

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

**Theme of the Week: Vocation**



The theme for this week's collective worship and assemblies has been 'Vocation'. The word 'vocation' comes from the Latin, 'vocatio', meaning, a call or a summons. Together, we reflected on what God has called to do and who God has called us to be. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said "The Christian vocation is first and foremost a call to love, a love which attracts us and draws us out of ourselves, de-centring us and triggering an ongoing exodus out of the closed inward-looking self, toward its liberation through self-giving, and this toward authentic self-discovery and indeed the discovery of God." As always, we took inspiration from St Julie who said "education is the greatest work on earth" – and we couldn't agree more!

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MR DUFFY  
HEADTEACHER

## Year 8 Parents' Evening – Thursday 11th May

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers of Year 7 who attended on Year 7 Parents' Evening yesterday. We hope you found the evening informative and useful. We would also like to remind parents of Year 8 that we will be hosting a **face-to-face Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 11th May** in which parents of Year 8 can meet with your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress through the year and how they can prepare for end of year assessments. Please continue to book your appointment slots with subject teachers through the course of next week.

## Forthcoming Assessments

This week, we have published details and times of forthcoming assessments for Years 7, 8 and 9 and mock examinations for Years 10 and 12.

Year 7, 8 and 9 will complete baseline tests called 'GL Assessments' in English, Maths and Science between **Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th May**. These assess your child's general application in these subjects rather than specific assessment against our Notre Dame curriculum. They will generate a parent report that identifies your child's strengths and areas for development in each subject which we will send out to you once received.

Year 10 and 12 mock examinations will be in all subjects studied by your child and will take place throughout the week beginning **Monday 22nd May**. further details can be found further in this week's newsletter.

All subjects provided students with revision lists and materials last term in hard copy or via Class Charts. Please support your sons and daughters to find some opportunities for final preparation and revision over the weekend.



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.

## 'Super Saturdays' and Transition



This week, we host our second 'Super Saturday' transition morning of the year, in which we will welcome some Year 6 students who will be joining us in September. We would like to thank our parents and colleagues in our primary partner schools for promoting and committing to this initiative. Attendance and participation so far has been outstanding. We would also like to thank all of the Notre Dame staff who have made these Saturdays truly super! We hope everyone enjoys this weekend's event as much as our last event.

## Mobile Phones in School

Notre Dame's position on mobile phones in school is clear. Students do not need their mobile phones in school; they should therefore not be seen or heard between 8.45am and 3.00pm. The school reception and student services desk are both fully staffed and trained to take messages from parents and relay them to your child – just like when we adults were at school ourselves. We have taken this position because there is a proven link between mobile phone use in schools and poor mental health of students, due to bullying and malicious communications.



On this, I would like to draw your attention to the letter that Mrs Brennan sent out via Parent App earlier in the year, reminding all of our position on mobile phones and the actions staff can take if a mobile phone is seen or heard.

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

Mr Duffy

## Examinations Updates...

### Year 11 GCSE/External Examinations Update

GCSE and External Examinations have begun for students, with the majority taking place from Monday 15th May.

Our website will be updated with exam reminders from next week. Please view the following 2 areas for updates regarding examinations, including tips and advice for preparing for exams, as well as details of when exams will be taking place.

#### Examination Preparation and Support

#### Examination Procedures

Please note the following important dates from our Examinations Officer, Miss Munro:

All exam students have to be available up to and including **Wednesday 28th June 2023**

GCSE results day **Thursday 24th August 2023**



When collecting your GCSE Results, please note that if you are unable to collect your results in person, you will need to write a letter of permission for the person collecting them on your behalf. This must be given to the school's exams officer. The person you have asked to collect your results will also need to show photographic identification (driving license / passport) to the exams officer along with the letter of permission before we can release them. Please see example of how this should be worded below:

Letter of permission

I (print name), give (print name of person collecting results)  
permission to collect my Summer 2023 exam results.

Sign and date your letter.

Further details of times to collect your results will be shared on the school website and via our Parent App / Class Charts Apps closer to the time.



## ***A Level Examinations Update***

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A Level results day **Thursday 17th August 2023**



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### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Our Year 13 Students' Leavers Mass will take place on **Friday 23rd June 2023 at 11.30am**. Further details will be issued in due course from our Sixth Form Team.

