

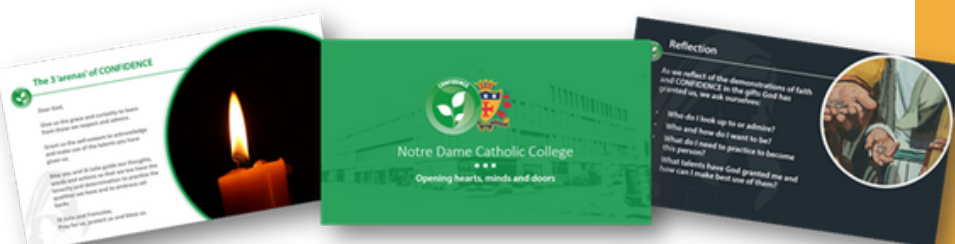
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Theme of the Week: Our **CONFIDENCE** Core Value



In our assemblies and collective worship this week, we have focused on our **CONFIDENCE** core value. We reminded ourselves that our definition of confidence here at Notre Dame refers to our outward presentation of ourselves and our belief in our own abilities and in God. As always, we take inspiration from St. Julie, who firmly believed that **“when the good God asks something of us, he gives us the means of doing it.”** We reflected on the Parable of the Talents [Matthew 25:14-30] and prayed for our commitment and determination to make the most of the many talents we have been gifted by God.

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MR DUFFY
HEADTEACHER

Bumper Easter Programme

We would like to thank all staff who gave up their time to provide a range of fantastic experiences for students over the Easter holiday. These included our Easter Bonanza event for Year 5 students from our partner primary school which was fantastically attended – many thanks to Miss Wishart for co-ordinated the event and all colleagues who delivered it.



Thank you to our amazing Chaplain, Miss Wall, and our fantastic sixth form students who supported disabled and disadvantaged children on their pilgrimage to Lourdes over Easter. You continue to do us proud and bring so much to the lives of our community everyday – a true inspiration.



Thank you to all staff who devoted their time to delivering our Year 11 and 13 Easter revision programme to support students in the final stages of their exam preparation. This was a fantastic offer and we are delighted with the progress made by those students who attended.

You can find up to date resources and information in regards to examination preparation on our website [here](#).

NEU Strike Days

Due to the number of colleagues taking part in the NEU strike action, we can confirm the following arrangements for both forthcoming NEU Strike Action days:

Thursday 27th April	Students in <u>Years 11, 13 and in Flourish will attend school for face-to-face learning</u> and should attend school at their normal time. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and 12 will be learning at home.
Tuesday 2nd May	

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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.

Happy Eid Mubarak

Finally, we would like to wish all of our Muslim students and families a happy and holy Eid Mubarak this weekend.



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

Mr Duffy

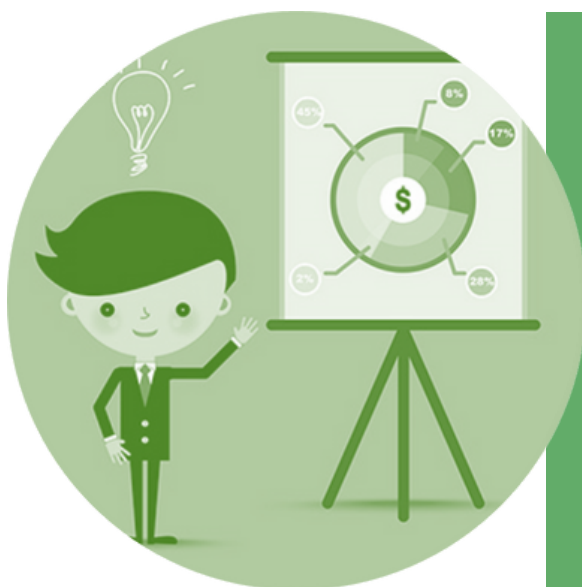
Confidence Competition



'How my Notre Dame curriculum has changed me'

Christine Counsell has been a leading school curriculum developer in the UK for the past decade. In her blog entitled 'The dignity of the thing' she said, 'A curriculum exists to change the pupil, to give the pupil new power.' Another educationalist, Mary Myatt, said that curriculum 'represents the totality of the experience of the child within schooling'.

With this in mind, we are launching our **Confidence Competition** for students to take part in this term!



You have 500-words, written or spoken, to explain how your Notre Dame curriculum has changed you. You can focus on one particular subject, one particular experience or reflect on your general curriculum experience at Notre Dame this year.

Competition entries need to be submitted either in writing to student services or voices recordings can be emailed to kbrown@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk no later than 3.00pm on Friday 2nd June.

Entries will be shortlisted by the senior leadership team. Shortlisted pupils will be invited to read their entries out in front of a panel of staff, governors and parents.

