

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### Flood Damage Update



We would like to begin this week's newsletter by thanking all students, parents and carers for your understanding and patience as we managed the impact and damage caused by last weekend's flooding.

Even following our amazing cleaning and site teams' heroic efforts this week, and on the advice of our insurance and health and safety assessors, we still have around 20 classrooms out of action due to the physical or respiratory risks they pose to students and staff while they continue to dry out. Unfortunately, this is likely to be the case for the remainder of the academic year. **Despite this, we are desperate to have all students back in school from Monday (19th) in order to minimise the impact of this unforeseeable disruption to students' education.**

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MR DUFFY  
HEADTEACHER

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Classroom accommodation will be a stretch and we ask for student, parents and carers' continued understanding and patience whilst we manage these continued pressures. Every available space throughout the building has been allocated to teaching and so your child's rooming timetable will be significantly impacted. Work continues in the meantime, to try to bring more classrooms into safe use and this will be the focus of our efforts throughout the coming weeks.

We **therefore ask that all students to return to school for 8.45am registration.** There, students will be registered and escorted to their first lesson of the day. We also ask that students in Years 9 and 10 ensure that any work set on Class Charts throughout this week has been completed so that we can pick up the curriculum teaching at the right place and avoid any unnecessary re-teaching of tasks set on Class Charts this past week.

## Theme of the Week: **Social Justice**



The theme for this week's collective worship and assemblies has been 'Social Justice'. Together, we have explored how 'justice' goes beyond punishing wrongdoers for what they have done. True justice means giving all people – particularly the poor and oppressed – what it is right and fair for them to have life, health, freedom and dignity. Social Justice is about acting out of concern for what is right. It is about standing up for those in society who are being treated unfairly. We took inspiration from the Beatitudes, in which Jesus said 'those who want to do right more than anything else are happy. God will fully satisfy them.' In doing so, we reflected on our own core values of **CHARITY** and **COURAGE**, praying that we may have the strength to be forces for social justice in our own lives and communities.

## Welcome to New Year 7 Parents

Finally, we would like to thank all of our new Year 7 Parents for braving the heat to join us for our face-to-face welcome evening event yesterday. We hope all parents found the presentations informative and we hope you got the answers to any questions you had regarding your child's transition to Notre Dame. We look forward to welcoming students on our **Transition Day on Wednesday 5th July.**



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As mentioned in the presentation, all information booklets and presentations from the event can be found on the [Transition page of our website](#). Many thanks to Miss Wishart for her presentation and to Daniel, Rim, Kial and Maizie for speaking so passionately and warmly about your first year at Notre Dame.



**WISHING EVERY NOTRE DAME FAMILY  
A PEACEFUL WEEKEND**

**Mr Duffy**

## External Examinations Update

A huge well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 students for their hard work and dedication during the exam season over the last few weeks. We are on the home stretch with one final week of examinations ahead of us! Many students sat their final exam today (Fri 16th) and we hope you all can spend the weekend reflecting with pride on your performance and time spent over the last 5 or 7 years with Notre Dame! The timetable for next week is below and available on our website.

### Year 11 Exam Timetable:

#### Monday 19th June - Friday 23rd June 2023

Date / Time	9am	1pm
Monday 19 June	No Exams Scheduled - Please use Study time wisely	Greek - Writing (AQA) 1 hour 25 mins
		Further Mathematics Written Paper (Edexcel) 1 hour 30 mins
Tuesday 20 June	No Exams Scheduled - Please use Study time wisely	No Exams Scheduled - Please use Study time wisely
Wednesday 21 June	Polish Writing Test (AQA) 1 hour 15 mins	No Exams Scheduled.
	Hospitality & Catering UNIT 1: Onscreen (WJEC) 1 hour 30 mins	
	Portuguese Writing (Edexcel) 1 hour 20 mins	

### Year 13 Exam Timetable:

#### Monday 19th June - Friday 23rd June

Date / Time	9am	1pm
Monday 19 June	No Exams Scheduled - Please use Study time wisely	Chemistry ADV Paper 2 (AQA) 2 hours
Tuesday 20 June	No Exams Scheduled - Please use Study time wisely	
Wednesday 21 June	Biology B: Practical Skills Biology Written (OCR) 1 hour 30 mins	Further Mathematics Paper 2 (AQA) 1 hour 45 mins
Thursday 22 June	No Exams Scheduled - Please use Study time wisely	
Friday 23 June	Chemistry ADV Paper 3 (AQA) 2 hours	Sixth Form Leavers Assembly 11.30am

**Our Year 11 students** are invited to attend their **Leavers Assembly on Monday 26th June** at 9.15am.

**Our Year 13 students and parents** are invited to attend their **Leavers Mass on Friday 23rd June** at 11.30am. We look forward to celebrating with all of you as you begin the next phase of your lives!

