

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### Theme of the Week: Lent – Almsgiving



This week's assemblies and collective worship focused on the theme of almsgiving. This provided a perfect opportunity to revisit our **CHARITY** core value in its purest form. Students were reminded that Lenten almsgiving is not just about giving money to charity. We can also give ourselves in so many ways - our time, our compassion or our love to those in need and by doing so we truly understand what Lent is all about.

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MR DUFFY  
HEADTEACHER

## LFC Foundation International Women's Day Festival



In celebration of Wednesday's International Women's Day, 20 Year 7 and 8 girls attended the LFC Foundation's International Women's Day Festival at Anfield Sports & Community Centre. Girls took part in various sporting and mental health activities. Well done to all of the girls who took part – you did us proud! You can read more about this trip in this week's newsletter.

## NEU Strike Action – 15th and 16th March 2023

Due to the number of colleagues taking part in the NEU strike action, we can confirm the following arrangements:

<b>Wednesday 15th March</b>	Students in <b><u>Years 11, 13 and in Flourish will attend school for face-to-face learning</u></b> and should attend school at their normal time. <b>Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and 12 will be learning at home.</b>
<b>Thursday 16th March</b>	Students in <b><u>Flourish will still attend school for face-to-face learning</u></b> and should attend school at their normal time. All other students in all <b><u>Years 7 to 13, including Year 11, will be learning at home.</u></b>

As with previous strike action days, all work will be set via Class Charts.

We thank all Notre Dame parents and carers for their support, understanding and patience in managing these days.

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## Ski Trip 2023



Finally, we wish all staff and students currently skiing in Italy a fantastic last few days on the slopes. We hope you've all had a great time. We've all been very jealous following the trip on Twitter [@NDCCSport](https://twitter.com/NDCCSport). We wish you a safe journey home and look forward to hearing all about your trip on Monday.

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

**Mr Duffy**



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## Mary's Meals

This Lent our school community will be supporting Mary's Meals, a charity which provides life-changing meals to some of the world's poorest children every school day. Their work is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty.

Mary's Meals was born in 2002, when the founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow visited Malawi, Southern Africa, during a time of famine and met a mother named Emma, who was dying from AIDS. When he asked her eldest son, Edward, what his dreams were in life, he replied simply ***"I want to have enough food to eat and go to school one day."***



These words from Edward ignited the Mary's Meals mission – and from humble beginnings feeding just 200 children at a school in Malawi, Mary's Meals now reaches more than two million children across the world every school day. Most of their work is done by thousands of volunteers all over the world, who carry out lots of little acts of love on behalf of Mary's Meals.

It currently costs £19.15 to feed a child for a school year with Mary's Meals.

It is hoped that through each year groups fundraising efforts this Lent, we will be able to feed a classroom full of children, which would be incredible!

We look forward to sharing with you what they've been up to over the next few weeks!

If you would like to find out more about the work of Mary's Meals, you can do so at <https://www.marysmeals.org/>



## ***International Women's Day – Wednesday 8th March 2023***

We celebrated International Women's Day at Notre Dame Catholic College in a number of ways. We reflected on the incredible work of our foundress St Julie Billiard & the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, who dedicated themselves to the care & education of young girls.



Miss Dennis created a wonderful display in the school library which will remain in place for the rest of this term, featuring books that were written or illustrated by women. The books on display don't just feature 'strong', 'powerful' female characters but also celebrate women who are kind, brave, funny, loyal and so much more! We were also delighted to be named as winners of an International Women's Day competition and look forward to receiving our prize of a signed copy of the book 'Resist' by author, Tom Palmer to our library!

## **OPENING MINDS**

20 Year 7 and 8 girls were also invited to attend the LFC Foundation's International Women's Day Festival at Anfield Sports & Community Centre. The girls were invited based on their excellent behaviour and attendance points and had the opportunity to take part in various sporting and mental health activities and celebrate their achievements! One Year 7 student who attended the trip said,



“

I really enjoyed it! It made me feel proud to be a woman. I liked all the girls working together as a team without feeling any pressure or competition.”

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w/e 3/3/2023	Best Year	Best Form
1st	Year 8	8E & 8P
2nd	Year 7	7J
3rd	Year 11	11D & 11T
4th	Year 9	9T
5th	Year 10	10D

## Attendance STARS!

**Well done to our best  
Year Group YEAR 8 & best  
Form Classes last week.  
Keep up the good work!**



## Opening Minds to the Circulatory System!

As part of their Organisation Unit on the Year 10 curriculum, students are studying the circulatory system! This week they got practical and dissected hearts to explore the organ's functionality further.



