

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### Thank You

We would like to start this week's newsletter by thanking everyone; students, staff and families for your patience, understanding, hard work and teamwork as we welcomed back all students following the flood a fortnight ago. As you can imagine, this has proven to be a gargantuan task under challenging circumstances. College leaders and staff have worked tirelessly to re-room each day, teachers have moved from class-to-class, support staff have been pivotal in supporting these adjustments and students have been brilliant. Current arrangements will continue for the remainder of the year so that all year groups can continue to attend every day.

### Next Week – Cancellation of Staff INSET Day on Friday 30th June

We fully acknowledge and appreciate the recent disruption students have suffered to their educational routines this term. Students have been effected by summer building projects, strike action and now flood damage. In recognition of this, college leaders and governors have decided **to cancel the staff INSET day which was calendared for next Friday 30th June. All students will therefore be expected to attend school on that day.** If this short notice change to the school calendar causes any problems for parents or carers, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school.

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MR DUFFY  
HEADTEACHER



## Further NEU Strike Action – Wednesday 5th July and Wednesday 7th July



Families may or may not be aware that earlier this week, the NEU announced further strike action on Wednesday 5th July and Wednesday 7th July. Due to the number of colleagues taking part in the NEU strike action, we can confirm that **Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will learn from home on these two days. Students who attend our Flourish provision will attend school on both days.** 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.

## Year 6 Transition Day – Wednesday 5th July

Despite, Wednesday 5th July being a day of strike action, we are still able to host our new Year 7 students for their Year 6-into-7 Transition Day. Students will take part in a range of activities and taster sessions, they'll get to know their way around our amazing building, meet some key members of staff and make some new friends. We look forward to meeting our new Year 7 cohort.



## Year 13 Leavers' Mass

Finally, earlier today, we said 'goodbye and good luck' to Year 13 in our Leaver's Mass. This was a wonderful, celebratory and poignant occasion with laughter and tears in equal measure. We even got to sing the Community Song together one last time! Thank you to parents and carers who were able to attend and to Father Richard for saying Mass.

# WISHING EVERY NOTRE DAME FAMILY A PEACEFUL WEEKEND

Mr Duffy

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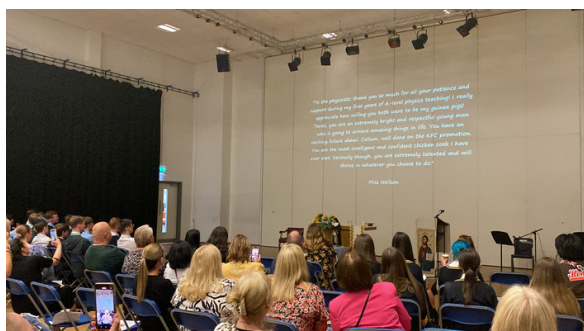
## ***Saying Farewell to our Year 13 Class of 2013!***

We were delighted to welcome our Year 13 students and their families to their Leaver's Mass today, celebrating their time with us and everything they have achieved at Notre Dame!

The Mass, organised by our Sixth Form Team and school Chaplain, Miss Wall was led by Father Richard and included readings, prayers and interactions from our Year 13 students. It was a wonderful opportunity to highlight how much our students have grown in their time with us - both physically and emotionally - and how proud we are of the young men and women they have become over the last 7 years.



We enjoyed a trip down memory lane with a performance from our Sixth Form Team of our 'Community Song' which all students perform at their Year 7 Dedication Service and marks their entrance into the Notre Dame Community. Performing this today serves as a reminder to our Year 13 that they will forever be part of our Notre Dame Community and we hope they take the values we have instilled during their time at Notre Dame will be taken forward into the next phase of their lives!



We also enjoyed looking back at photos and videos of their time with us and it was lovely to share a slice of cake and a cup of tea at the end of the event, as those last few 'school photos' were taken!

**Good luck to each of you - we look forward to welcoming you back on Results Day and hearing about what the future has in store!**





## ***Year 11 Leavers Assembly – Monday 26th June, 9.15am***

We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students back to school on Monday at 9.15am for their Leaver's Assembly. This event, organised by Mr Bond and Mrs Garvey, will be an opportunity for us to reminisce on your last 5 years at the school and to celebrate with your Form groups, teachers' and Year 11 Team before you **step up to Sixth Form** or go on to pastures new! Please note, this assembly is for students only - we look forward to seeing you there!

## ***Year 11 Prom – Deposits Required ASAP***

Due to the low uptake of deposits paid so far towards the Year 11 Prom we are having to consider cancelling the event. We would like to avoid this as much as possible as we would love for our Year 11 group to have the opportunity to come together and celebrate as a year group following their recent hard work in their examinations. However, if the current uptake does not significantly improve, we will have no other option than to cancel the event.

Please, if you are wanting your child to come to the event, can you send your deposit via Parent Pay as soon as possible. We will review numbers again early next week and make a final decision. If you are having any issues making payment via Parent Pay, please contact the school office from Monday.



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.



