

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Theme of the Week: Lent – Journey to the Cross



This week's assemblies and collective worship, our last before Holy Week, focused on Christ's journey to the cross. We reflected on how all four of our core values relate to Easter. Jesus' **CHARITABLE** act of giving his own life to save us from our sins; The **COURAGE** he displayed in suffering the Passion; The **COURTESY** and humility he showed his persecutors and his **CONFIDENCE** in God's plan for him and us. As always, we take inspiration from our Foundress, St Julie, who said

"Praise be Jesus and His holy cross. Let us love it, let us carry it. May this be our happiness for time and eternity."

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MR DUFFY
HEADTEACHER



Yesterday, each year group took part in a wonderfully poignant and reflective Easter Liturgy led by Miss Wall and our fantastic sixth form students. Together, we reflected on the Easter story and its meaning in preparation for Holy Week. Students observed these liturgies with the utmost reverence and respect. 'Thank you' to all those involved.

Lent Fundraising



As part of our Lent fundraising for Mary's Meals, Sixth Form and 8 Julie organised a cake and sweet sale that took place today. Year 10 have held a staff raffle, Year 7 held a film night and 8 Françoise have made and sold wonderful wax melts for the past 3 weeks. Mary's Meals is a fantastic charity which provides school meals in areas where hunger prevents children from going to school. They currently help over 2 million children in 18 different countries. If you would like to find out more about the work of Mary's Meals or make a donation, click on this link <https://www.marysmeals.org/>. 'Thank you' to all students, staff and parents for their boundless generosity and commitment to this great cause.

Uniform Standards and Health & Safety

Generally, the standard of uniform and presentation at Notre Dame is excellent. The vast majority of students fully adhere to our long-established uniform and dress code every single day (the full details of these expectations can be found [here](#) and are pictured below). By doing so, these students demonstrate their commitment to and pride in our Notre Dame community and pride in themselves.



In this final newsletter of the Spring term, we would like to draw particular attention to our expectation that **outdoor coats or jackets are not worn in the school building**. This allows all students to be quickly identified as members of our school community and is therefore integral to our daily safeguarding procedures.

BRAVE Assemblies



Earlier in the week, students took part in a series of BRAVE (Building Resilience Against Violence & Extremism) assemblies from the St Giles Trust. These assemblies explored supported students in gaining greater awareness of the realities and issues surrounding gang involvement, drugs, violence, extremism and radicalisation, and learn about strategies to help avoid the risk of becoming involved in these activities. Students' engagement and conduct was excellent throughout the day. 'Well done' to all involved and 'thank you' to Mrs Brennan for organizing.

Misuse of College Toilets

Further to last week's newsletter, we continue to ask parents and carers for your support in upholding our expectations for the appropriate use of college toilets.

- 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.

Start of Term arrangements

Finally, we would like to wish all Notre Dame families a holy, peaceful and safe Easter holiday. All students return to school at 8.45am on Monday 17th April.

**WISHING EVERY NOTRE DAME FAMILY
A HOLY, PEACEFUL AND SAFE EASTER
HOLIDAY.**

Mr Duffy

Chaplaincy News this week...

Mary's Meals Fundraising

As mentioned by Mr Duffy at the beginning of this week's newsletter, our students have been busy fundraising for Mary's Meals. We were delighted to be joined by Anna from Mary's Meals to deliver an assembly to our Year 8 students this week to talk about the impact their fundraising makes to over 2 million children world wide. Anna will be returning to school in May to deliver assemblies to our other Year groups but was delighted to speak to our Year 8 students about the amount they raised through their fundraising!

The whole school has really been involved with the Mary's Meals fundraising efforts this Lent, showcasing fantastic skills of organisation, **charity** and creativity!

Year 7 students hosted a film night, which included selling sweets and drinks plus entry into their 'Theatre!'

Year 8 developed and sold wax melts, assisted with the organisation of the whole school cake sale plus organising various raffles and hampers with goodies including Prime drinks, chocolates and smellies!

Year 9, with the help of Mrs Crosbie, created their own resin key designs and sold to their friends and family.

Year 10 Form Teachers also generously donated bottles of alcohol to a prize hamper for our Year 10 students to raffle to our Teachers and Support Staff teams in school this week. Students attended a staff briefing to launch their raffle with the winner being announced today!

Year 11 have made monetary donations through cash boxes in their form groups.

Sixth Form students organised a whole school bake sale for the final day of term. Parents and families and staff generously supported this by donating cakes and goodies for students to sell.

