

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### Acting Headteacher Appointment

Trustees and governors are delighted to confirm the appointment of Mrs Costello as Acting Headteacher of Notre Dame Catholic College, with effect from 1st September. As many parents and carers will be aware, this is a role Mrs Costello has successfully fulfilled before at Notre Dame and her appointment provides the college with great leadership, direction and support going into the new academic year.

### Notre Dame presents Hairspray!



We would like to congratulate all students and staff involved in this year's performance of Hairspray. The talent, effort and teamwork amongst students and staff was clear for all to see. We couldn't be more proud of the cast, band, lighting, choreographers, set designers and runners!

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MR DUFFY  
HEADTEACHER



We hope students were not too tired to actually enjoy Tuesday and Wednesday nights' performances – the audiences certainly did. There wasn't a "Balti-moron" in sight! A special 'thank you' to our Music and Performing Arts department for your vision and hard work, and to every member of our Notre Dame community who came to support the students.

## 500-word **Confidence** Challenge Winners



Back in June, parents and carers may recall that students were challenged to write or speak (in no more than 500 words!) to express how our Notre Dame curriculum has changed them as a person during their time at our college. After much deliberation, panel awarded our competition prizes to Patrick O'Sullivan in Year 7 and Britney Oyeyenebo in Year 10. Their entries were truly inspirational and a pleasure to read.

**“Britney's conclusion said 'the curriculum at Notre Dame has been the foundation of my transformation as a student and as a person. The academic rigor, values-based learning, leadership and service opportunities, and the focus on critical thinking and problem-solving have helped me develop into a responsible, empathetic and ethical young adult... I am extremely grateful for the opportunities and experiences that the Notre Dame curriculum has provided me, and I will carry these lessons with me throughout my life.'”**

Well done to all students who submitted entries.

## Year 11 Prom



Last night, we had the pleasure of hosting our Year 11 Prom at The Isla Gladstone. Turnout from both students and staff was amazing: all conducted themselves impeccably and students clearly had a ball! It was genuinely a pleasure to be there and it was fantastic to see students relax and enjoy themselves after what has been a stressful year. Sunglasses indoors appeared to be this year's fashion faux pas and, as always, the choice of music left much to be desired! A special 'thank you' to Mr Bond and Mrs Garvey for organizing such a wonderful celebration that was enjoyed by so many.

## Creative Writing Success



Many congratulations to Year 8's Dean Ali, who this week, won a Young Writers 2023 Creativity Award for his terrifying piece of horror fiction writing. We're all incredibly proud of your achievement Dean. 'Thank you' to our librarian, Ms Dennis, for co-ordinating this year's competition entries.



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## Back to School

As this is a final newsletter of the year, we would like to take this opportunity to confirm arrangements for students' return to school at the start of year. Students will return on a staggered basis across Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th September. Starting times are as follows:

### Tuesday 5th September

- Year 7 arrive at 8:45am
- Year 11 & 6th form arrive at 11:30am

### Wednesday 6th September

- All students in all year groups will arrive at school as normal at 8:45am and go to form class

We would also like to draw your attention to a letter that will be sent out via Parent App that clarifies the college's uniform code and expectations for next year. Please read this carefully and do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns regarding its contents.

## Safeguarding Concerns during the Summer Holiday

As in previous years, any safeguarding concerns you may have during the summer holiday can still be reported to the college via our safeguarding padlet, which you can access via this link <https://padlet.com/ebrennan39/gjj84gdob9f2q824> or by scanning the QR code below.





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## Thank you and goodbye

Finally, on a personal note, thank you all for your unwavering support throughout the past three years. 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.

**Yours faithfully**

**MR DUFFY**

## Hairspray Reviews!

Our students did a phenomenal job in our College Production of Hairspray this week, displaying incredible talent, confidence, and joy for our audience across 2 evenings. Months of hardwork and rehearsals culminated in the incredible shows and the cast are already discussing what they hope to perform next year!

Our cast and backstage team were invited to an 'after-show party' in Miss Hart's classroom during lunchtime on Thursday to celebrate 2 successful shows and watch back memories and highlights from time spent in rehearsal's, which can be [viewed here on our Youtube channel](#), including interviews with some of our cast!



