

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sixth Form Taster Evening

We would like to start this week's newsletter by thanking all students, parents and staff who attended and facilitated last night's Sixth Form Taster event. During the evening, students had access to 21 subjects workshops that provided attendees with an insight into the structure of the course, its curriculum content and how the course is assessed. We hope those who attended the event found it enjoyable and informative.



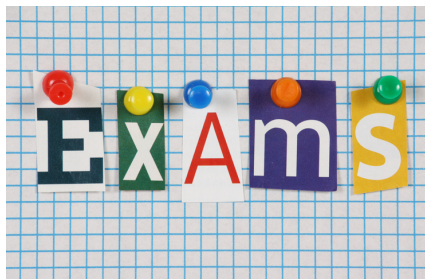
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MR DUFFY
HEADTEACHER

Year 11 & Year 13 Mock Exams



We would like to congratulate Year 11 and Year 13 students on the hard work and commitment shown during this week which saw their final round of mock examinations. These are providing students with invaluable examination experience and providing staff with further insight into students remaining gaps in knowledge. This mock exam schedule continues until next Tuesday.

World Book Day



Yesterday marked World Book Day in which we celebrated the power and beauty of the written word. The whole college took part in an interactive form group quiz (some of our winners are pictured above!) and our fabulous librarian, Miss Dennis, held a number of competitions in the library in which a host of book vouchers and prizes were won. Our brilliant English department also held a book swap event, raising money for charity in the process. Well done to all winners and 'thank you' to Miss Dennis for organizing the day.



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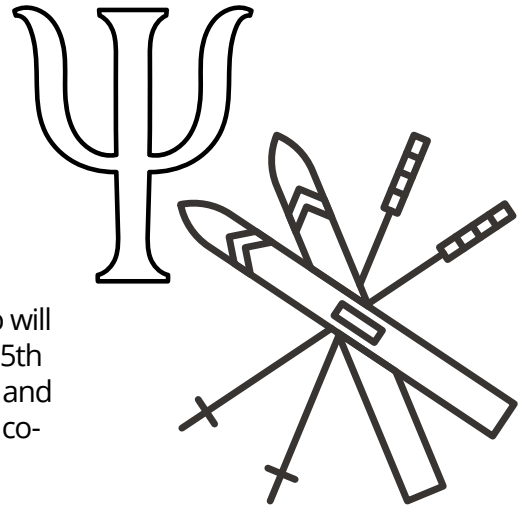
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Bon Voyage!

Over the weekend, a number of Year 10 and 11 students and a team of staff will set off for our first ski trip for a number of years. We hope everyone has a fantastic time, thank you to those colleagues supporting the trip and to Mrs Bate for organizing it.

We will also be saying 'bon voyage' to 24 Sixth Form students who will attend a Psychology conference in Paris Disneyland from Sunday 5th March to Wednesday the 8th March. We hope it is an informative and incredible experience! Thank you to all involved in organising and co-ordinating this trip.

We cannot wait to hear all about it when you get back!



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

Mr Duffy

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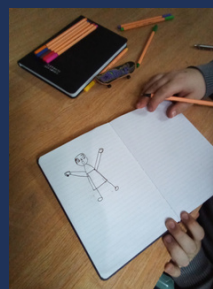
Book Buzz!

Our Year 7 students received a wonderful delivery this week ahead of World Book Day, courtesy of our Librarian Miss Dennis and The Book Trust's 'Book Buzz' scheme. This gave our students an opportunity to choose a book from a selection of titles to keep. Miss Dennis delivered the books to their new owners during Form Time. A popular choice with student's was Marcus Rashford's, 'You are a Champion.' Happy Reading!