Miss Wall, our school chaplain also organised a staff breakfast morning for the final day of term!

Thank you so much to EVERYONE who has supported each and every initiative our students have come up with to raise funds for an amazing cause. What a fantastic community we are a part of - thank you!



Lourdes Fundraising Success!

Our Sixth Form students have been working hard to raise funds for their pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter. Our students will be heading over to Lourdes on the 9th April to work with HCPT to volunteer and support disabled and disadvantaged children and adults.

This week our three students, Joe, Bonnie and Tracey, have been holding raffles for Easter hampers fit to burst with Easter chocolates to raise some final funds before they leave! Lucas in Year 7 was announced the lucky winner of one Easter Hamper drawn during our Easter Liturgy services and Sixth Form Music student, Libby, was also announced as the winner of a second Easter Hamper during our Spring Concert! Congratulations to both!!



We hope you have a fantastic time on your pilgrimage and we look forward to hearing all about it when we return after the Easter break! Remember to follow our school Twitter page for updates from Lourdes whilst they are there - [@ND_EvertonValley](https://twitter.com/ND_EvertonValley).

Form Group Sunflowers

At the start of term, Miss Wall delivered sunflower seeds to each form group and they were all planted and cared for by each class. They are really starting to come along! Take a look at some examples below! Form Teachers are now being given the precarious task of keeping them well cared for over the Easter break, ready for planting in the school grounds when we return! Good luck - we look forward to seeing their progress again after Easter!



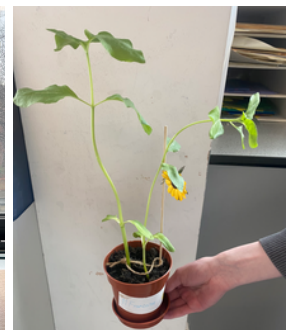
7 Patricia



8 Julie



9 Mary Anne



11 Francois

Sixth Form News this week...



Well done to Lewis and Luke!

At our Prizegiving Event in November, Sixth Form students, Lewis Connolly and Luke Burns were awarded the Margaret Bryce Smith Scholarship Award.



This award is given to further the education of pupils attending any secondary school in Liverpool and must be awarded on the recommendation of the Headteacher. Luke and Lewis were nominated due to their excellent display of **courage** during their time at Notre Dame Catholic College, facing challenges during their time in school with an incredible attitude and we were delighted when they were awarded the prize! It was our pleasure to be able to invite both Luke and Lewis along with their parents to meet with Mr Duffy this week to award them with £500 each as part of their prize. Very well deserved - well done both!

Opening Minds to Careers in Social Sciences

Our Year 12 students attended an informative event at the University of Liverpool this week, exploring Higher Education opportunities in various social sciences including Law, and Social Justice.

Students were able to attend a series of interactive seminars and lectures which not only gave them a flavour of life as a University student but also gave them an insight into the various opportunities available to graduates within this sector.



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Spring Concert



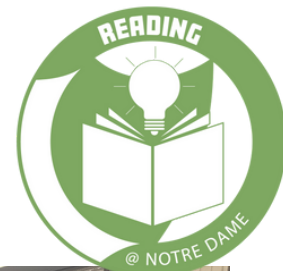
Our students delivered fantastic performances in our Spring Concert this week! We enjoyed solo performances - both singing and instrumental plus performances from our choirs, orchestra and bands. A huge well done to all students for performing with **courage** and **confidence**. We are very proud of the talent that was clear for all to see.

A big 'thank you' to all who attended to support our students and 'thank you' to our Music and Performing Arts department for organising a fantastic show!



Say Hello to our new 'Library Ambassadors!'

Our Librarian, Miss Dennis, is delighted to share our new Student Library Team! Our Library Ambassadors will be supporting Miss Dennis from now until the end of the school year in the Library for one break time and one lunch time each per week. Students have all received full training from Miss Dennis, who said,



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"Each student has had training sessions on how the library works, and the rules and procedures and they are quick to share their ideas about how we can make the library better for everyone! We are in the process of making posters about library clubs and a suggestion box for book requests and more! The pupils take their job seriously and are role models for their peers.

We have a rota so the pupils know when they are working each week and a job board so they can independently choose what job to do each day! Jobs are varied and include working at the circulation desk signing books in and out, reserving books and extending loan periods (this is a popular job!), reshelving returned books, tidying the shelves, updating display cases, labelling books with barcodes, letter stickers, etc. and helping students and staff find books in the library.