Check out the reviews from our audience below:

**"The show was brilliant - you could really tell how hard everyone had worked on it and it was really funny!"**  
*Georgia*

**"The singing was amazing and the dancing - fantastic!"**  
*Bernadette*

**"All their hard work paid off. It was fantastic. Well worth all the effort they put in - I thought it was great."**  
*John*

**"It was brilliant! The show was well organised and it had a real feel-good atmosphere!"**  
*Eleanor*

**"It was loads of fun! You could tell how much they all enjoyed taking part too!"**  
*Emily*

**"I really enjoyed it, the set was fantastic and it was full of fun!"**  
*Lucy*

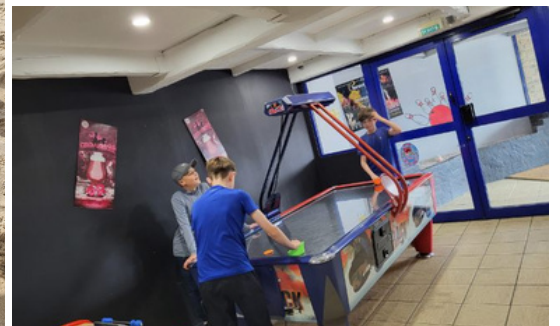
## ***Football in France!***

Our students had the experience of a lifetime this week, as they visited Sangatte on the North Coast of France. Mrs Bate, who led the trip, shared her experience below:

***We had an amazing time in France staying at the Tom Souville in Sangatte. On the first evening, not long after we arrived, students played football and frisbee late into the evening.***

***On the second day, students had a fabulous time at the water park going down slides, climbing the climbing wall and chilling in the lazy river. We then went on to a ten pin bowling alley where students' competitive sides came out!***

***On the third day, the students played bubble football; they enjoyed bouncing off one another and rolling around the pitch! The session concluded with a mini football tournament. We then travelled to Ostend beach where students jumped into the waves and buried one another in the sand. In the evening we played extreme crazy golf followed by a pizza night.***



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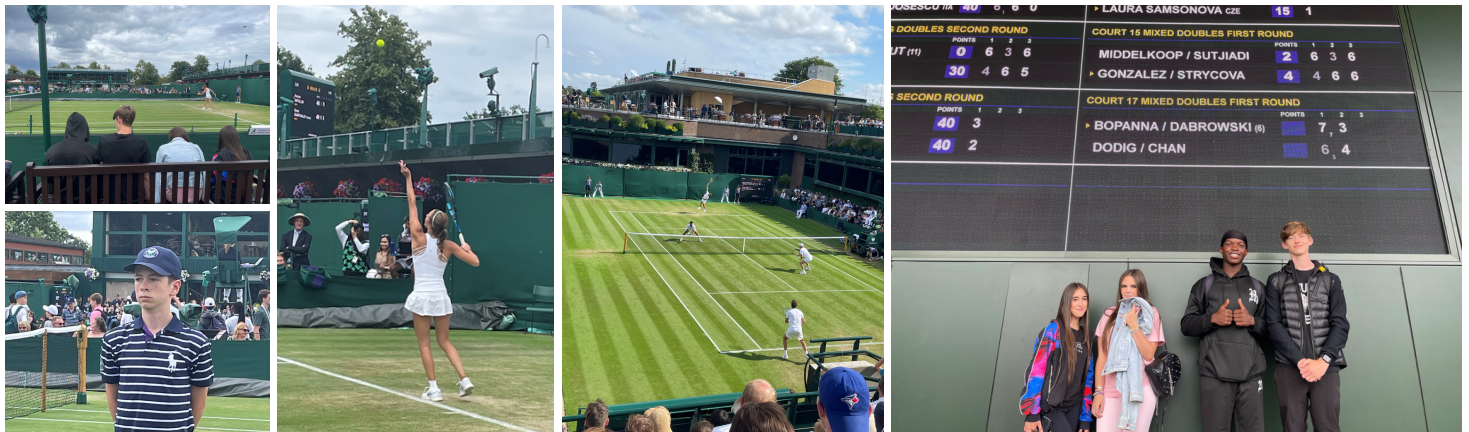
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## Notre Dame goes to Wimbledon!