## New Water Coolers

Our newly installed Water Coolers are proving very popular. The coolers were used over 700 times in their first week alone! Our students are encouraged to bring refillable water bottles to school so they can refill at break and lunch times and stay hydrated!



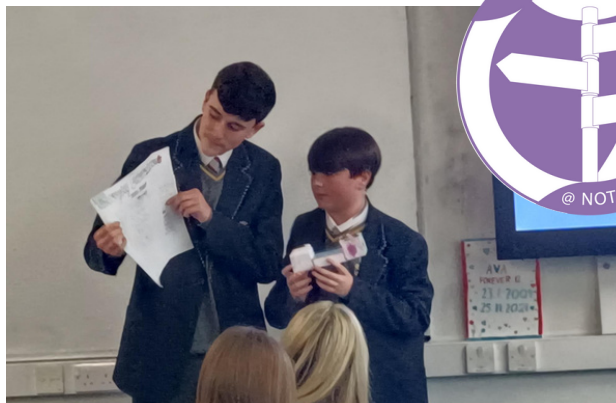
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## Year 8 Maths Workshops with the Talent Foundry

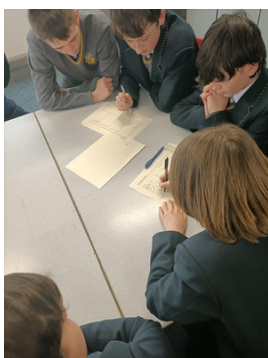
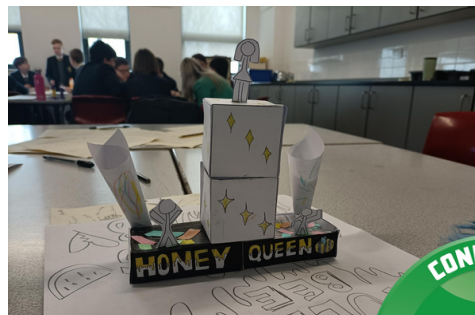
Our Year 8 students thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a workshop this week organised by The Talent Foundry and M&G plc. The workshop involved our Year 8 students using their mathematical skills and applying these to a real world scenario - in this instance, event planning!



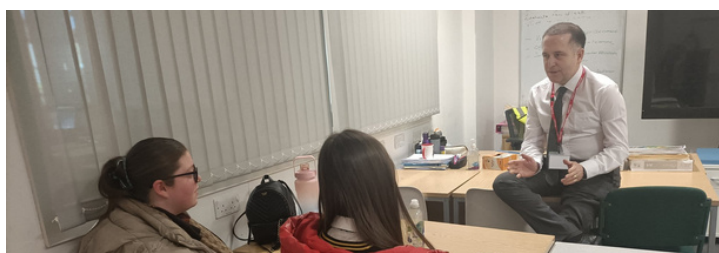
The session involved exploring various concepts and skill building such as using creativity for stage design, developing a business plan and numeracy skills to utilise market research.

As well as the creativity, problem solving and numeracy skills developed, students were also able to practice their presentation skills. Workshops such as these are a fantastic opportunity for us to **open doors** for our students to build their **confidence** and develop the key employability skills that are valuable for many different career pathways, as well as invaluable life skills.

**Well done to all the teams!**



## Opening Doors to Apprenticeship opportunities



Our Year 13 students were delighted to welcome Peter, from Liverpool University Hospital Foundation Trust to Notre Dame Catholic College this week to talk through apprenticeship pathways for careers in the Health Care sector. They received some invaluable insight and tips!

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## ***Notre Dame Catholic College receives Liverpool Health & Wellbeing Award***



**We were delighted to receive confirmation this week that Notre Dame Catholic College has received the Liverpool Health & Wellbeing Bronze Award!**

In order to receive the Health and Wellbeing award we needed to highlight what the school is doing in 4 key areas. These included: Emotional Health and Wellbeing, healthy eating, physical activity and PSHE. We also had a school food audit take place with a visit from the SIL school food officer who reviewed our catering provision and food education within the school.

Some highlights included the number of outside organisations that the school currently works with to support students with their emotional and physical wellbeing as well as the quality of the food and PE curriculum. Well done to all the teams involved in our awards success!

## ***Resonate Music Hub leading the Culture Liverpool EuroLearn Programme***



Resonate are thrilled to have been commissioned to lead the music education strand of Culture Liverpool's EuroLearn programme, providing a unique opportunity for young people and schools across the city region, to celebrate all things Eurovision by taking part in and/or delivering their own events.

Supported with funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Department for Culture, Media & Sport, Spirit of 2012 and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, 'EuroLearn' has been specially curated in collaboration with many partners across the Liverpool City Region.

