

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Theme of the Week: Communication



The theme for this week's collective worship and assemblies has been '**Communication**'. Together, we reflected on the many ways within which we share gospel messages, whether it be in our words, thoughts or actions. This being the month of May, we reflected on how the Angel Gabriel communicated his news to the young Mary, that she would have a child born of the Holy Spirit. We considered how methods of communication have changed through time from the written to email and instant messaging on social media. We prayed that we share the gospel message and our Catholic core values in all of our communication.

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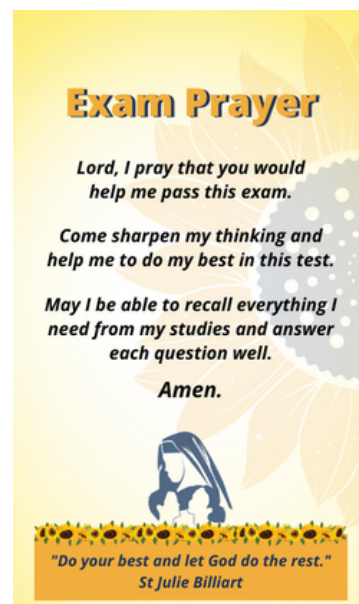


MR DUFFY
HEADTEACHER

Examinations and Assessments

We would like to say a huge 'well done' to all students involved in assessments and examinations this week, whether it be GL assessments for Years 7, 8 and 9, or national GCSE and A Level examinations for Years 11 and 13. We also wish Years 10 and 12 the very best of luck for next week's mock examinations which begin on Monday 22nd May.

As mentioned last week, Year 10 will finish at 1.15pm on Friday 26th May as they will be dismissed directly from their final mock exam and will depart from the Everton Park Sports Hall. Thank you to all Year 10 parents and carers for your support with this.



Misuse of College Toilets

As mentioned in our newsletters on 24th and 31st March, we continue to ask parents and carers for your support in upholding our expectations for the appropriate use of college toilets.

1. As always, students are encouraged to use the toilet before or after the school day, at break time or lunch time.
2. 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.
3. No more than one student will be allowed to leave a classroom to go to the toilet at any one time
4. Students are not allowed to go to the toilet during the first or last ten minutes of each lesson unless they are medically exempt.

The importance of these expectations is compounded by the growing number of students who are vaping both nationally and within our Notre Dame community. This was highlighted this week in a [BBC article](#) that parents and carers may have seen. It stated that YouGov data for Britain suggests experimental vaping among 11 to 17-year-olds rose from 5.6% in 2014 to 11.6% in 2023.

To support our monitoring of this, we will be improving the coverage of our CCTV system to include the communal areas of student toilets. Please be assured that this will **only** cover the communal areas, not cubicles and so present no encroachment on personal privacy. It will however, allow us to identify instances of vandalism or when groups of students are entering single individual cubicles which is unhygienic and unsafe. 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.**

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Students and parents can still visit the [BBC Bitesize Top Revision Tips website page](#), which can be accessed by scanning or clicking on the [QR code above](#).

LFC Inspires Success



Finally, we would like to congratulate all students who took part in this week's LFC inspires competition by creating his own mental health garden. A special CONGRATULATIONS goes to Stevie Wood (Y7) whose winning design will be brought to life at the Southport garden show in August! Thank you to Miss Sheard and Miss Lee for supporting the project.

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

Mr Duffy

External Examinations Update

Year 11 Exam Timetable:

Week 2: Monday 22nd May - Friday 26th May 2023

Date / Time	9am	1pm
Monday 22 May	Chemistry Paper 1 Tier H (AQA) 1 hour 45 mins	Geography Paper 1 (AQA) 1 hour 30 mins
	Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P1H (AQA) 1 hour 15 mins	
	Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P1F (AQA) 1 hour 15 mins	
Tuesday 23 May	French Listening Test Tier H (AQA) 45 mins	Religious Studies Route B Comp 2 Applied Catholic (WJEC/GCSE) 1 hour 30 mins
	French Reading Test Tier H (AQA) 1 hour	
Wednesday 24 May	English Literature Paper 2 (AQA) 2 hours 15 mins	Italian Writing Test Tier H (AQA) 1 hour 15 mins
		Turkish Writing [H] (Edexcel / GCSE) 1 hour 25 mins
Thursday 25 May	Physics Paper 1 Tier H (AQA) 1 hour 45 mins	Comp Sci: Comp Think Algrthm Prgrm Wtn (OCR) 1 hour 30 mins
	Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P1H (AQA) 1 hour 15 mins	
	Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P1F (AQA) 1 hour 15 mins	
Friday 26 May	Enterprise & Marketing: Enterprise & Marketing Concepts Written (OCR) 1 hour 30 mins	No Exams Scheduled