Four Year 10 students were given the amazing opportunity to visit Wimbledon last Sunday. The sun shined all day as students watched a variety of matches and were inspired by the sheer talent on display. A fantastic day was had by all; the atmosphere was electric. it was fantastic to be a part of such a prestigious tournament.



## Eco-Club - Cleaning up the Mersey!

Last Friday, 13 pupils from Eco club went to the Liverpool water sports centre and completed a litter pick of the Albert Dock whilst in canoes. We were initially supposed to be paddleboarding but due to the high winds, canoes were more suitable. Pupils managed to collect 5 buckets of litter from the water in the Albert Dock.





## Faith in Action Awards

We have had 18 students, from across different year groups, taking part in this year's Faith in Action Award. Faith in Action is a national award which rewards young people's active service to others in their local and wider community. It helps them connect their life and faith in a tangible manner.



Their award level is based on the type of service performed. Students also have to complete a final piece where they are asked to reflect on what they have done and how this has impacted others and helped themselves to develop. We are delighted to have had students receive Pin, Bronze, Silver and Gold Award this year which is fantastic and a real celebration!

Those taking part in the award have been extremely generous with their time and efforts and have been actively serving others by litter picking; creating Christmas cards for agencies in the local area; making bracelets for children in Alder Hey Children's Hospital; volunteering in a local charity shop; donating items to those in need; helping at church; serving others on pilgrimage in Lourdes; planting vegetables; taking part in fundraising activities; choir services and planning and delivering times of prayer and reflection in school etc.

**Katie reflects: "Serving people has changed me as I am more aware of problems that people in society face every day without a choice. Overall, I think I have also gained confidence as I have had to speak to different people and try new things. It has also pushed me out of my comfort zone as I have had to do things I wouldn't normally choose to do. I have also developed different skills like public speaking and gardening."**

## Thank you!

We recently shared information regarding the Notre Dame pantry service to support any families within our Notre Dame community who may be struggling, particularly at the moment. One of our parents shared this with the wider community and we have been blown away by the incredible donations delivered to our door today. This incredible display of thoughtfulness and **charity** is very much appreciated!

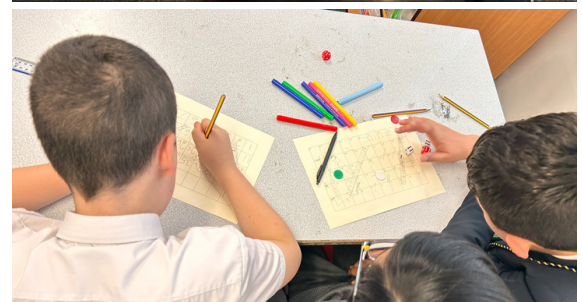
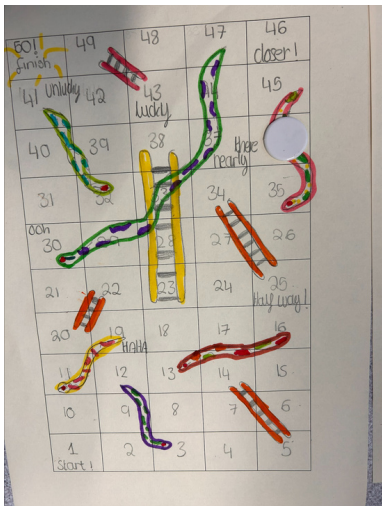
If you would like to discuss our Notre Dame Pantry support further or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Wall either by telephone and speak with her directly in confidence or email [rwall18.341@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:rwall18.341@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk). You don't even need to share information with your child.





## ***Classroom spotlight – Year 7 RE***

KS3 RE classes have been studying world religions this term. Year 7 have enjoyed learning about Hinduism in RE this term. Particularly learning about Hindu Gods using Top Trumps and creating their own version of snakes and ladders based on Karma.



## ***Year 7 Sensory Sessions***

Our Year 7 Nurture group have been completing Sensory sessions with Miss Fitzpatrick this week! We loved their sensory creations!