Working with music hubs, cultural organisations and venues, Resonate are curating opportunities for children and young people of all ages and abilities across the Liverpool City Region to get involved in music making, learning and performing. Whether it's songwriting, playing a brass instrument, or singing in a mass choir, Eurovision and the EuroLearn Music programme really will be an opportunity for everyone to be 'United By Music'.

**For more information and to find out how you can get involved, please visit:**  
<https://www.cultureliverpool.co.uk/eurolearn-music/>



## Shaping Futures Student Finance & LMI Support

Shaping Futures is a service that offers students' support regarding Student Finance. They are currently offering **The Pay Index to all Year 9+ students in the Liverpool City Region.**

This LMI resource usually incurs a subscription cost per student, but if students register before March 28th 2023 through the Shaping Futures offer they will **gain lifetime access free of charge**. Please don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

See below for more details or visit Mrs Hall in our Careers department for more info.



# THE PAY INDEX



Shaping Futures partnered with The Pay Index to give every school in the Liverpool City Region the latest Labour Market Information.

This salary comparison tool allows users to view expected salaries in various professions, regional differences and the gender pay gap in each industry. It also gives an insight into expected salary differences depending on qualifications and opportunities for progression.

## THE PAY INDEX CAN HELP WITH:



### PLANNING YOUR FUTURE

Unsure whether to go to university, start an apprenticeship or go straight into employment? The Pay Index has the information that could help you decide by providing real world information on salaries and employability prospects across the UK.



### COMPARING YOUR OPTIONS

You may know what you want to do next, but do you know your local can affect your future job prospects? Or you're deciding between universities and want to understand the cost of living at each of your options? The Pay Index can do that!



### UNDERSTANDING THE MARKET

The Pay Index allows you to compare all your options and help you decide the best next step for you. Not only does it look at your potential future earnings by location but it takes into account the gender pay gap. This allows you to see when and where your pay could differ, helping you take control of your own future!

### STUDENTS: HOW TO SIGN UP

1. Visit the website - [www.thepayindex.com/liverpool/signup](http://www.thepayindex.com/liverpool/signup)
2. Complete the form to create an account.

Ideally use a personal (and CV appropriate) email in order to continue to use TPI after school/college. If this is not possible a school email is fine!

If you require support with The Pay Index please contact: [sarah.hanson@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.hanson@liverpool.ac.uk)

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## Year 8: HPV Vaccinations

### A Message from Liverpool School's Immunisation Team:

Dear year 8 Parents/Carers

#### **Important action required**

All Year 8 children are being offered the HPV vaccination at school on Tuesday 9th May 2023, which protects against a range of HPV related cancers. Could we kindly ask that all parents/carers access the below link

<https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/> (This link works best via Google Chrome)

Please complete your child's consent form even if you DO NOT want your child to receive this vaccination, this will avoid you receiving further follow up correspondence from our service and assist with campaign delivery.

If you wish to change your decision at any time after submitting your form, you must contact the immunisation service.

Please do not re-submit a further consent form. If you would like to discuss anything further or require support, please don't hesitate to contact the immunisation service on 0151 295 3833

Many Thanks,  
Liverpool School Based Immunisation Services

**Year 8 Parents have also received this link to complete their child's consent form via Parent App.**

## ***BRAVE Workshops: Wednesday 29th March\****

All students will be involved in workshops taking place on Wednesday 29th March to raise awareness of violence and extremism.

*\*Please note this is a change of date to the one advertised in last week's newsletter due to rescheduling.*

### **BRAVE = Building Resilience Against Violence and Extremism**

Assemblies will take place in the Dorothy Stang Theatre for all Year groups on the 29th March. Parents will be invited to take part in a follow up session after these workshops via Zoom. Details of the online workshops will be sent via Parent App nearer to the time.



## Message from Liverpool City Council – Easter HAF Programme



Liverpool  
City Council

Date: 3 March 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian

The Easter HAF programme starts on the 3rd April and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the Easter break including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost to you. There's a great range of activities across the city including boxing, trampolining, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, climbing, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, a [make up](#) course, trips out, Eurovision themed activities and much more! Every day there will be a meal available for every child that attends.

To find out where your nearest scheme and all the details of what is on click on this link - <https://merseyplay.com/easter-haf-holiday-activities-food/> or visit [www.Merseyplay.com](http://www.Merseyplay.com) and click on the Easter HAF link (available on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March).

When you have chosen an activity, 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 ring the providers directly.

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



Regards

*Sally Dobbing*

Sally Dobbing - HAF Project Manager





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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/)