

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Personal News

It is with sadness that I am writing to confirm my departure from Notre Dame Catholic College at the end of this academic year to take up an executive leadership post in Preston in September. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your support throughout my 3 years in post.

It has genuinely been both my privilege and pleasure to lead this school, our students and staff over the past 3 years. Trustees and governors are now working to confirm who will take up the role of Headteacher in September. This will be confirmed with parents and students once that process has concluded. I am aware that any type of change can feel unsettling, however, I am also confident that the wonderful staff body and Senior Leadership Team I have had the pleasure of working with during my time at Notre Dame will continue to support and deliver the very best for your child during this transition.

I wish the students and staff of Notre Dame Catholic College every happiness and success in the future and that this wonderful school continues to live out St Julie's mission and to open hearts, minds and doors for everyone in its care.

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MR DUFFY
HEADTEACHER

Theme of the Week: **Mission**



"Come, follow me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.' [Matthew 4:18-20]

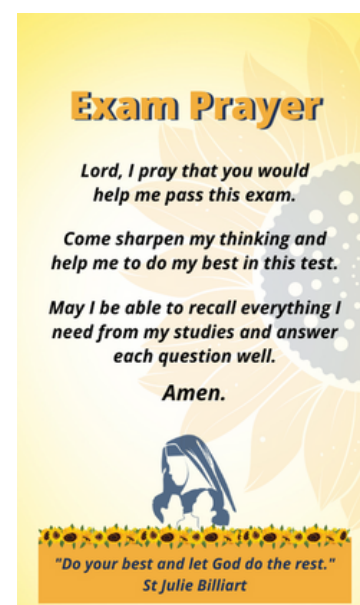
The theme for this week's collective worship and assemblies has been '**Mission**'. The word mission started as an old Latin word that meant 'sent'. Together, we reflected on what we have been sent to do in God's name. We took inspiration from modern day missionaries such as Sean Devereux's mission in war-torn Liberia in the 1990s and then celebrated the Feast of Pentecost which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, which inspired them to spread the word and example of Christ.

Exams Success

We would like to congratulate Year 11 and 13 on their conduct and commitment during the opening two weeks of the summer examination series. Published in this week's newsletter is our May half-term revision offer and parents, carers and students can still access subject curriculum information on our [college website curriculum pages](#) to support revision.

We would also like to send a 'well done' to Years 10 and 12 who completed an intensive week of mock examinations this week. These gives teachers and subject leaders an insight into where students' learning is secure and identify any gaps in learning that need to be addressed in the final half-term of the year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all college staff and invigilators for organising, supporting and supervising an incredibly well run fortnight of examinations and assessments covering every year group. This is a huge task that requires great thought, effort and teamwork: thank you.





Misuse of College Toilets and Vaping

Further to recent newsletter items on misuse of colleges toilets and vaping, the BBC again reported this week on the continued dangers of children vaping (parents and carers can read the report by clicking on [this link](#)). The article confirms the many harmful substances that have been proven to be contained in vape smoke and the incredibly harmful these have on young people.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we will continue to address the dangers of vaping in school through our PSHCE curriculum and by 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 the respectful use of our shared facilities will help protect learning and pupil's health and safety. Thank you, as always, for your support on this.

**WISHING EVERY NOTRE DAME FAMILY
A SAFE, RESTFUL AND PEACEFUL MAY
HALF TERM.**

Mr Duffy

External Examinations Update

Study Leave for our Year 11 students commenced this week. This means our Year 11 students will now only attend school for their examinations and compulsory revision sessions. **Students will be required to check their personal class charts accounts daily** as revision sessions will be individualised based on what their exam timetable looks like. **Please note students are required to sit their examinations in full school uniform.**

Year 11 Exam Timetable:

Monday 5th June - Friday 9th June 2023

Date / Time	9am	1pm
Monday 5 June	English Language Paper 1 (AQA) 1 hour 45 mins	French Writing Test Tier H (AQA) 1 hour 15 mins
Tuesday 6 June	Spanish Listening & Reading (AQA) Higher Paper 1 hour 45 mins (45 mins Listening / 1 hour Reading)	Religious Studies Component 3 Judaism (WJEC) 1 hour
	Spanish Listening & Reading (AQA) Foundation Paper 1 hour 20 mins (35 mins Listening / 45 mins Reading)	
Wednesday 7 June	Mathematics Calculator Paper (Edexcel) 1 hour 30 mins	History American W. Elizabethan (Edexcel) 1 hour 45 mins
Thursday 8 June	No Exams Scheduled - Please use Study time wisely	No Exams Scheduled - Please use Study time wisely
Friday 9 June	Geography Paper 2 (AQA) 1 hour 30 mins	Biology Paper 2 (AQA) 1 hour 30 mins
		Combined Sci Trilogy Biology (AQA) 1 hour 15 mins

