

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Theme of the Week: Lent – Forgiveness



This week's assemblies and collective worship focused on the theme of forgiveness. We explored how forgiveness is a true act of strength and **COURAGE**. We reflected on the damage and self-destruction we can cause ourselves by holding grudges. Taking inspiration from examples of forgiveness in our community and across the world, we acknowledged that forgiveness can often be the first step in our own journeys to fulfilment and happiness.

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MR DUFFY
HEADTEACHER

Misuse of College Toilets

Here at Notre Dame, we take great pride in the care with which we treat our shared environment and facilities. On the whole, students are fully appreciative of just how fortunate we are to have such an amazing, state-of-the-art home in which to learn and work. Disappointingly, in recent weeks we have witnessed an increase in the misuse and vandalism of student toilets, by both genders. Not only does such vandalism cost the college precious time and money that we would much prefer to direct towards the enhancement of your child's education, the numerous repairs required force us to close toilets whilst this work is undertaken, thus depriving well-intentioned students of the use of these toilets.

We are asking parents to support the college in reinforcing the basic expectations of how to use our communal toilets respectfully and support college staff in ensuring the following:

- As always, students are encouraged to use the toilet before or after the school day, at break time or lunch time.
- Any student who needs to go to the toilet during a lesson, must get the express permission of their class teacher in the form of a written note or yellow lanyard.
- No more than one student will be allowed to leave a classroom to go to the toilet at any one time
- Students are not allowed to go to the toilet during the first or last ten minutes of each lesson unless they are medically exempt.

Working together on this shared understanding of our rules and our shared commitment to respectful use of our shared facilities, will prevent college leaders from having to take some of the more drastic steps being taken in other schools across the country. Thank you, as always, for your support on this.

The Tower of London Schools Coronation Competition

In last week's newsletter, we celebrated our fabulous entries into the Tower of London bench design competition to mark the King's Coronation.



This week, we were delighted to find out that one of our entries made it to the last 50 before being pipped to the post for the final 15 prizes winners. 'Well done' to all of our students who submitted entries and 'thank you' to Miss Cavanagh and the history team for co-ordinating the project.

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End of Term arrangements

Finally, we would like to confirm that, unlike the end of Autumn and Summer term, next Friday is a full day and all students will finish at the normal 2.20pm.

**WISHING EVERY NOTRE DAME FAMILY
A SAFE AND PEACEFUL WEEKEND.**

Mr Duffy

Careers News this week...



Opening Minds and Doors at Oxford!

Our Careers Advisor, Mrs Hall, has taken 5 of our Year 12 students on a residential trip to St Peter's College at Oxford University organised by Aspire, Liverpool. Aspire is an organisation that helps to open doors to the countries top Universities to enable Liverpool students to maximise their potential.

A total of 82 students from secondary schools and college's across Liverpool have attended the trip which will give them a direct insight into what student life at Oxford University is like and to take part in real-life lectures and seminars.

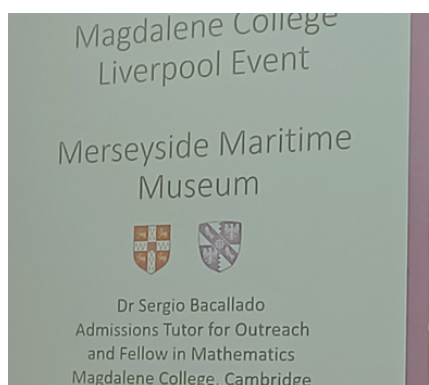


So far, our students have had the opportunity to attend talks held by top Professors at St Peter's College, attend workshops and seminars with their peers and hear from Oxford University graduates who also joined from Liverpool. Students have even had the opportunity to take part in a scavenger hunt to give them the chance to explore the city of Oxford.

Students will be returning to Liverpool on Saturday, and we look forward to hearing all about what they made of the experience upon their return!

Opening Minds to Cambridge

Our Year 10 students had a fantastic opportunity this week to attend an inspirational workshop at Liverpool's Maritime Museum, hosted by the Magdalene College Outreach Team from Cambridge University. The session was led by Dr Sergio Bacallado, Fellow in Mathematics at Magdalene College and Admissions Tutor for their Outreach programme and gave students an insight into studying at Cambridge University and potential routes to Higher Education.



Opening Doors to Careers in Science

On Monday 20th March Year 12 students visited the University of Liverpool. They took part in an interactive session with the Astrophysics Department exploring different types of careers involved in building a new telescope.

Students then had the opportunity to explore product development, visiting Elida Beauty within Liverpool Science Park. There students made shampoo and tested their product in the salon. Students enjoyed a tour around the Materials Innovation Factory, a £38 million facility dedicated to research and development of advanced materials before finally visiting The Spine. There they were introduced to the Royal College of Physicians and toured a mock hospital floor.