Year 13 Exam Timetable:

Monday 22nd May - Friday 26th May 2023

Date / Time	9am	1pm
Monday 22 May	Sociology ADV Paper 1 (AQA) 2 hours	No Exams Scheduled
Tuesday 23 May	Chemistry (Edexcel) 40 mins	Health and Social Care U4 Anatomy & Physiology (RSA) 2 hours
		Biology (Edexcel / KSQ) 40 mins
Wednesday 24 May	History ADV Paper 1 Option A (AQA) 2 hours 30 mins	Eng Lit: Drama & Poetry PRE-1900 Wtn (OCR) 2 hours 30 mins
		Health Psychology (Edexcel / KSQ) 2 hours
	Translation Into English (Edexcel / GCE) 2 hours 30 mins	Physics (Edexcel / KSQ) 40 mins
		Physics AS Paper 2 (AQA) 1 hour 30 mins
Thursday 25 May	Biology A: Depth in Biology Written (OCR) 1 hour 30 mins	No Exams Scheduled
Friday 26 May	Enterprise & Marketing: Enterprise & Marketing Concepts Written (OCR) 1 hour 30 mins	No Exams Scheduled

Our website will be updated with exam reminders, including when and what revision sessions will take place between exams next week. The following 2 areas will be updated:

Examination Preparation and Support

Examination Procedures

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Year 10 and Year 12 Mock Examinations

Mock Examinations will take place for Year 10 and Year 12 students next week from Monday 22nd May. The mock examinations are to help support our Year 10 and Year 12 students prepare for their examinations taking place in Year 11 and Year 13.



Year 10 Mock Timetable

Date	Registration	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Monday 22nd May		Science - trilogy only 1 hr 15 mins	Option 2: Lesson as normal	Option 1: Lesson as normal	Art Food All other students Opt 3 lesson as normal	IT 1 hr Art Food All other students Opt 3 lesson as normal
Tuesday 23rd May	Form time as normal	Computer Science 1 hr 30 DT 2 hrs		Geography 1 hr 30 mins		English 1 hr
Wednesday 24th May		Music 1 hr 15 mins Spanish Writing 1hr 15mins/1hr	RE 1 hr	Science Trilogy 1 hr 15 mins Separates 1 hr 45 mins		History 55 mins
Thursday 25th May		Science - trilogy only 1 hr 15 mins	Spanish Reading 1hr/45mins	English 1 hr	Lesson as normal	Business 1 hr
Friday 26th May	Form Time as normal	Health & Social Care 1 hr Opt 1 as normal	Lesson as normal	Maths 1 hr 30 mins		YEAR 10 TO FINISH AT 1.15PM

Please note that Year 10 will finish at 1.15pm on Friday 26th May as they will dismissed directly from their final mock exam and will depart from the Everton Park Sports Hall. Thank you to all Year 10 parents and carers for your support with this.

Year 12 Mock Timetable

Date	Registration	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Monday 22nd May	Form time as normal	Option 3 Further Maths (Applied) 1 hr 40 mins Business 2 hrs		Option 4 Physics 2 hrs Spanish 1 hr 45 mins Sociology 1 hr		Lesson as normal
Tuesday 23rd May		Option 2 History 2 hrs 30 mins PE 2 hrs 30 mins		Lesson as normal	Lesson as normal	Lesson as normal
Wednesday 24th May	Form Time as normal	Option 3 Further Maths (Core Pure) 1 hr 40 mins	Option 1 English 1 hr 15 mins Maths (Applied) 1hr 15 mins			Lesson as normal
Thursday 25th May		Option 2 History 2 hrs 30 mins PE 1 hr 30 mins Chemistry 2 hrs		Lesson as normal	Lesson as normal	Lesson as normal
Friday 26th May	Form Time as normal	Option 1 English 1 hr 15 mins Maths (Pure) 2 hrs		Lesson as normal	Lesson as normal	PHSCE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday AM exams will start at 9am prompt so please get registration mark **from form teacher at 8.45** and **be at lower canteen for 8.50am.**

Tuesday, Thursday AM exams will start at 8.45am prompt so please let your form teacher know on Monday/Wednesday that you will not be in form. Please arrive to **Miss Kildare's room at 8.35am.**
Monday, Wednesday, 2nd exams will start at 11.30pm prompt so please be at **lower canteen for 11.25am.**

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Year 11 English Revision



Leading up to Literature Paper Two
Exam on 24th May: An Inspector Calls

Saturday 20th May-10am- 12.00

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85765267860>

Love and Relationships Poetry and
Unseen Poetry

Saturday 20th May-3pm to 5pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87292541359>



GCSE English

AQA Anthology of Poetry

**Love and
Relationships**

Year 11 Prom Date

Our Year 11 Prom will take place on
**Thursday 13th July 2023 at the Isla
Gladstone Conservatory, 7pm -
11pm.** The cost of the event will be **£40
per student** and will include an arrival
drink (non-alcoholic cocktail), Buffet,
LED Dance floor and DJ and a Magic
Mirror Photobooth.