For me, they are a joy to have in the library -- all are keen to get involved and learn more about books and the role of the library."

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Poetry Competition Winners

Well done to our students who have been awarded certificates for taking part in a poetry competition! Miss Dennis was delighted to ask the students together this week to present them with their certificates. Keep up the good work!



Year 11 Easter Revision Programme

Our Year 11 students can view our Easter revision schedule here:

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

Week 1

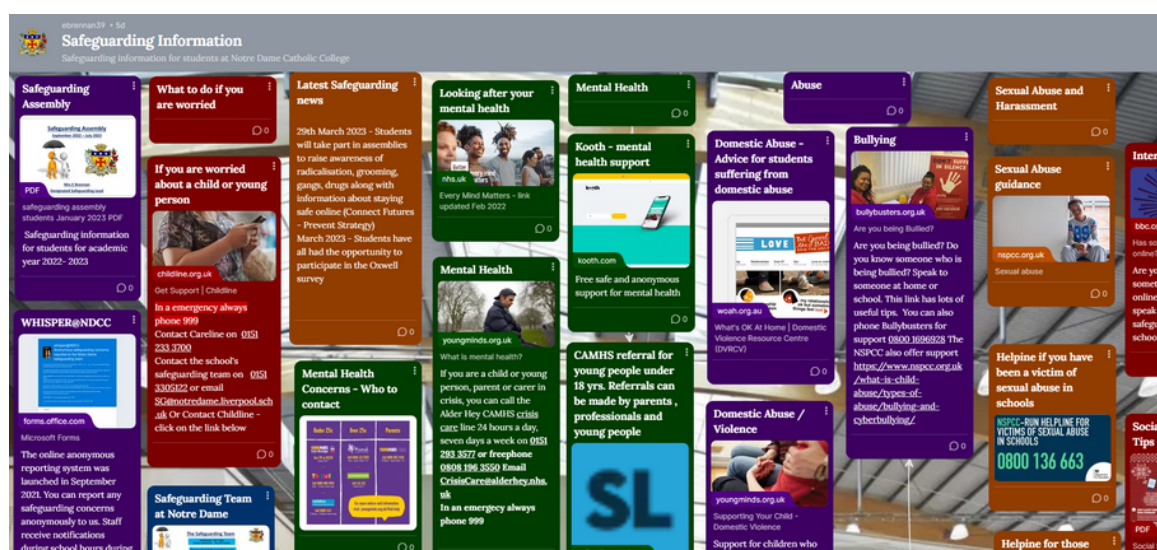
Date	Morning (9am - 12pm)	Afternoon (12.30 - 2pm)
Monday 3rd April	Music (Mrs Hart)	Music (Mrs Hart)
Tuesday 4th April	Health and Social Care (Miss Chappell) Religious Studies (All Teachers)	History (Miss Cavanagh)
Wednesday 5th April	Art Chemistry (Miss Neilson)	Maths Foundation (Mr Cameron) Maths Higher (Mrs Thomas)
Thursday 6th April	Art	Spanish Foundation (Miss Del Real)

Week 2

Date	Morning (9am - 12pm)	Afternoon (12.30 - 2pm)
Tuesday 11th April	Computer Science (Mrs Shaw) Creative iMedia (Miss Hobson)	
Wednesday 12th April		
Thursday 13th April		Spanish Higher (Mrs Sansbury)
Friday 14th April	English (Mrs Kane)	

Safeguarding Padlet

As we enter Easter Break, a reminder that our Safeguarding padlet is available for students and parents to access the latest information relating to Safeguarding information, advice and useful links. [Click here to view it.](#)



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

Attendance STARS!

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



Attendance Easter EGGstravaganza Winners

Our Attendance Team have been running a competition for the last 2 weeks to encourage students to learn their exact percent attendance. Students were asked to see their form teachers to find this information out and to tell the team at Student Services to be entered into the FREE raffle for a giant Easter Egg. Miss Wall kindly drew the raffle on behalf of our Attendance Team this week and Holly in Year 7 was announced the winner! Well done!



As Mis Del Real in Form 8 Patricia also had the MOST students with names in the raffle, she was also awarded a prize of an Easter Egg. Mis Del Real was delighted and promised to share her prize with the form group as it was a 'team effort'! Well done 8 Patricia!!

100% Attendance Reward Trips

Students with 100% Attendance were rewarded with cinema trips this week! Students made the trip to the Odeon in Liverpool 1 over Thursday and Friday to watch Shazam! Fury of the Gods. Well done to all who were on the trip - keep up the good work next term!