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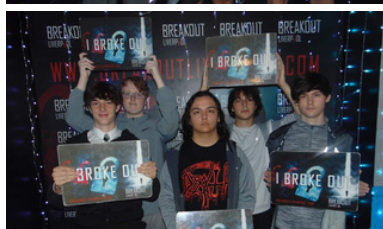


## End of Term Activities

### Sixth Form Students – Break out!

Year 12 students enjoyed an end of year trip to Breakout Liverpool where 10 teams tried to break out of a range of escape rooms. There were varying degrees of success as teams took on a creepy hotel room, a bank heist, the investigation of a murder and a cursed carnival, among the themed rooms.

**Well done to those who broke out and to those who didn't, better luck next time!**



### School's out – Year group Activities!

Our Year 8 and 9 students spent our final day of term taking part in 'Old-School' style Sports Day activities such as tug of war, welly winking and food contests! The rain didn't dampen our students' spirits who all got stuck in with every challenge and had lots of fun competing in form groups at each station!

Our Year 10 students and Student Council were rewarded with a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and our Year 7 group spent the afternoon at swimming! We hope all enjoyed their activities - a big 'thank you' to all our Heads of Year for organising.



## End of Year Reports

All students' reports have now been sent via post. The latest Parents should expect to receive these in Saturday 15th July. If you have not received your child's report by this date, please contact the school's main office on Monday 17th July.



## 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**

Sixth Form Enrolment will take place on this date



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.

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.

## Free School Meal Summer Vouchers

Liverpool City Council have provided another round of Asda Vouchers worth £90 for all pupils in Years 7-10 eligible for Free School Meals.

All eligible pupils will receive an **email via their preferred contact email address** which will include an **individual unique link**. Please follow the instructions, then you can choose to either print the voucher or keep them on your phone and scan it when you pay. If the link is not clickable on your device you can copy and paste it into a browser on your phone to access the voucher. Please ensure your email mailbox is not full or the email may fail to deliver and remember to check your junk/spam folder. If you are expecting to receive an email and have not please contact the school in the first instance.

Unfortunately, as each voucher is individual, and due to the large number of vouchers to distribute, Notre Dame are unable to print these for you. Liverpool City Council would like us to make it clear there are no replacement or additional vouchers available. If there are any further vouchers provided in the future, then this is the method that the City Council have chosen to distribute them by.



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If you need further support over the Summer, please visit this link to find locations and opening times of foodbanks in the North Liverpool area:

<https://northliverpool.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

Please be aware that anyone who requires emergency food needs to have a valid foodbank voucher. Find out more about how to access a voucher here:

<https://northliverpool.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/> or contact your local council for further support.



**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)  
DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023**  
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<b>ASDA</b> Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.	<b>MORRISONS</b> Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.
<b>TESCO</b> Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023	<b>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS</b> Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants
<b>SAINSBURYS CAFES</b> Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.	<b>PRETO</b> Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms
<b>BEEFEATER &amp; BREWERS FAYRE</b> Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!	<b>BILLS</b> 2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023
<b>THE REAL GREEK</b> Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult	<b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.
<b>TABLE TABLE</b> Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!	<b>WHITBREAD INNS</b> Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased
<b>TRAVELODGE</b> Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free	<b>SA BRAINS PUBS</b> Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays
<b>HUNGRY HORSE</b> Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast	<b>FUTURE INNS</b> Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays
<b>PREMIER INN</b> Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free	<b>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM</b> Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm
<b>SIZZLING PUBS</b> Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.	<b>YO! SUSHI</b> From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend
<b>IKEA</b> Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am	<b>TO BE CONFIRMED...</b> M&S and Farmhouse Inns

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## Liverpool Parenting Network – support and activities this summer

The latest Parenting Newsletter from Liverpool's Parenting Network is available via the below link. Please share with parents/ carers/ families and colleagues, the newsletter has information on services running from July 2023- September 2023

<https://sway.office.com/ADqTdYICEUHNZkjj?ref=Link>

The Newsletter includes information on services, events and courses that support parents around a range of topics including the Summer HAF programme with activities across the city over the summer period for children and families, foodbank support, children centres and safeguarding support.