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## Year 10 and Year 12 Mock Examinations

Mock Examinations will take place for Year 10 and Year 12 students week commencing 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. Please see timetables below or visit our [Examination Preparation and Support web page here](#).



### Year 10 Mock Exam 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		PHSCE

### Year 12 Mock Exam 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

Information for Year 12: 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 7, Year 8 and Year 9 GL Assessments

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students will be taking their GL Assessments week commencing Monday 15th May. GL Assessments are national examinations that assess your child's current knowledge base in English, Maths and Science, against national average scores to help us to gauge their strengths and highlight any areas for development and support within these 3 key subject areas. Their results from your child's GL Assessments will form part of their end of year report but will not impact any future examination grades. They take place twice a year for students in Year 7, 8 and 9.

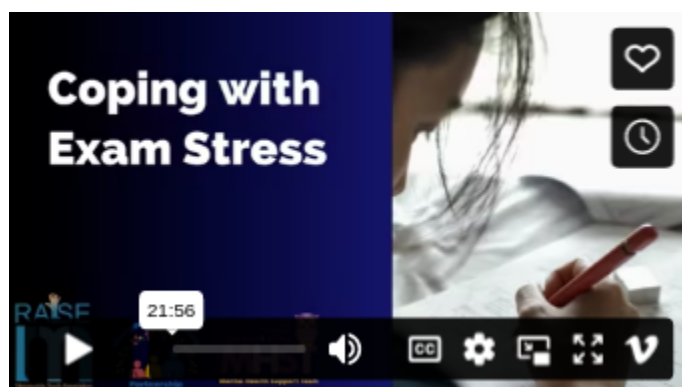


Please see timetables below or visit our [Examination Preparation and Support web page here](#).

Date	Registration	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Wednesday 17th May	Form time as normal	YEAR 9 English		YEAR 8 Science	YEAR 8 English	
Thursday 18th May	Form time as normal	YEAR 7 English		YEAR 9 Science	YEAR 8 Maths	
Friday 19th May	Form Time as normal	YEAR 7 Maths		YEAR 9 Maths		PHSCE as normal

- YEAR 7** (Please note, Year 7 students complete GL Assessments in 2 subjects - English and Maths)
- YEAR 8** (Please note, Year 8 students complete GL Assessments in 3 subjects - English, Maths and Science)
- YEAR 9** (Please note, Year 8 students complete GL Assessments in 3 subjects - English, Maths and Science)

## Exam resources



MYA along with LLP and the Mental Health Support Teams, have produced some pre-recorded sessions for Year 11 students. The link to this video can be found [here](#), with further resources to help you prepare for your exams being available on our website [here](#). We will also be sending out resources to students via Class Charts over the coming weeks.

## Resonate News this week...



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The Music  
Education Hub  
for Liverpool

### 100 Voices United go on Tour!

**Students involved in our Resonate Music Hub's Eurovision project, 100 Voices United, will be touring the city next Wednesday 10th May as part of the city's Eurovision Week celebrations!**

The Eurovision week will have three shows: Semi-final 1 on Tuesday, Semi-final 2 on Thursday and the Grand Final on Saturday:

- Semi-final 1: 9 May 2023
- Semi-final 2: 11 May 2023
- Grand Final: 13 May 2023

The 100 Voices United choir has students from a variety of secondary schools in the city including our own Notre Dame Catholic College Choir, students from St Julie's Catholic High School, The Belvedere Academy, West Derby High School and St Vincent's School for the blind and sensory impaired. 100 Voices United also includes primary aged children from a Ukrainian children's choir. We were delighted when all students' joined us again last Saturday, 29th April, at Notre Dame for their final rehearsal pre-tour.



The tour taking place next week will see our students perform at Strawberry Fields, a concert at Hope University, and will finish with a performance at the Eurovision main stage in the pier head.

This follows the choir's performance, alongside Resonate's Euro Brass Band, for King Charles III and the Queen Consort at Liverpool's Central Library last week. We wish them the best of luck on their tour and look forward to updating our Notre Dame families with how they got on next week!





## Year 10 Prepare for Work Experience

A reminder following last week's newsletter that all students currently in Year 10 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](mailto: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.

