

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Recent disruption to student attendance

We would like to begin this week's newsletter by thanking all parents and carers for your unwavering support and understanding during the recent disruption to your child's attendance at school as a result of extreme weather and strike action days. We do hope the home learning materials distributed via Class Charts were useful and helped these days be as productive as possible.

Theme of the Week: Lent – Sacrifice



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MR DUFFY
HEADTEACHER

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This week's assemblies and collective worship focused on the theme of sacrifice. We explored how giving something up and going without something can be a simple but powerful act of love and **CHARITY** to another. We took inspiration from St Julie, who said, "to do something good, it must cost something." Although her words were spoken over 200 years ago, they are just as relevant for us today in the 21st century.

Year 11 Enrichment



elevate
education



Despite the disruption to this week, we still managed to provide our Year 11 students with some fantastic enrichment experiences to support them in their final preparations for summer examinations. On Wednesday, students took part in a fantastic study skills workshop from Elevate Education in which students explored the power of their memories and trialled a range of revision techniques that harness that power. Thank you to Mr Bond for organising.



Also on Wednesday, a group of Year 11 students went to the Liverpool Empire to watch a fantastic production of An Inspector Calls. Many thanks to students for your impeccable behaviour and to the colleagues who arranged and supervised the trip.

**WISHING EVERY NOTRE DAME FAMILY
A HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY AND A
PEACEFUL AND SAFE WEEKEND.**

Mr Duffy

Ski Trip to Pila 2023

What an amazing time we had over in Italy skiing. Students had great fun, it was a pleasure to see the students' making friends within the group, seeing individual personalities coming out and the camaraderie within the group by the end of the week.



Many students had never been skiing before but came on from strength to strength showing a huge amount of resilience. All students were able to go down red runs, learning to snow plough and learning parallel turns by the end of the trip.

We had a few falls but everyone got back up demonstrating excellent **courage** and persevered until they succeeded.

There was no time to stop. We had early morning breakfast at 7.30, hitting the slopes for 6 hours a day and in the evening, we went bowling, played pool, quiz night and had a presentation evening where students received rewards for their success.

We had one advanced group on the slopes who experienced small jumps and off piste skiing. One student advancing from the beginners group to the advanced group surpassing all of the teachers.

**OPENING
MINDS**

It was all plain sailing for the week until we arrived at the airport to return home, what did we encounter? Our flight was cancelled. We were shipped off to a hotel for the night and made our return journey early the next morning but this didn't faze our students who just accepted the situation and just got on with it.

All of the students were a massive credit to the school and we look forward to our next skiing adventure!

Sixth Form News this week...



Psychology Conference in Paris

Sixth Form Psychology students had a great opportunity to attend a conference held in Disneyland Paris last week!

Students heard from guest speakers at the event, including Dance Psychologist Dr Peter Lovatt and Professor Craig Jackson, a professor of Occupational Health Psychology. Students gained a valuable insight into these areas of Psychology before taking in the Disney experience, complete with rides, parades and fireworks.

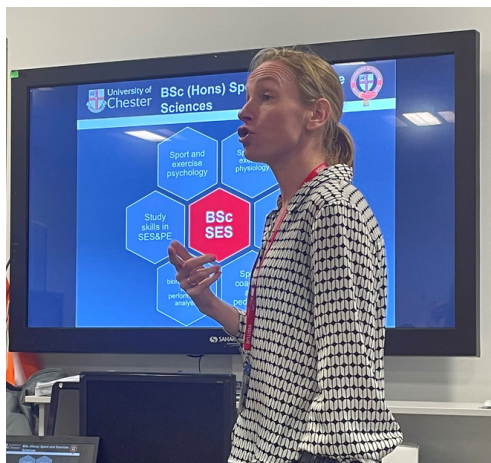


A second day in the capital allowed the students to see Paris via a boat trip on the Seine, visit the Eiffel Tower, shop in the Champs Elysees all while munching the traditional French crepe (with a dash of Nutella, of course). **A bon moment for all.**



Students Explore Higher Education in Sport

Back in Liverpool our Year 12 and 13 Sport students enjoyed a visit from Dr. Carmel Triggs, programme leader of Sport Science at Chester University. Dr Triggs shared her inspirational story of her journey from Savio High school, Bootle, to working with the Everton youth team and eventually becoming a university lecturer. She also outlined the course options at the University of Chester, giving an insight into University student life and potential Higher Education opportunities.