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## Positive Futures Summer 2023 Programme

Youth charity, Positive Futures are offering sessions for young people throughout the summer!  
Visit the link below for full details:

### Positive Futures Summer Club



Bookings for summer - now open!

Our exciting programme of summer activities to support and engage with our young people throughout the summer break is now LIVE!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>You must book on to every activity by texting Dan or Kelly.</b></p> <p><b>Trading Card Group and Youth Nights are open access, no need to book!!</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast Club</b> Time: 9am-10.30am Where: Positive Futures UnitB3 L4 4QS Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p> <p><b>Juniors Swim</b> Time: 11am-2pm Where: Positive Futures UnitB3/Alcop Swimming Baths Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p> <p><b>Juniors Make and Create</b> Time: 4pm-5.30pm Where: Positive Futures UnitB3 L4 4QS Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p>	<p><b>Breakfast Club</b> Time: 9am-10.30am Where: Positive Futures UnitB3 L4 4QS Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p> <p><b>Wellbeing Walk/Landscape Wildlife Trust Workshop (12+)</b> Time: 10am-12pm Where: Positive Futures UnitB3/Mere Sands Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p> <p><b>Stay and Play Lunch</b> Time: 12pm-2pm Where: Positive Futures UnitB3 L4 4QS Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p> <p><b>Senior Quiz Night (12+)</b> Time: 7pm-9pm Where: Positive Futures UnitB3 L4 4QS Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p>	<p><b>Breakfast Club</b> Time: 9am-10.30am Where: Positive Futures UnitB3 L4 4QS Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p> <p><b>Senior Cooking Sessions (12+ years)</b> Time: 12pm-2pm Where: Community Shop Café (211 Walton Road) Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p> <p><b>Joseph Lappin Football Training (14-15 years)</b> Time: 12pm-2pm Where: Positive Futures UnitB3 L4 4QS Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p> <p><b>Games in the Park</b> Time: 1pm-3.30pm Where: Positive Futures UnitB3 L4 4QS Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p> <p><b>Trading Card Group</b> Time: 6pm-8pm Where: Positive Futures UnitB3 L4 4QS Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p>	<p><b>Breakfast Club</b> Time: 9am-10.30am Where: Positive Futures UnitB3 L4 4QS Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p> <p><b>Juniors Climbing (8-12 years)</b> Time: 10.30am-12pm Where: Positive Futures UnitB3/The Climbing Hangar Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p> <p><b>Capoerba Music Sessions</b> Time: 12.30pm-3pm Where: Positive Futures UnitB3 L4 4QS Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p> <p><b>Juniors Youth Night (8-11 years)</b> Time: 4.30pm-6.30pm Where: Positive Futures UnitB3 L4 4QS Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p> <p><b>Senior Youth Night (12+ years)</b> Time: 7pm-9pm Where: Positive Futures UnitB3 L4 4QS Contact: Dan 07803442452 Kelly 07704301039</p>



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## NSPCC – Student Views

The LCSP Youth Advisory created a campaign on Healthy Relationships and Sexual Abuse and are seeking the views of students via an online survey. The resources are aimed primarily at students in Year 9 and above. The survey takes approximately 2 minutes to complete. Deadline for the survey is **19/07/2023**.

# WE NEED YOUR THOUGHTS !

## Have you seen the NSPCC Campaign on healthy relationships?

The LCSP YAs created a campaign on Consent, Sexting, Sexual abuse and Relationship and we want to hear your opinions

### Videos



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### NSPCC Videos

To see the videos we have made on Consent, Sexting, Sexual Abuse and Relationships scan this QR Code

### NSPCC Posters

To see the posters we have made on Consent, Sexting, Sexual Abuse and Relationships scan this QR Code

### Posters



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### Survey



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### NSPCC Feedback Survey

Deadline 19/07/23

To complete this 2 minute survey to feedback your opinions on the campaign scan this QR code or go on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/ErXtp57NE>

If you or someone you know is affected by these topics go to:

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)  
0800 1111



If you are unable to access the above QR codes, please go to:

<https://liverpoolscp.org.uk/scp/lscp-young-advisors/>



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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/)