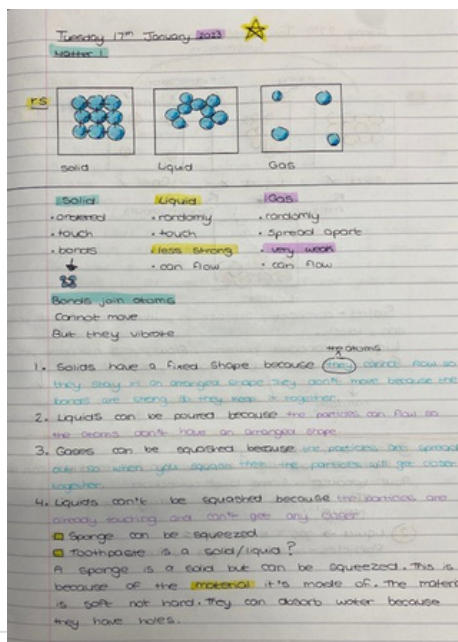
World Book Day Illustrations

Great work from our Year 7 N4 group, who have been illustrating characters from Author, Tom Fletcher for World Book Day. Students followed on screen instructions to create their illustrations. Great work!



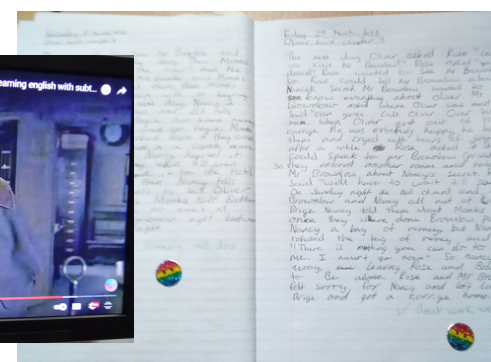
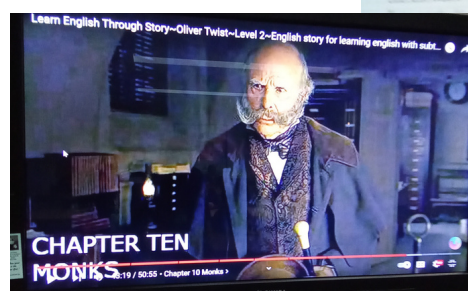
Opening Minds to the world of science

A fantastic piece of work from Natalie exploring states of matter at an atomic level in Year 8 science.



Opening Minds to Literary Classics

Some great work from our 7D4 group, summarising Chapter 9 of Oliver Twist using the Audio Book.



Castlerigg Residential Trip

Last week we took a group of 33 Year 9 and 10 students on a two-night residential retreat to Castlerigg Manor in the Lake District. It was a great opportunity for students to get away from the business of their daily lives and to take time to reflect on themselves, their relationship with others and their relationship with God.



The retreat was led by the team at Castlerigg Manor and it included ice breakers, group challenges, discussions, social activities, times of prayer and reflection and a lovely walk around Keswick. An enjoyable time was had by all!



Year 9 student Alfie describes the trip: "I enjoyed the group activities they had planned and the walk around Derwent Water (lake). Overall, it was a fun and a balanced trip, it also helped us to work better together."

OPENING HEARTS

Year 10 student Giuliet says: "In this trip to Castlerigg, I had a lovely experience. If I had to pick an overall experience of what I have enjoyed there it would have to be the walk in nature. It was quite long but it had many lovely views. A special treat at the end of the walk around Keswick was that we got was to visit the town. It was small and pretty quiet but it was beautiful. I also enjoyed the games they were lots of fun and their grounds were lovely too!"

Year 9 student Lorcan enjoyed the trip because "the sights that you could see while in Castlerigg Manor were amazing, the grounds below the house were nice to walk through, it was really peaceful."





Attendance STARS!

**Well done to Year 7
Form Group FRANCOIS!
For achieving the best
attendance last week!**



YPAS Drop in Sessions

Please see details for the YPAS Service's Drop in times and locations. YPAS is the Young Persons Advisory Service and provides mental health and emotional wellbeing services for young people in Liverpool.