Talent Foundry and M&G Investments Workshops

The Talent Foundry, an Education based charity and M&G Investments have been attending Notre Dame Catholic College to deliver fantastic workshops for our students around building skills to **open doors** to future employment opportunities.

Catherine McNeill from The Talent Foundry has been delivering the M&G Investment's Skills for Life workshops with our Year 12 students. These sessions focus on key employability skills to prepare students for the transition from the world of Education to the world of work. The sessions focus on a range of useful topics including how to write an effective C.V and covering letter to Finance topics such as how to apply for student finance, how to manage personal finances or how to read a payslip effectively.

The Skills for Life workshops also explore routes into employment post-Sixth Form, looking at opportunities such as Higher Education based Apprenticeships which are becoming an increasingly popular choice for employers and students as a pathway to their chosen career. Catherine explained this further,

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"Higher Education Apprenticeships are a fantastic choice for young people with a clear idea of what career they'd like to pursue as they are able to study and receive their degree for no cost, earning a livable wage, gaining valuable work experience whilst retaining many of the benefits of student life such as access to student accommodation. For that very reason they are highly competitive and sought after by people throughout the UK so you really have to know how to stand out on your application."

Our Skills for Life programme helps to do this by empowering young people with knowledge of what makes for a strong application."

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**OPENING
DOORS**

Our Year 12 session this week focused on an 'Assimilated Assessment Task' to recreate the environment students might come across in an assessment centre when applying for an apprenticeship such as this.

The support of the Talent Foundry also gives our students who may have identified SEND needs the knowledge and empowerment to know when and what they are entitled to request in regards to reasonable adjustments at any employment assessments or interviews to ensure they have fair and equal access when seeking employment or higher education opportunities.

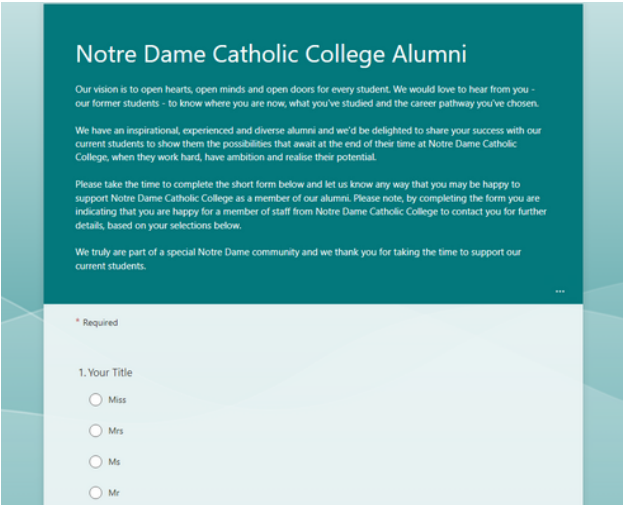
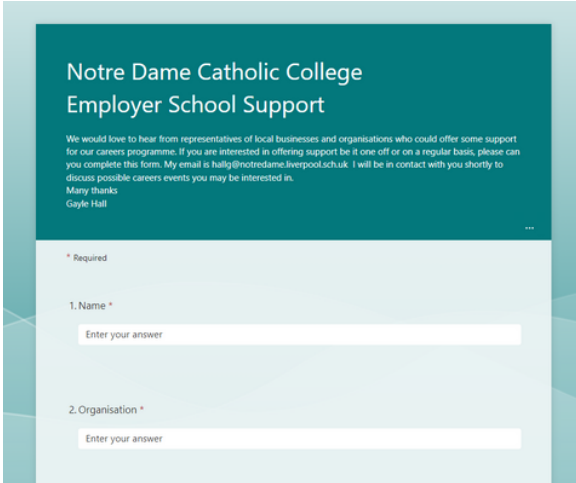
A huge thank you to Catherine on the delivery of this programme to help our students grow in *confidence* when entering the world of work and Higher Education, and to Mrs Hall for organising this support for our students.

Employer Networks – Can you help?

We are always keen to work with lots of different employers to help support our careers programme. Would you or your family and/or friends be interested in supporting our programme?

You may be self-employed, part of a large organisation or retired; we would very much value your input to get involved with things like mock interviews, deliver a talk to students or careers networking events. If you are interested or know someone who might be, we politely request that you or your contacts complete the form via the link below to indicate the level of commitment you feel happy with. After completing our form, our Careers Advisor, Mrs Hall will be in touch to discuss potential opportunities. Thank you

<https://www.notredameliverpool.com/employer-support-form/>



Notre Dame Alumni – Assemble!