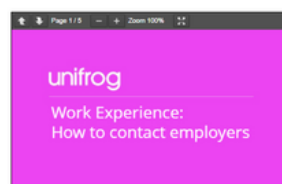
The deadline for all self placements is 17th July. If a student is unable to find their own placement, we will work with **Elevate**, one of our work experience partners, to support finding a placement for them. Please be aware that there is no guarantee this will be in your child's preferred job sector.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



Video: How to use the Unifrog Placement Tool



## Students explore more Career Skills at the Safari Park!

Our students in Year 10 and Flourish have continued their work skills programme at Knowsley Safari Park this week.

The group learnt about animal behaviours during their session with the Sea Lion Trainers and even got to interact with the Sea Lions and become trainers themselves, asking the animals to perform tricks!

This was followed by learning about the operational side of the park, by taking on Janitor duties, cleaning enclosures and litter picking! Well done all.





## ***Year 10 Open Minds to Biomedical Research***

This week, our Year 10 students visited an Aortic Futures Careers Day, which was an invaluable opportunity to discover the world of biomedical research, learn about the importance of improving community health, and gain inspiration to pursue a career in this life-changing field.

Students were able to participate in interactive workshops and practical activities. They also had the chance to meet researchers and surgeons to discuss their career journeys.

This event was organised by the Aortic Dissection Charitable Trust in partnership with the University of Liverpool and Everton in the Community. A fantastic experience!



## ***Opening Doors to Writing Opportunities***

Our Librarian, Miss Dennis, was delighted to receive news this week that 6 more pupils who entered the Young Writer's Creative Writing Competition have been picked to have their work published!

What amazing news! Well done to all involved - we can't wait to read your work when it's published!





## ***Opening Minds in Art – Students explore Gothic Architecture, Gargoyles and Portraiture!***

Our Year 9 students have been getting creative with clay this week creating Gargoyles! This is part of their current unit studying Gargoyles and Gothic Architecture. Our students have been discovering the origins of sculptural gargoyles and how they are connected to the history of our city within the architecture. Students recreated their own and were encouraged to note the various ones they can see when they're next in the City Centre!



Our Year 8 student, Fizza, also displayed fantastic artistic skill recently in her homework.

Fizza replicated 'Book People' by artist, Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Arcimboldo is a 16th Century Italian painter best known for creating imaginative portrait heads made entirely of objects such as fruits, vegetables, flowers, fish and books.



Our Year 8 students have been exploring his work alongside the likes of Leonardo Da Vinci as well as more traditional and anatomical portraiture work from artists such as Michael Shapcott. A fantastic recreation, well done Fizza!

## ***Focus on PHSCE***

We were delighted to welcome staff from Four Oaks Primary school and Holy Cross Primary school this week to discuss our PHSCE programme.



Ms Robinson-Powell, our PHSCE lead, gathered together representatives from our student council and 1804 Society to discuss their experiences of PHSCE and gather their ideas of how this can be improved from primary school age up to Sixth Form. Our students had some really engaging ideas and discussions with our visitors, displaying our core values of **courtesy** and **confidence**. More to follow next week!



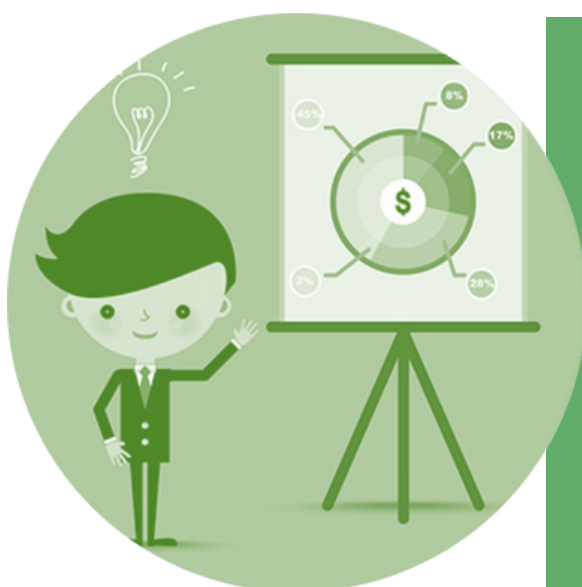
## Confidence Competition



### *'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!



### **The Task:**

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](mailto: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.**

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MINDS**





## Coronation Cakes!



A big thank you to our Catering Staff for their efforts today to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III this weekend with a wonderful array of coronation inspired meals including Coronation Chicken Sandwiches and treats for our students this lunchtime! Delicious!

