducing: Listen up, Speak up

NSPCC have launched a campaign to empower every adult to know what to do if a child needs help, and where to go if you need support yourself. NSPCC are encouraging every adult in the UK to take their free 10-minute digital training to know how to 'Listen up and Speak up' to combat the half a million children that suffer abuse and neglect a year in the UK.

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.



**EDUCATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH
TEAM SECONDARY VIRTUAL
COFFEE MORNING
FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK:
LET'S CONNECT

HOSTED ON
EVENTBRITE!

MONDAY THE 6TH OF FEBRUARY
10:00-12:00

YPAS
Young People's Access Service

Liverpool CAMHS
Mental health is everyone's business

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

Stop Smoking

Smoke Free are offering free help & support to Stop Smoking / Vaping to adults and young people. To access this support call (free phone) 0800 061 4212 / 0151 374 2535 Or text QUIT 66777. This can include access to Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) and Zyban.



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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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