Find out more: <https://ypas.org.uk/>

DROP IN INFORMATION

CENTRAL HUB – 36 Bolton Street, L3 5LX (City center)

Mon – Thurs: 9:00 – 20:00

Fri: 9:00 – 18:00

Sat: 12:00 – 16:00

SOUTH HUB – Lyndene Road, L25 1NG (Belle vale)

MON – THUR: 9:00 – 20:00

Fri: 9:00 – 16:00

NORTH HUB – Croxdale Road West, L14 8YA (Stockbridge village)

Mon – THUR: 9:00 – 20:00

Fri: 9:00 – 16:00

CRISIS NUMBERS

Alder hey CAMHS - 0151 293 3577 (open 24/7) – **Under 18s**

Young minds crisis messenger – TEXT YM to 85258 (24/7) – **Shout**

NHS 111

The Samaritans - 08457 90 90 90 ([24 hour helpline](https://www.samaritans.org/))

Childline – 0800 1111 (under 19 years)

Merseycare – 0151 296 7200 – **Over 18s**

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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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 which protects against a range of HPV related cancers. Could we kindly ask that all parents/carers access the below link

<https://econsent.merseyscare.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

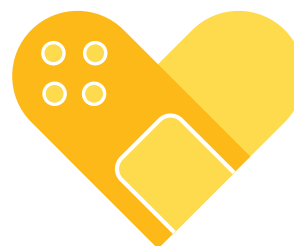
Year 8 Parents will also receive this link to complete their child's consent form via Parent App this week.

OxWell Student Survey

Our school has signed up to take part in the OxWell Student Survey, which aims to understand health and wellbeing in young people and help schools to support their students' mental wellbeing.

You will receive further information regarding this via Parent App this weekend (4th March). We kindly request you take a look through the information provided when it comes through.

All students in years 7 to 13 will be invited to complete the survey unless you contact the school to opt-out your child. If for any reason you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please notify the school ao@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk by **Monday 6th March**. Thank you!



OxWell Student Survey
Check how you feel and how you're doing

The OxWell Student Survey is a large-scale online survey designed to measure the wellbeing of children and young people aged 9-18 years old (school years 5-13).

Led by researchers at the University of Oxford, the survey has run since 2018, and in 2021 more than 30,000 students from 180 schools participated.

By asking students directly about school life and health-related issues, we hope to:

- better understand what is happening to the mental health of young people
- inform schools and local services of how to provide students with the best mental health support

The online survey → does not collect any identifiable data
→ takes about 30 minutes to complete
→ asks around 200 questions on lifestyle and health-related issues

What will be asked?

Topics include: Access to Support, Feeling Safe, Relationships, Mental Wellbeing, Lifestyle, School Experience, and Subjective Wellbeing.

The survey is open from February to March 2023

To find out more visit www.oxwell.org

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Welcoming Students from Liverpool Hope University!

We were delighted to welcome a cohort of Trainee Teacher's to the College this week who will be completing their second placements here at Notre Dame! It is always wonderful to welcome the next generation of Teaching staff through our doors and we hope they find their time with us invaluable.

Thank you to all of the staff and students who have made them feel so welcome in their first week!



Resonate hosts the Royal Opera House Staff Workshop



It was wonderful to welcome the team from The Royal Opera House and Adam Ockelford to our Resonate Music Hub this week. The team were here at the College to develop new resources for their 'Create and Sing' project for special schools based on the Sounds of Intent framework. The partnership will have a focus on diversity and inclusion and ensuring music remains accessible for all audiences.

We can't wait to hear more about the project as it develops!



BRAVE Workshops: Wednesday 22nd March

all students will be involved in workshops taking place on Wednesday 22nd March to raise awareness of violence and extremism.

BRAVE = Building Resilience Against Violence and Extremism

Assemblies will take place in the Dorothy Stang Theatre for all Year groups on the 22nd March.



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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/