## Results Day Reminder

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

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

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



When collecting your A Level / 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.

## Year 12 Psychologists explore University options

Our Year 12 students enjoyed a trip to Liverpool John Moores earlier this week to explore the Psychology courses available and what opportunities they can lead on to!

Our students were able to find out more about studying Psychology within Higher Education from academics and current students. A very worthwhile and informative trip!

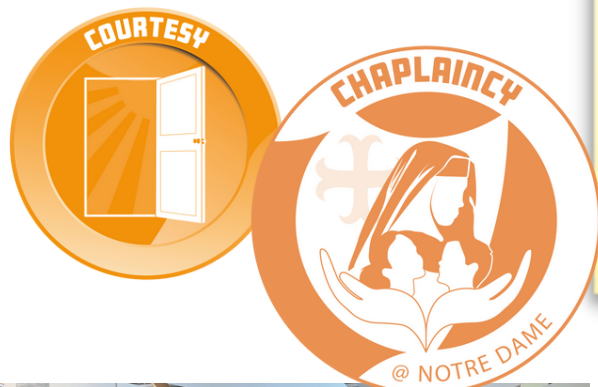


## Celebrating Saint Julie Billiart!

On the 22nd June 1969, people from all over the world gathered at the Vatican, Rome, to watch Julie Billiart being canonised a saint.

In celebration to mark 64 years since this event, our students and School Chaplain Miss Wall, took the time to write inspirational quotes from St Julie herself. Our Sixth Form students then kindly distributed these with Tea, Coffee and treats to our teacher's and support staff during Break and Lunch!

Miss Wall also shared cards to remind us of why St Julie was canonised a Saint and highlighting the incredible achievements of our Foundress.



## St. Julie Billiart

*A saint for our times*

On the 22nd June 1969, people from all over the world gathered at the Vatican, Rome, to watch Julie Billiart being canonised a saint.

The celebrations for Julie Billiart were led by Pope Paul VI, who during Mass spoke the following words: ***"What is the point of celebrating the saints if we do not try to follow their example? Are they not challenging us to dare to do great things? Do they not show us the possibility of the real practice of Christian virtues?"***



### How did Julie become Saint Julie?

On the 13th May 1906 Pope Pius X announced that Julie had lived a holy life by beatifying her. That meant she became known as Blessed Julie.

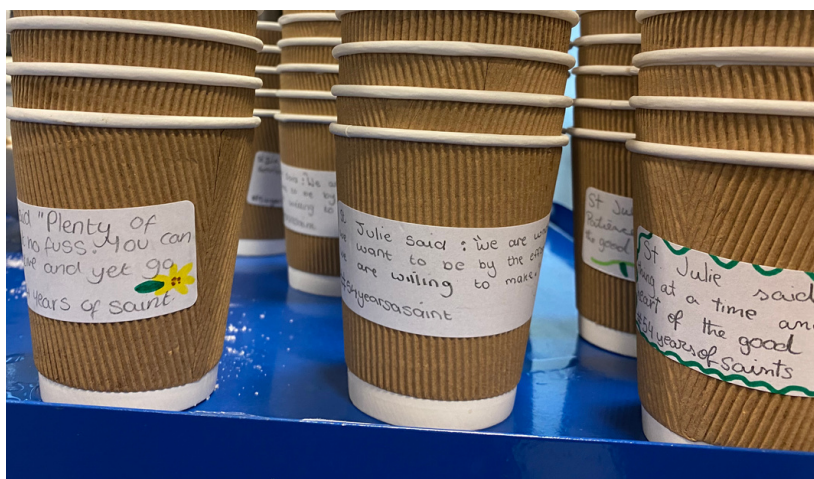
But then, there was a 63 year long wait until Blessed Julie became St. Julie. This was because to be proclaimed a saint – two miracles have to be ascribed to you. Those miracles are checked out and the Church tends to move cautiously as this happens.

The first miracle recognised was that of Otacilio Ribeiro from Brazil. After being taken to hospital, doctors found a huge tumour. Ribeiro was told that there was no hope and was given three days to live. One of Ribeiro's nurses was a Sister of Notre Dame. She encouraged Ribeiro to pray and whilst they prayed, she placed a relic (an object, especially a piece of the body or a personal item of someone of religious importance, that has been carefully preserved) of Blessed Julie on his incision. A week later Ribeiro was cured.

The second miracle is attributed to the healing of Homere Rhodius from Belgium. Rhodius suffered from an incurable disease called uraemia. After Rhodius fell into a coma, a family member placed a relic of Blessed Julie on him whilst she prayed. In less than a month, Rhodius had awoken from the coma and was completely cured.

While the doctors were astonished – the Church investigators took some convincing. In fact, the Belgium case was refused at first but it was re-investigated in 1967 and it was declared a miracle.

*Ah qu'il est bon le Bon Dieu!*





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## iSing Success!

Nearly three thousand children from 44 schools across Liverpool and the surrounding city region (including our own Notre Dame Choir!) were truly United in Music at this year's iSing event organised by Resonate, Liverpool's Music Education Hub.