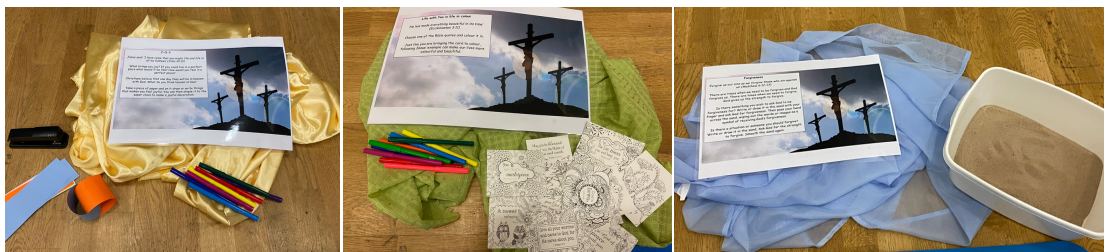


Chaplaincy News this week...



Prayer Stations

As part of our Lent activity, our School Chaplain, Miss Wall, created Prayer Stations for our students this week to give them time during the school day to focus on **prayer** which is one of the 3 traditional pillars of Lent alongside **fasting** and **almsgiving**.



Each station had a particular theme such as 'Reflection,' 'Gratitude,' 'Joy' and 'Peace' with an activity to help guide students at each station. Students really enjoyed their sessions - a big thank you to Miss Wall for organising.



Fundraising with fragrance!



OPENING HEARTS

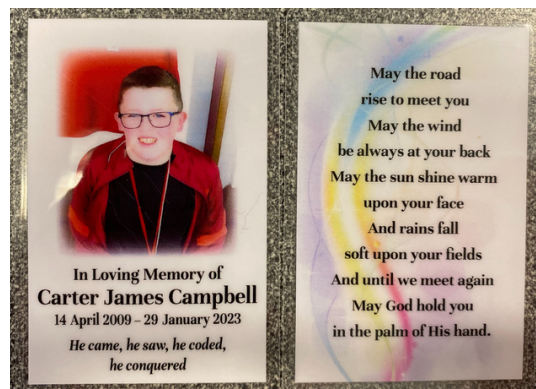
Our Science Teacher, Ms Neilson and her Year 8 Form group created a fantastic array of Wax Melts for our students to sell to raise funds for our chosen charity this Lent! We are supporting Mary's Meals and our students not only created these wonderful melts with fragrances including 'Spirit,' 'Comfort' and 'Watermelon Sugar,' they held a sale during Friday lunchtime to raise vital funds for this amazing cause. We're pretty sure some of you may well receive one this Mothering Sunday!

Watch this space for an update on the total raised!

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

Remembering Carter

We were touched to receive a heart-warming gift from the family of Carter Campbell this week. Carter's family brought in memorial cards for us to give to Carter's friends and teachers as a special way of holding him in our hearts and honouring his memory. We continue to remember Carter with love and to keep all those closest to him in our prayers.



Students take on Sponsored Walk for Lourdes!

We'd like to wish our Year 12 students, Tracey, Bonnie and Joe good luck as they take on a sponsored walk this weekend. The trio will be joined by our Chaplain, Miss Wall, on a 10 mile walk from the Museum of Liverpool to Otterspool and back. This is to help raise funds for their pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter, with HCPT (Hosanna House Pilgrimage Trust).