Dress code is smart-casual. Suits and prom dresses are not required.

If you are happy for your child to attend the prom, please make a non-refundable deposit
of **£20 via Parent Pay by Monday 5th June 2023.** The remaining balance will be due no
later than **Monday 26th June 2023 via Parent Pay.** Please contact the school office or Mr
Bond for further details.

Sixth Form students deliver bidding prayers in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral



Three of our Sixth Form students had the privilege of reading the bidding prayers at Bishop Tom Williams' Mass of Thanksgiving in the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral earlier this week. Bonnie, in Year 12, shared her experience with us:

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"When Fr Sean Riley asked us to partake in the Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Tom Williams, we jumped at the opportunity. We recognised it was an honour and felt special to be chosen to partake in the special mass. The service itself was so lovely, and we felt incredibly grateful to be there."

"Archbishop Malcolm led a wonderful service, it was wonderful to see the Liverpool community come together to celebrate Bishop Tom. Thank you, Father Sean, for asking us to take part, and congratulations on your retirement Bishop Tom!"

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OPENING HEARTS

LSSP Sports Challenge



Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in a sports challenge hosted by the LSSP this week. The boys took part in the event on Thursday 18th May with girls completing the challenge today (Fri 19th).

Students partook in activities including the Highland Games, Hungry Hippos, Kinball and Quidditch against various other schools across the city. **Well done!**



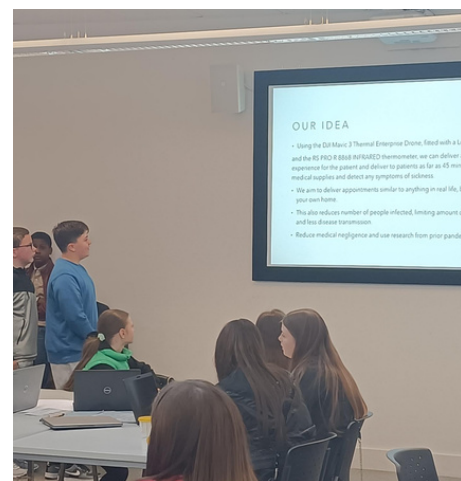
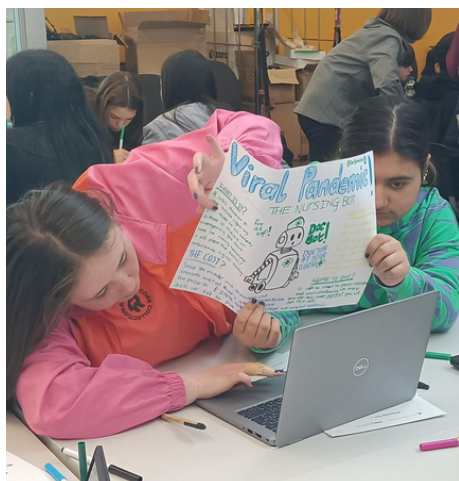
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Year 8 Opening Minds to Computing Opportunities

A group of 60-year 8 computing students attended a visit to Edge Hill University this week; taking part in a DELL Technologies Powering Transformation Workshop.



The students spent the day working within their teams on a problem-solving challenge which focuses on solving social and environmental issues using technology. This task provided a great opportunity for students to develop some **key employability skills such as creativity, problem solving and team work**. The teams pitched their ideas before a judging panel, including one of the senior managers from Dell Tech. The winning team had a really inspirational concept around providing access to technology for homeless people.

In addition to the workshop, students were also taken on a tour of Edge Hill University Campus by the Edge Hill Student advocates. Students were able to get a look at some of the study spaces and facilities available, as well as finding out more about the different degree programmes available to study here.



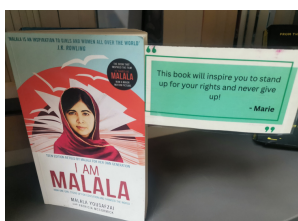
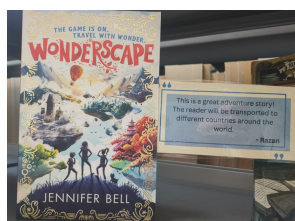
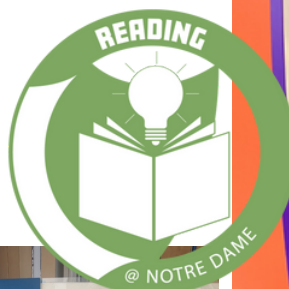
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New additions to the Library!