Year 10 LFC Programme Graduation

Year 10 students were invited to attend a 'Graduation Ceremony' in Anfield Stadium this week after completing an 8-week programme with the LFC Foundation and Action for Children. This programme was developed to support students with their emotional resilience, well-being and **confidence**. Hannah Price from the LFC Foundation and Action for Children said,

“The students at Notre Dame Catholic College have been an absolute delight to work with. Every student has been engaged, showed hard work and dedication, and made our day so much brighter. All the young people we had in our sessions never failed to have a smile on their face, they shared their experiences with the group and over the 8 weeks we could see them noticeably become more trusting and comfortable in the group setting. At the end of the programme, we invited all our young people to attend a graduation ceremony at Anfield where there was a chance to play games, win prizes, see the champions league trophy, and go out into the stand.”

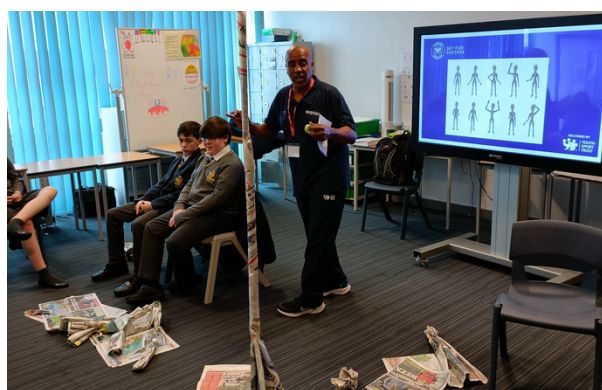


"It was a fun filled morning to celebrate the tremendous amount of hard work all the students have put into the programme. Our goal with every young person that comes on our On Target Programme is to have them take the techniques that they have learnt in the sessions to hopefully be able to rationalise and challenge their negative thoughts, cope better with situations that make them feel negative, find things to do that they enjoy as well as improving their overall wellbeing.

Thank you so much Notre Dame, you were all an absolute pleasure!"

Year 9 Set for Success in Sport!

A group of our Year 9 pupils spent time with ex World skateboarding Champion Neil Dadds this week as part of Youth Sport Trust's, Set for Success project. Students were developing their confidence and leadership skills working towards a Sports Leadership award. A great session for all!



Year 5 Easter Bonanza

Miss Wishart and Miss Lee are looking forward to welcoming Year 5 students from our local primary schools to our Easter Bonanza event on Monday 3rd April. Students will be taking part in exciting Easter-themed activities such as our NASA inspired 'Egg-Launch,' with our Science department, using their Geological skills to undertake an 'Egg Hunt' with our Geography Team and develop their culinary skills baking Easter treats with our Food Technology department. This will culminate in an Easter themed picnic to finish off the day. We look forward to welcoming the students on Monday!

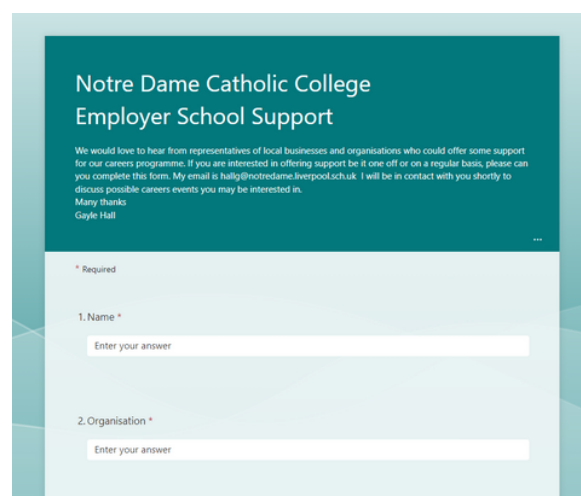


Employer Networks – Can you help?

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/>

A screenshot of a web form titled 'Notre Dame Catholic College Employer School Support'. The form has a teal header with the college's name. Below the header, there is a paragraph of text explaining the purpose of the form and providing contact information for Mrs. Hall. The form contains two main sections: '1. Name *' and '2. Organisation *', each with a text input field and a label 'Enter your answer'. There is also a small asterisk indicating required fields.

Calling our Notre Dame Alumni

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/>

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

Parking Reminder

A polite reminder to Parents to please avoid parking in disabled bays within the school car park unless you are able to display a blue badge. Thank you for your continued support.



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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