## Dates for the diary:

### Year 8: HPV Vaccinations

All Year 8 children are being offered the HPV vaccination at school next week 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.



### Year 8 Parents Evening

Year 8 Parents are invited to attend Parents' Evening from 3.30pm – 6.00pm on **Thursday 11th May 2023**. Please note, no appointments are required as all subject teachers will be available between these times.

We encourage your son/daughter to accompany you to Parents' Evening where you will have the opportunity to discuss their progress with their subject teachers. If your child is not attending with you, we politely request that you ask your child or the school for a list of their subject teachers prior to your arrival. We look forward to seeing you next Thursday. Thank you.



## Tackling Cyberbullying

### What is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is when someone bullies others using electronic means. This might involve social media and messaging services on the internet that are accessed on a mobile phone, tablet or gaming platform. The behaviour is usually repeated and at times can be as subtle as leaving someone out of a group chat or cropping them out of a picture.

Like any form of bullying, cyberbullying can be horrible for the children involved and hard for them to talk about. Cyberbullying can happen via text, email and on social networks and gaming platforms. It can consist of:

- Threats and intimidation
- Harassment and stalking
- Defamation
- Rejection and exclusion
- Identify theft, hacking into social media accounts and impersonation
- Publicly posting or sending on personal information about another person
- Manipulation

#### Cyberbullying facts and statistics

84%

The latest *Ofcom children and parents media use report 22* shows that 84% of 8-17s say they have been bullied on social media, through text message and on other online platforms, compared to 63% face-to-face.

14 & 15

Those aged 14-15 were most likely to report concerns about online bullying, trolling and hate speech according to our *2021 report*.

7 in 10

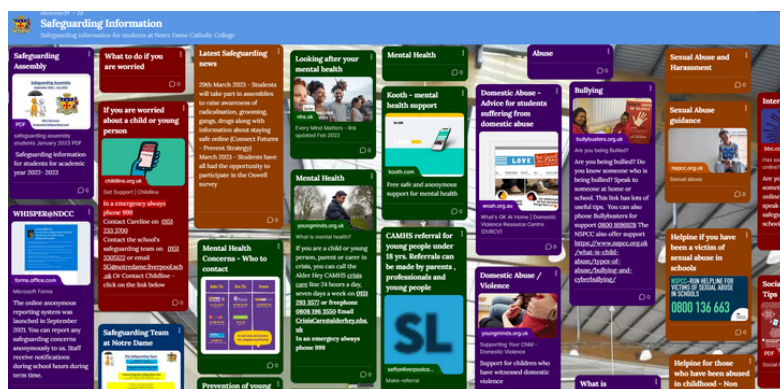
Our own research shows that 71% of parents are concerned about their child experiencing online bullying by someone they know. Moreover, 70% show concern about online trolling or abuse from strangers, and 66% are concerned about their child being harassed by other children online.

The fact is the more time children spend online, the higher the chances are of having a negative experience at some point. About half of all cyberbullying comes from someone known to the victim.

[Click here for top 10 facts you need to know regarding Cyberbullying](#)

[Click here to view a video with advice for parents/carers](#)

Our school **Safeguarding Padlet** also has lots of useful information and advice for Parents/Carers regarding online safety and bullying. Parents/Carers can also share any concerns with the school anonymously via **Whisper**.



[You can also get useful information and guidance for reporting an issue on social media here.](#)



# A Guide to Online Reporting



The internet is a vast ocean of information, opinions, and content. While many of us will go online and have a positive experience, we must accept that this is not always the case for everyone. So when we see something online that we know is harmful, it is time to take action and report it.



## Why Should I Report?

A lot of us can witness or fall victim to online harm. If you become concerned or feel uncomfortable about something you have seen online, the following points illustrate why reporting content is always the best course of action.

- 1 Reporting can often lead towards harmful content being removed
- 2 Reporting shows why certain types of behaviour should not be tolerated online
- 3 Reporting allows control to be taken away from online perpetrators
- 4 Reporting works towards a safer internet for everyone

## When Should I Report?

When you make a report, you are essentially escalating it for review around whether something should remain online or not with reference to the law or specific standards associated with online platforms. You should always report if you come across content that:

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Contains child sexual abuse material or terrorist content | 5 Contains unwanted sexual advances |
| 2 Is harmful or abusive towards yourself or others          | 6 Contains violent content          |
| 3 Promotes self-harm or suicide                             | 7 Threatens you or others           |
| 4 When someone is impersonating you or others               | 8 Contains pornographic content     |

Help



## Who Should I Report To?

Different services are required for different types of content with reporting processes available for both illegal and legal but harmful content. To get a better understanding of where you should go to for support, follow the below guide.