Our website will be updated with exam reminders. The following 2 areas will be updated:

[Examination Preparation and Support](#)

[Examination Procedures](#)



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## 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 is **£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.

The deadline to pay the £20 deposit has now passed. The remaining balance is due no later than **Monday 26th June 2023 via Parent Pay.** Please note, cash will not be accepted. Please contact the school office or Mr Bond for further details.

## Sixth Form Parents – DO YOU HAVE CLASS CHARTS?

Our Sixth Form Team and subject leaders regularly send students and parents updates and reminders about their progress via Class Charts. This includes information related to work experience opportunities, Higher Education Open Dates and more. It is important that Sixth Form students and Parents continue to use and monitor their Class Charts account so as not to miss out on any important updates or opportunities.

If you have any problems logging on to your Class Charts account, please contact Miss Nicol or Mrs Kildare.



**ClassCharts**

## Duke of Edinburgh – Practice Expedition!

On Monday, students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh award, took part in their practice walk to get ready for their overnight expedition later in the month. We walked from Hoylake train station, through fields and parks across the Wirral to get to west Kirby train station. The walk was around 13km long. Pupils were taught map reading and orienteering skills and hopefully wore in their walking boots ready for the Bronze award expedition.



## ***Notre Dame Seeds Conference in Walsingham Tuesday 7th – Thursday 9th June***

St. Julie taught that we should be like sunflowers and always turn towards what is good. Every Autumn, the Headteachers and Chaplains of the Notre Dame Schools in England and Scotland gather together to celebrate what is 'good' in our communities and discuss ways to help us grow. A key area we have worked on together is developing student leadership. This led to us organising the first ever UK conference for Notre Dame students! This gathering was a very significant new chapter in the history of our schools and how we serve our communities.

A group of students from each of the following Notre Dame schools joined us at the conference: Notre Dame Sheffield, Notre Dame Norwich, Notre Dame Southwark, Notre Dame Plymouth, Notre Dame Glasgow and St. Julie's Liverpool. We gathered together at Notre Dame Norwich and then travelled together to Walsingham for a fantastic few days!

The purpose of this conference was to plant the following:

- SEEDS OF JOY: Enjoying each other's company
- SEEDS OF LOVE: Finding ways to strengthen our links
- SEEDS OF HOPE: Inspiring young people to shape our future

**Faye said "What I enjoyed most about the conference was going to see the replica of the Holy House in the Anglian Shrine and the 'Holy Mile' walk where I was the designated photographer. The conference helped me grow in confidence because it helped me to speak in front of a room full of people and it also helped me make new friends from across the country."**



**Haben shared: "I enjoyed being able to go on a trip with my friend and meeting new people. The activities were fun and exciting. I'm very thankful for being able to go on this trip, I won't forget it"**





## ***Psychology students attend insightful trip!***

This week our year 12 psychology students attended an insight day at Liverpool John Moores University. The purpose of the day was to give students a deeper understanding of studying psychology to degree level. LJMU advocates also gave a presentation around university life and how it differs from school. The students, were able to participate in a carousel of psychology lab experiments measuring such things as their response times, and performance expectations.

## **OPENING MINDS**



Other tests measured how easily each student became distracted. In the debrief after lunch, the data from the lab experiments was discussed further. The academic tutor was able to show the group how these tests could be applied to real contexts e.g gaming, flight simulation and diagnostic tests for Alzheimer's disease.



## ***Eco Club care for our school environment!***

On Thursday after school, 4 year 7 Eco club members stayed behind to do a litter pick of the school yard and make sure that the planters were all watered.

They filled two big bin bags full of litter and over 20 watering cans full of water for the plants. We would love it if pupils could make sure to use the litter bins provided in future!

**Eco club is on most Thursdays after school, meeting in room 25 with Miss Wall and Mrs Collings.**



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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/](http://www.notredameliverpool.com/safeguarding/)