Lourdes is one of the key sites of pilgrimage in the Catholic faith, and it has long been a desire for our students to attend.



Tracey, Bonnie and Joe shared, "During our week in Lourdes, we will be serving disabled and disadvantaged children that HCPT aims to assist. The overall cost of the pilgrimage is £860 per person, and as a group we are trying to raise these funds to help pay for this pilgrimage experience."

We look forward to hearing more about the walk next week!

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

Attendance STARS!

Well done to our best Year Group YEAR 8 & best Form 8 FRANCOIS last week. 2 weeks in a row - Keep up the good work!



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Our Attendance EGGStravagnza

Next week our Attendance Team will be running a raffle for the prize of a (very) large Easter Egg!

Any student can take part - all they need to do is visit the student services desk during break or lunchtime and tell the team their EXACT % Attendance to the date. (They can get this information from their form tutor if they don't already know). The team will then issue them a FREE raffle ticket. The draw will take place on Friday 31st March 2023 - Good Luck!



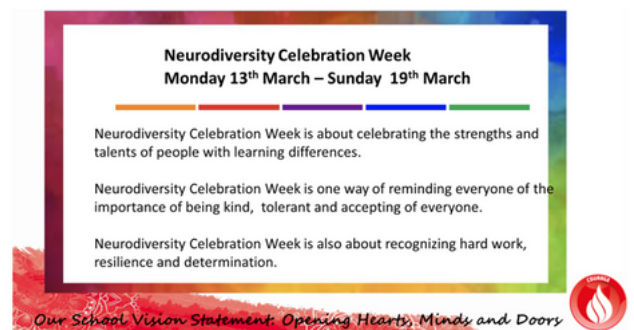
LFC Charity Legends Match

Liverpool Football Club have gifted 50 pairs of tickets to Notre Dame Catholic College for the Legends charity match taking place on Saturday 25th March against Celtic Legends (kick off 3pm).

If your child is interested in attending, please ask that they see Miss Sheard in the Aspire classroom before the end of the day on Monday (20th March) to request a ticket. Tickets will be given on a first-come-first served-basis. Students must be accompanied by an adult to attend. Thank you.

Notre Dame celebrates Neuro Diversity Week

This week we have marked Neurodiversity Week with the help of Mrs Fitzpatrick by opening our students hearts and minds to the strengths and talents that young people who are neurodiverse have as well as the challenges neurodiverse children & young people can face. We shared ideas in form time about how we can offer support and understanding.



Opening Minds to elements of Composition

Our Year 7 students displayed fantastic skills this week as they explored the role chords play in a piece of music. In one lesson, our students learnt chords I, IV, V & VI (C, F, G & A minor) and performed the song, 'Stand by me' together. Check out a video of the performance over on our Twitter page: [@NDEvertonValley](https://twitter.com/NDEvertonValley).



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Year 7 and 8 Students Prep for the Coronation!

Miss Cavanagh was delighted with the talent our Year 7 and Year 8 students displayed with their entries for a Coronation bench competition! The competition involves students designing a bench for the Coronation of King Charles III. If our students' work is chosen an artist will come and work with our students to complete the bench which will be displayed at the Tower of London!

I think we can all agree there are some fantastic designs in the running! Best of luck all!



OPENING DOORS

College Chamber Choir

We're delighted to share that The College Chamber Choir will be singing in the Catholic School's Choir Competition at The Metropolitan Cathedral on Tuesday Evening. Our students have been working hard to practice their performances this week and are sounding fantastic!

The competition starts at 7pm and tickets are £4 and can be purchased from the following link:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral



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
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

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



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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 and click on the Easter HAF link (available on Friday 10th 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



Message from Liverpool City Council – Parking



slower speeds,
safer streets



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Due to a high number of complaints across the city we are having to issue another reminder to motorists about your responsibility as a driver to park responsibly. We need to share the road with all road users, especially the more vulnerable, and allow for safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.