Miss Dennis was delighted to create a display for the latest additions to our College Library. We have many genres to choose from including manga, graphic novels, mysteries, romance, crime, and sci-fi - all recommended and requested by pupils!

If you're ever unsure what you want to check out, keep an eye out for our student reviews. They are helpfully displayed around various texts within the library to give you a flavour of what other students have enjoyed!



You can't stop the beat... Hairspray Rehearsals!



Rehearsals are going well for our College production in the Summer, Hairspray! Lots of dance moves are coming along and the vocals are sounding fantastic. We can't wait to see the full performance come together - **keep up the good work!**

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Sixth Form Prom!

We'd like to wish our Year 13 students' an excellent time at their Prom this evening! Our Year 13 students' will be having a night off from revising and celebrating their time at Notre Dame! We can't wait to hear about it next week - **ENJOY!**

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Super Saturday's!

We'd like to say a BIG thank you to all Year 6 students who attended our Super Saturday events over the last few weeks. We have been welcoming small groups of Year 6 students who'll be joining us in Year 7 from September to give them a flavour of life at Notre Dame.

The sessions were really well attended and we were delighted with how engaging and courteous our new students were!

Year 6 students got to take part in subject sessions including Art, Geography, English, Computing, Science and Spanish! They were able to explore the building, meet new friends and get to know the Year 7 Team.

We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

Year 6 Parents and students will shortly be invited to our Parents Information evening which will take place in June. Look out for your letter in the post next week!

Resonate host British Council Virtual Concert!

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Liverpool and Ukrainian pupils join with the Philharmonic to perform song to celebrate Eurovision

GRANADA | ENTERTAINMENT

EDUCATION

EUROVISION SONG CONTEST

Friday 12 May 2023 at 5:45pm

A huge well done to all of the Primary schools involved in the Virtual 'Euro' concert hosted by our Resonate Music Hub on behalf of the British Council last Friday!

The virtual concert had over **73,000 children world wide** participating plus musicians from the Philharmonic's In Harmony and Live Music Now and a live performance from a Ukrainian school. It was wonderful to see the feature even made the news! **Check out the article here.**

All Saints Catholic Primary School...
@AllSaintsL4

This is great #UnitedByMusic
@ResonateHub @Schools_British
@IHLiverpool



itv.com
Pupils across Liverpool and Ukraine join in song to celebrate Eurovision | ITV News

20:40 · 12 May 23 · 391 Views

6 Retweets 11 Likes

GSPSCostaRica
@GSPSCostaRica

What a lovely afternoon watching the Eurovision special from @ResonateHub #gspsmusic



14:23 · 12 May 23 · 174 Views

Runnymede St Edward's Catholic...
@RunnymedeStEd

Thank you to @ResonateHub for a fantastic kids Eurovision concert. Year 2 are loving clapping along to #Eurovision music. #RunnymedeMusic



14:10 · 12 May 23 · 337 Views

Resonate, The Music Education H...
@ResonateHub

73,000 pupils from across the world! A special warm Liverpool welcome to our schools in Ukraine. @BBCNWTV @BritishCouncil @bbceurovision @CultureLPool #EuroLearn



13:40 · 12 May 23 · 1,906 Views

10 Retweets 1 Quote 31 Likes

Whitefield Primary
@WhitefieldPS

Eurovision joy at our special assembly today! @resonatehub @EducateMag @lpartnership @bbceurovision



18:55 · 12 May 23 · 831 Views

7 Retweets 25 Likes

15 to 21 May 2023


Mental Health Awareness Week



#ToHelpMyAnxiety

National Mental Health Awareness Week - Anxiety

This year for Mental Health Awareness Week the focus is on anxiety. We all feel anxious from time to time. Anxiety is a natural response to the uncertain world around us. The aim of this week's activities is to join the nationwide conversation to encourage people to share their experiences and ideas on how they manage anxiety. We have been sharing resources online for our students this week, particularly focussing on relieving stress and/or anxiety around Exam Pressures. **Take a look here.**

	How do I know when I'm getting in to the panic zone?	What helps me get out of the panic zone?	Who helps me get out of the panic zone?
 Panic			
Stretch			
Comfort			



My Exam Wellbeing Plan



Things that help me when I'm stressed:

My 30 second activities:

My 3 minute activities:

My 30 minute activities:

My revision safe spaces are:

Things I need from other people are:

People that support me are:

You can also access the Mental Health Awareness Week information from the Mental Health Association via this link: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

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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

REPORTING AN ISSUE ON SOCIAL MEDIA - A GUIDE

[Visit this guide here.](#)

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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/