Year 13 Exam Timetable:

Monday 5th June - Friday 9th June 2023

Date / Time	9am	1pm
Monday 5 June	English Language Paper 1 (AQA) 1 hour 45 mins	No Exams Scheduled
Tuesday 6 June	Geography ADV Paper 2 (AQA) 2 hours 30 mins	No Exams Scheduled
	HSC: U6 Personal & Person Centred Approach (RSA) 1 hour 30 mins	
Wednesday 7 June	Applied Business Unit 1 (AQA) 1 hour 30 mins	Criminology Unit 4: Paper Based (WJEC) 1 hour 30 mins
	Mathematics Calculator Paper (Edexcel) 1 hour 30 mins	Biology B: Fundamentals Biology Wtn (OCR) 2 hours 15 mins
Thursday 8 June	Further Mathematics Paper 1 (AQA) 1 hour 45 mins	
	Eng Lit: Comparative & Contextual Study Written (OCR) 2 hours 30 mins	History ADV Paper 2 Option M (AQA) 2 hours 30 mins
Friday 9 June	Sociology ADV Paper 2 (AQA) 2 hours	
	Physics ADV Paper 2 (AQA) 2 hours	
	Translation Into Persian (Edexcel) 2 hours 40 mins	

Our website will be updated with exam reminders, including our Half Term Revision sessions. The following 2 areas will be updated:

Examination Preparation and Support

Examination Procedures

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Half Term Revision Schedule

Students will be able to attend school for the following revision sessions during Half Term.

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Date / Time	Morning 9.30am -12pm	Afternoon 12.30pm - 2pm
Monday 29 May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 30 May	ART	PHYSICS (MISS NEILSON)
Wednesday 31 May	MATHS	RE
Thursday 1 June		SCIENCE TRILOGY

English Revision Sessions

Leading up to Language Paper One (Exam is on the 5th June)

AQA Language Paper One- Section B- Writing

School Holidays-Friday 2nd June 10.00-11.30

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83528416926>

AQA Language Paper One - Section A

School Holidays-Friday 2nd June 12.00-14.00

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83349543001>

Leading up to Language Paper Two (Exam is on the 12th June)

AQA Language Paper Two- Section B- Writing

Saturday 10th June, 10.00- 11.30

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83855418064>

AQA Language Paper Two - Section A

Saturday 10th June, 12.00-14.00

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89704316442>



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.

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Notre Dame Achieves ADHD Friendly School Status!

We are delighted to receive the news that Notre Dame Catholic College has achieved the ADHD Friendly School Award from the ADHD Foundation!

The award recognises the school's commitment to **open doors** for all students, by working with the ADHD Foundation to support our students and staff members with ADHD in a variety of ways!

Mrs Fitzpatrick and a team of staff have worked hard to ensure our school achieved this Award, so a huge well done to you all! We look forward to sharing more on this after the Half Term break!



Sixth Form Prom!

Our Year 13 students had a wonderful time last week at their Sixth Form Prom! We joined our students for a 3 course meal at The Marriott Hotel in the City Centre, followed by entertainment and dancing!!

Everyone looked fantastic in their best dress, and it was wonderful to see our students relaxing and having fun after all of their hard work this exam season. **Not long to go until we bid them a final farewell as students and welcome them back as Notre Dame Alumni!**



Year 10 Prepare for Work Experience

A reminder that Mrs Hall delivered an assembly to year 10 students about work experience. All students will have the opportunity to complete a week's work experience during the week of **11th-15th December 2023**. This will take place after year 11 mock exams and just before the Christmas break.



We are encouraging all students to begin contacting different employers asap to find their own placement. Deadline for self-placements is 17th July.

For those students unable to secure their own the placement of their choice , we will ask **Elevate** our work experience partner to provide a work placement for them. To help with the administration of self-placements we will be using the **Unifrog Placements Tool**. As a school we subscribe to Unifrog, an excellent careers management platform that provides great resources for students to support their career planning and personal development. Information for parents will be sent out through ParentApps and uploaded to the [careers page on the website](#).

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Hall
hallg@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk

Work Experience Resources

Year 11 Work Experience will take place 11th -15th December 2023.

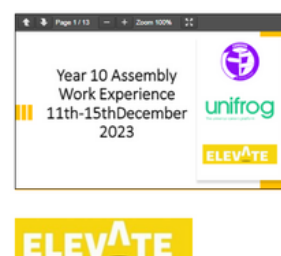
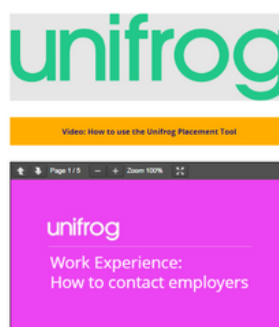
Owing to the increased demand for work experience placements over the last year, we feel it is essential that our current Year 10 students begin as soon as possible to identify their preferred placement choice.