Remember pupils need to see and be seen when crossing the roads so please think seriously about the location of the school and neighbourhood and consider ways you can help as a parent/guardian to improve their road safety.

If you use a vehicle to drop off and pick up your child from School, please consider parking further away from the entrance & exits in a safe legal place and walk the remainder of the journey.

Do Not Park on

- School Keep Clear Zig Zags
- Double/Single Yellow Lines
- Close to Junctions / Drop Kerbs
- Near School Crossing Patrol locations
- On Pavements
- Cycle Lanes
- In front of resident driveways

Parking Services and Police may be in attendance near your school do not be abusive as they are doing their jobs at the requests of concerns raised regarding road safety of the pupils.



CHILD EXPLOITATION AWARENESS DAY 2023

MARCH 18TH

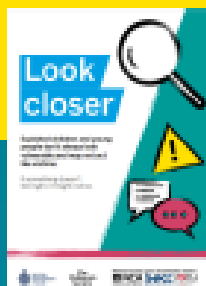


Look Closer Campaign

Launched by the Children's Society the #LookCloser campaign aims to raise awareness of CE amongst professionals and the public.

The #LookCloser campaign includes:
a programme of online learning events for professionals

- spotting the signs poster
- briefing documents about grooming, financial exploitation, online safety, the NRM, the dark web
- guidance about responding to victims of abuse

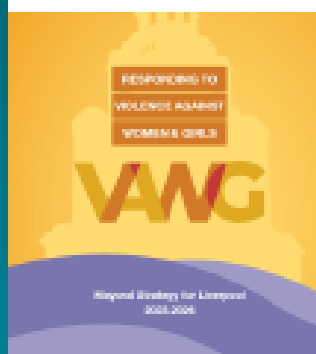


#LookCloser

NEW PHONE
NEW BIKE
NEW MATES
NEW CLOTHES
NEW HABITS
NEW ATTITUDE
THE SIGNS OF
GROOMING CAN
BE HARD TO READ.

#EndCSEin23

VAWG Liverpool Strategy



Check out our
website for more
information:

[https://
liverpoolscp.org.uk/
scp/professionals-
volunteers/child-
exploitation-
awareness-day-1](https://liverpoolscp.org.uk/scp/professionals-volunteers/child-exploitation-awareness-day-1)

Liverpool have
launched their VAWG
strategy in January 2023



@LiverpoolLSCP

<https://liverpoolscp.org.uk/scp>

TOTAL TRUST IN TUTORS?



You may look to a tutor to assist in improving your child's educational development. If this is the case we have put together some guidance around choosing a tutor and supporting you into keeping your child safe after school.

Do's...

- Do** check the tutors qualifications
- Do** undertake background checks, including reference from last employer
- Do** speak to other parents who provide recommendations
- Do** ensure the sessions take place at your home and are visible to you
- Do** make sure you and your child feel comfortable with the tutor
- Do** challenge any practice you feel is inappropriate or harmful
- Do** make sure any communication from the tutor goes through you and not your child
- Do** maintain boundaries - tutors are professionals you are paying for a service

Don'ts...

- Don't** assume the tutor has had background checks
- Don't** ignore if your child says they are not happy with the tutor
- Don't** leave your child alone with tutors whilst you are out / not around
- Don't** accept the tutor's word; ask to see evidence of qualifications
- Don't** allow your child and tutor to have each others their personal number / email / social media
- Don't** allow your child to meet the tutor outside of sessions
- Don't** accept practice or behaviour from the tutor that you feel is harmful, unsafe or unprofessional

Don't accept that a DBS check means someone is safe to work with children, if something does not feel right you should check or report:

- Communicate with your child
- Share information with the Local Authority Designated officer (LADO)
- Report concerns to the police

liverpool.gov.uk/SafeAfterSchool



Liverpool Safeguarding Children Partnership

With Thanks to Rochdale Safeguarding Children Partnership



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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/