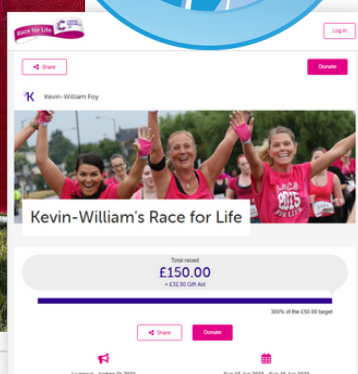
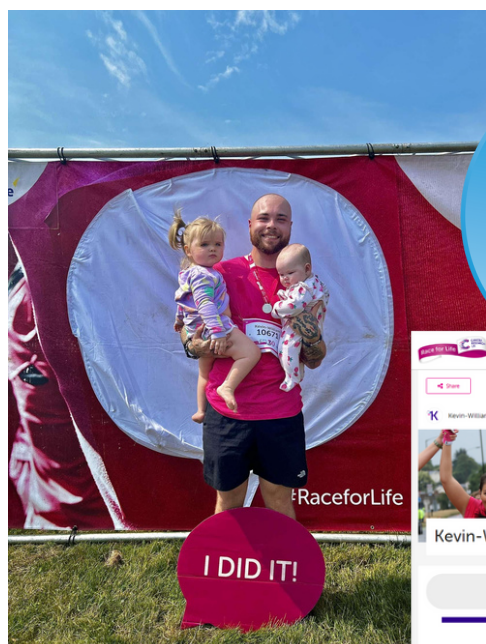
This year the iSing was supported by Culture Liverpool as a Eurovision legacy event and the children sang some old Eurovision classics as well as singing various songs in different languages from Spanish to Urdu!

The children attended over two days, where they performed on stage at the Liverpool Philharmonic. Even the teachers got involved surprising them with an a Capella performance of Mae Muller's "I wrote a song" arranged by an amazing world record holding bear boxer and rapper Testament. The children also became a huge human beat box under Testament's direction and he helped the children compose their own rap for one of the songs.

**A fabulous two days was had by all. Thank you to all who participated!**



## OPENING DOORS



## Well done Mr Foy!

A huge well done to a member of our Caretaking team! Mr Foy represented our College values of **charity** last weekend by taking on the Race for Life challenge in Aintree. This is a 5k fun run which raises money towards Cancer Research. Out of the couple of hundred of people who attended, Mr Foy managed to make it in to the top 15 runners to complete the race - what an achievement!

He also surpassed his fundraising target by £100! Mr Foy was met at the finish line by his proud family! Well done!



## Introducing **FROSTY FRIDAYS!**

Our Attendance Team have launched a new reward scheme this week called **FROSTY FRIDAY!** Any student with 100% attendance for the week will be awarded a token from their Head of Year / Assistant Head of Year or Form Tutor on a Friday morning to entitle them to a free Ice Pop from our Student Services desk during Friday break or lunch!

We were delighted to see so many student's ready to claim their reward this week! Keep up the good work!



## **CALLING LFC FANS – Get Creative and win a kit!**

Thanks to the work Miss Sheard has done with Liverpool Football Club and our students this year, she has developed an exciting competition to celebrate the approaching end of term!

**The competition is to design your own football kit!** Miss Sheard, alongside the LFC staff will pick the most creative design to win an LFC goodie bag including some LFC kit!

All design sheets will be available to collect from Miss Sheard in the Aspire Room and students have until July 9th (Friday) to get their designs back to be judged! **Good Luck!**



### ***LivPac Virtual Coffee Morning Tuesday 27 June 2023 10 – 11.30am.***

We will be running a virtual coffee morning led by LivPac (Liverpool Parent's Carer Forum) on Tuesday 27th June 2023 10am until 11.30am. The aim of the coffee morning is for advice and support to be given by LivPac and not about our school. LivPac will have access to support in more general and it would be a good opportunity to hear from them.

If you could let me know if you would like to attend, please [click here to complete the online form to register your interest](#). You will then be sent the meeting link closer to the event. Thank you.



### ***Student Review: 'SLATED'***

# SLATED

#### **What type of book is Slated?**

Slated is a dystopian novel and is part of the Slated trilogy.

#### **What is the book about?**

Slated is about a girl called Kyla in a world where the government gives kids who had been criminals or terrorists a second chance by slating them. Slating is where their memories of their past have been wiped. But the main character Kyla starts to remember parts of her past and the story follows her journey through this world.

Book review by Hope.

#### **Who wrote the book?**

The author of Slated is Terri Terry. She also wrote the Dark Matter trilogy.

#### **What are the other books in the trilogy called?**

The other books in the trilogy are called Fractured and Shattered. There is also a prequel called Fated.



At Notre Dame, we love to read and to discover new books! Check out this fantastic review by our student, Hope!

She's a big fan of the Slated trilogy and wanted to create something that would encourage other pupils to read these books! Thank you to Miss Dennis for sharing!

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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