Shortlisted pupils will win £10 One4All vouchers. Competition winners will win £50 One4All vouchers.

**OPENING
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Chaplaincy News this week...



Pilgrimage to Lourdes

You may remember prior to Easter Break, that three Sixth Form students were fundraising towards their pilgrimage to Lourdes. Tracey, Bonnie and Joe attended Lourdes over Easter weekend with Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust.

Every Easter, over 1000 children disabled or disadvantaged children enjoy a fun and safe week in Lourdes. Our three Year 12 students attended with Group 133 to support HCPT's work with the children and connect with their faith as HCPT's vision is "changing lives through pilgrimage, sharing God's gifts of love, friendship and joy". Lourdes is of course, an important pilgrimage location for Catholics from all over the world and the place where Our Lady (as Mary, the mother of Jesus is sometimes known) appeared 18 times to Bernadette Soubirous (St Bernadette) between 11 February and 16 July 1858. Our students were able to visit iconic locations during their pilgrimage including the Grotto where St Bernadette experienced her apparitions of the Virgin Mary. We look forward to catching up with our students this week to hear first-hand their pilgrimage experience! Please look out for their reflections in next week's newsletter.



Sunflower Planting

We were seriously impressed with how well our Form and Subject group sunflowers were cared for over the Easter break. Miss Wall invited each class to 'hand over' their flowers this week to be planted in the school grounds. Sister Margaret and Miss Wall had the assistance of a group of students, alongside Miss Rimmer and Mrs Banks from our Science Department, to then plant each flower by the school planters on our field. We can't wait to see them flourish! Watch out for updates throughout the term.



Mary's Meals Fundraising - update

Through our Lent fundraising for Mary's Meals, we can now confirm we have raised a fantastic:

£1,091.50!!

It currently costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year with Mary's Meals and our target was to raise enough to feed one full class for one year. So we're delighted to have exceeded this target by collectively raising enough to feed 57 children.

The whole school were involved with the Mary's Meals fundraising efforts this Lent. Here is a reminder of how each year group showcased their talents of organisation and creativity to support the **charity**:

- Year 7 students hosted a film night with tuck shop.
- Year 8 organised and sold various raffles and hampers, developed and sold wax melts and assisted with the organisation of the whole school cake sale
- 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 generously donated bottles of alcohol to a prize hamper for our Year 10 students to raffle to our Teachers and Support Staff (well done to Mrs Pascoe who won!) and made monetary donations.
- Year 11 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!



A-level History Trip to London

A level history students in Years 12 and 13 visited London on the 17th April, here they visited the Tower of London and the Houses of Parliament.

During their visit to the Tower of London they were able to observe the changing of the guard and also the exact spot Anne Boleyn was executed in! The highlight of the day was the visit to the Houses of Parliament, here students toured both the Houses of Commons and the House of Lords. Students were able to observe both houses in session and observed Gillian Keegan, the Education Secretary answering questions. Students also observed the Speaker for the Commons, entering the house who happily waved at them.



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"London was an amazing experience. It was especially incredible to visit the Houses of Parliament, something we have read about and seen on the news hundreds of times. It was extra special to see them in session, debating and arguing, and offered us an insight into how the life of a politician would look"

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Bonnie, Year 12



Safari Park Preparation!

Our Notre Dame and Flourish group students enjoyed an informative session with Becky and Hannah from Knowsley Safari Park's Education Team this week. They were preparing for spending time at the Safari Park next week for work experience, where they'll be learning about the various roles within the Park and the skills they can utilise when working with animals.



The session with Becky and Hannah was really interesting and gave our students the opportunity to identify various animal bones such as a Lion skull, an Elephant's Tooth and even a Giraffe's neck bone, whilst discussing facts about each animal. The Education Team were really impressed with our students knowledge and enjoyed some great discussions.

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HAIRSPRAY

COMING THIS SUMMER!

We have begun rehearsals for Hairspray with a large cast of students ranging from Years 7 to 13. After running workshops and auditions last term we have now finalised the full cast list and are holding weekly rehearsals on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The rehearsals are supported by a large team of staff and a special team of set design and backstage crew working with Sister Margaret.

There will be 3 performances during the first week of July, including a special performance for our local primary schools! All staff, parents and members of the public will be invited to the evening performances so watch this space for further updates!!



Vaccinations

Year 9: Adolescent booster / Men ACWY / HPV

The Liverpool Immunisation team are attending school on Tuesday 25th April to deliver the routine Adolescent booster & Men ACWY vaccinations to year 9 pupils. If your child is also outstanding their HPV vaccines these will also be offered on this date.



Year 8: HPV Vaccinations

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.



Important action required

Could we kindly ask that Year 8 and Year 9 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 directly on 0151 295 3833.

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.



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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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