We are asking Year 10 students (with their families support) to source their own work experience placement. To manage the administration of self-placements, we are using the **Unifrog Placements Tool** to collect information from the employer about their Risk Assessment and Health & Safety policy, as well as getting agreement from Parents/Carers for the placement to go ahead. Unifrog is a comprehensive careers platform that we subscribe to as a school and students will be given the opportunity to subscribe to this platform during the Summer 2023 Term.

The deadline for all self-placements is 17th July. If a student is unable to find their own placement, we will work with **Elevate**, one of our work experience partners, to support finding a placement for them. Please be aware that there is no guarantee this will be in your child's preferred job sector. For further information, please see the resources below.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Hall, our Careers Advisor for further details and support.

Year 10 Letter to Parents - Work Experience Information



Just a reminder if an employer has agreed to your placement, you will need their name, telephone number and email address to complete the initial form on Unifrog Placements Tool. If you have any questions , please speak to Mrs Hall after the Half Term break.

Notre Dame Hosts 'May-Mester' Students from Liverpool Hope University

We have been delighted to be host 3 American Trainee Teachers' at Notre Dame this week and the first week back following the Half Term Break!

Mr Fullmer, Miss Ehlert and Miss Fyfe have joined us from Liverpool Hope University as part of their 'May-Mester' exchange programme. Each has commented on how **welcoming** and **courteous** they have found both the students and staff at the College and how much they are enjoying their time so far!



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Behavioural Expectation Reminders – School Uniform, Equipment and Punctuality

A smart uniform encourages a sense of community and develops a sense of pride and self-respect.

After the Half Term break, we will be conducting strict Uniform and Equipment checks on the 'Blue Line' as students arrive into school in the morning to ensure students they begin the day in the correct uniform and have everything they need to support their learning throughout the school day. See our uniform and equipment reminders below or visit our [website here](#) for more detailed guidance. We will also be issuing sanctions to students who are persistently late to school and or lessons.

REMEMBER!
UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Notre Dame Full Uniform includes:

- ✓ Tie
- ✓ Jumper
- ✓ Grey Socks
- ✓ Blazer
- ✓ Smart Grey Trousers / Skirt
- ✓ Black Shoes




REMEMBER!
EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

ARE THEY READY TO LEARN?

- 2 Black or Blue pens
- Colouring pencils
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Ruler
- School bag big enough to hold A4 size documents / files
- School planner (Y7) or Timetable (provided by school)



REMEMBER!
UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Notre Dame Full Year 7 PE Kit includes:

- ✓ Navy & Gold branded polo top
- OR Navy & Gold half zip tracksuit top
- ✓ Navy socks
- ✓ Navy shorts or leggings with college branding OR NO logo/branding
- OR Navy trackuit bottoms - NO logo/branding




Year 7 students will wear PE kit all day on their timetabled PE day.
Students must not 'mix & match' their PE kit with their ordinary school uniform.

REMEMBER!
UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Notre Dame PE Kit (Year 8+) includes:

- ✓ College branded navy and royal blue polo shirt.
- ✓ Navy leggings (Optional) – must be plain navy with no writing/logos/branding
- ✓ Navy socks
- ✓ College branded navy skirt, skort or shorts.
- ✓ College branded hoodie (Optional).




Students must not 'mix & match' their P.E kit with their ordinary school uniform.

We have a range of pre-loved uniform items available for Parents / Carers who may need some support in these final weeks of term providing any missing items for their child. If you would like to find out more about this you can contact our school chaplain Miss Wall directly and discreetly for further support and guidance. (Email: rwall18.341@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk)

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Message from Liverpool City Council



Liverpool
City Council

Date: 19th May 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian

The May "Eat to Meet 2" Half Term programme starts on the 29th May and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, from reception to age 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the half term holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost. There's a great range of activities across the city including boxing, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, discos, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, a make up course, trips out and much more! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well.

To find out where your nearest scheme is click on this link <https://merseyplay.com/may-half-term-eat-to-meet/> or go to <https://www.merseyplay.com> and click on the May half term activities link.

When you have chosen the activity/scheme 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 contact the providers directly.

- ☐ If you want to know how to register or how to check if your child is eligible for free school meals then please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
- ☐ You will need your national insurance number or an asylum seekers support number.
- ☐ If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>
- ☐ If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, Sutton Croft and the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Half Term Activity programme.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#).

Regards

Sally Dobbing

Sally Dobbing - HAF Project Manager

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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/