We are keen to connect with former students of the college to form an alumni network. Our former students can help to inspire and empower our current students and may be willing to support the college in a number of ways, whether it be supporting our careers programme, curriculum areas or our events such as our Student Prizegiving.

If you have a son/daughter who is a former student (or perhaps you are a former student yourself!) Please could we ask that you forward the link below to any former student connections you have. This will allow anyone who is part of our alumni to indicate that they're willing to be contacted and how much support they can or would like to provide the school. Thank you!

<https://www.notredameliverpool.com/notre-dame-catholic-college-alumni/>

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Well done to our Chamber Choir

The College Chamber Choir performed in the Catholic Schools Choir Competition at The Metropolitan Cathedral to a sell out audience.

Despite not winning first prize this year, our Choir gave an excellent performance and received some highly encouraging and positive feedback from the judges.

Well done all!



Notre Dame Catholic College Spring Concert



We're delighted to share that our school's Spring Concert will be taking place on **Tuesday 28th March 2023**. This will involve a series of musical performances from our students and a chance to showcase their fantastic musical talents! The show will take place **6.30pm – 8.30pm**.

Tickets are limited please contact Miss Hart, Head of Music, if you are interested in attending.

Year 7 Movie Night!

Our Year 7 students got involved with our fundraising this week as part of our charity focus this Lent. Students organised an enjoyable afternoon at the movies in our Dorothy Stang Theatre yesterday to raise funds for our chosen charity this Lent, Mary's Meals. Student's enjoyed the Disney film Luca with their friends, held a raffle for Easter prizes and sold snacks and drinks for the movie raising over £80 towards our fundraising goal! Thank you and well done to all involved in the organisation!

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



Fantastic opportunities in Flourish!

Our students within our Flourish department have had fantastic opportunities this week to attend trips to support the development of their life skills! Students visited Park Palace Ponies organised by the LFC Foundation, to learn more about animal care and had the opportunity to take the ponies for a walk, groom them and clean their stables. The staff were very impressed with the enthusiasm and engagement of our students and would love to have us back for a second visit!



We also had the pleasure of visiting the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic this week. Our students had the opportunity to travel back in time through many periods in world history, including Ancient Egypt and the Roman Empire and were mesmerised by the outstanding orchestra, inspiring them to progress their own musical talents.



Finally our students enjoyed an informative trip to Aintree Racecourse, also organised through the LFC Foundation, where they went behind the scenes to explore the preparation involved for the Grand National Event taking place at the racecourse next month! Students had a really enjoyable day! A huge thank you to the LFC Foundation and to our staff for organising these enriching experiences for our students!




Year 11 After School Revision Programme

Our Year 11 students can view our after school revision schedule here:

<https://www.notredameliverpool.com/examination-preparation>

Time / Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3.15pm	RE Spanish	History Geography Computing	DT All Science	Maths

Further details of revision support and opportunities will be added here in due course.

w/e 3/3/2023	Best Year	Best Form	<h2>Attendance STARS!</h2> <p>Well done to our best Year Group YEAR 7 & best Form 7 FRANCOIS last week. Keep up the good work!</p> 
1st	Year 7	7F	
2nd	Year 8	8F	
3rd	Year 11	11D	
4th	Year 9	9Flourish & 9D	
5th	Year 10	10D	

Our Attendance EGGStravagnza

Our Attendance Team launched their Easter Raffle this week 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. Students can get this information from their form tutor (during Form Time only) if they don't already know. Our Attendance Team will then issue the student with a FREE raffle ticket.

The draw will take place next week on Friday 31st March 2023 Good Luck!



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Year 10 Parents Evening

Year 10 Parents and Carers are invited to attend our Year 10 Parents Evening on Thursday 30th March 2023, 3.30pm - 6.30pm. We encourage you to bring your child along to discuss their progress with their subject tutors as we continue to open hearts, minds and doors to help students reach their full potential. We look forward to seeing you there.



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.

Year 8: HPV Vaccinations

A Message from Liverpool School's Immunisation Team:

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



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

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Message from Liverpool City Council - Easter HAF Programme



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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, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, 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 - HAF Project Manager

Spring Parenting Newsletter

Please see the latest edition of the Liverpool Parenting Newsletter:

<https://sway.office.com/yaQ6W3itHm4L9gTU?ref=Link>



You will find new information to support Parents/ Carers, Families and children in Liverpool. Along with information regarding events and activities on offer running from March to May 2023.

The Newsletter includes information on services that support parents around;

Ante Natal Services / Children Centres / Childcare / Debt Advice / Domestic Abuse / Education / Employment Support / Foodbanks / Fostering in Liverpool / HAF Half Term Activities / Mental Health / Money Management / Parenting Programmes / SEND / Parental Mental Health / Support for Fathers

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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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