- 1 Report Harmful Content ([reportharmfulcontent.com](http://reportharmfulcontent.com)) – Reporting legal but harmful content
- 2 Internet Watch Foundation ([iwf.org.uk](http://iwf.org.uk)) – Reporting child sexual abuse material
- 3 ACT ([act.campaign.gov.uk](http://act.campaign.gov.uk)) – Reporting terrorism related content
- 4 Dial 999 – If content shows a child or someone in danger

## Other Services and Support

Refer to the below services for further advice and support:

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| 1 <b>Revenge Porn Helpline</b> ( <a href="http://revengepornhelpline.org.uk">revengepornhelpline.org.uk</a> ) – Suitable for adults over the age of 18 experiencing or affected by intimate image abuse  | 3 <b>Report Remove</b> ( <a href="http://childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online">childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online</a> ) – Supporting under 18s to report nude images that have been shared |
| 2 <b>Professionals Online Safety Helpline</b> ( <a href="http://swgfl.org.uk/helplines/professionals-online-safety-helpline">swgfl.org.uk/helplines/professionals-online-safety-helpline</a> ) – Online safety issues and concerns for professionals | 4 <b>StopNCII.org</b> ( <a href="http://stopncii.org">stopncii.org</a> ) – Supporting adults with protecting their intimate images from perpetrators of intimate image abuse.  |

For more information on reporting visit:  
[swgfl.org.uk/topics/reporting/](http://swgfl.org.uk/topics/reporting/)

or scan the QR code



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## Message from Liverpool City Council



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City Council

Dear Parents and Carers,

Perceptions that there has been a rise in young people vaping are supported by current evidence which indicates the number of 11–17-year-olds in Great Britain currently vaping has risen to 7% compared to 4% in 2020. Whilst this increase is concerning, the data nonetheless continues to illustrate most young people do not vape or smoke. It is also worth noting that most vaping is experimental with regular vaping mainly confined to children who currently smoke or those who have done so in the past.

**Smoking is undoubtedly more harmful than vaping, however, vapes are not harmless. We know short-term effects include coughing, headaches, dizziness, and sore throats. The long-term effects of vaping are, as yet, unknown.**

The public health message to young people therefore is very clear, **“Don’t smoke? Don’t start to vape”**.

### THE LAW AND VAPING

Vapes and vaping products containing nicotine, like tobacco, are age restricted. It’s illegal to sell them to under 18s, and for adults to buy them on their behalf.

Schools will have their own policies in place regarding smoking and vaping on school site and both students and parents should follow these policies. It is important that all parents and students are aware of school policies regarding smoking and vaping. This can often be found on your schools’ website.

Enforcing existing legislation to prevent the illegal sale of vaping products is an important step to take in reducing the number of young people who experiment with vapes. In Liverpool it is our intention to ensure that the law is upheld.

Working alongside our Council colleagues in Trading Standards we will soon be conducting intelligence led test purchase operations, targeting premises who are known to be selling vaping products to young people. Where you have local knowledge of retailers selling vaping products illegally, we would therefore be grateful if you could share this information via email to [trading.standards@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@liverpool.gov.uk)

### SUPPORT

Quitting smoking is one of the best ways to improve your health. It has been shown to reduce the risk of developing dementia, heart disease, cancer and stroke. You experience health benefits within weeks of stopping including breathing easier and feeling fitter.

Liverpool City Council | Cunard Building | Water Street | Liverpool | L3 1DS

Liverpool already has a robust smoking and vaping cessation offer available to its residents.

Smokefree Liverpool provide tailored advice and access to nicotine replacement therapy to smokers aged 12 and over in a wide range of community venues across the city as well as virtual support where it is preferred. This support can be accessed by Freephone 0800 061 4212 by texting QUIT to 66777 or online at [www.smokefreeliverpool.co.uk](http://www.smokefreeliverpool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Ashton

Director of Public Health, Liverpool

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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

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