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# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

*Dear Parents and Carers,*



**Opening hearts,  
minds and doors**  
Notre Dame Catholic College and Sixth Form

**Year 6  
Open Evening**  
Enrolling Year 7 for September 2024

Thursday **28 September 2023** 6pm - 8pm

## Open Evening

This week's newsletter is our final opportunity to remind parents of children in Years 5 and 6 to join us for a face-to-face open evening on **Thursday 28th September from 6.00pm until 8.00pm.**

There will be a presentation from the headteacher and other college leaders (delivered at 6.15pm, an opportunity to view our first-class facilities, meet staff and to visit individual departments and find out more about our subjects.

If your child has a younger sibling or family member exploring secondary school options, we look forward to seeing you at our event!

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MRS COSTELLO  
ACTING  
HEADTEACHER

## Welcome to Year 11 'Your Child's Path To Success' Event

We would like to thank parents and students in Year 11 who joined us last night for our first 'Focus on Your Future' Event titled: 'Your Child's Path to Success'.

The evening provided parents and carers with the information needed to fully support your children in achieving their full potential in the forthcoming examinations. Miss Crosslind, our Head of Y11 & Acting Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Thomas, welcomed students & parents and impressed the importance of starting **good habits now**. Students were advised to make time to revise, reminded to sleep & eat well and to reach out for support when needed.

Each student received a bespoke pack which included current target grades, personalised revision support / timetables based on their own areas of knowledge and useful resources including reminders how to access support tools such as Tassomai and MathsWatch. We then held 3 workshops in our core subjects of English, Maths and Science.

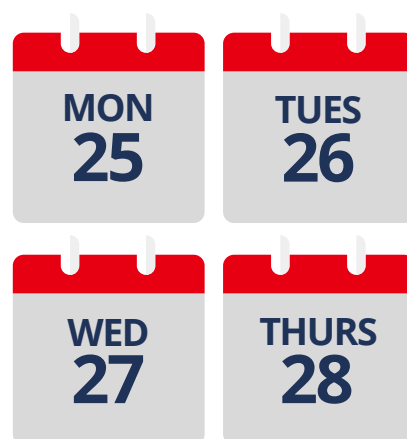


**Thank you to all staff who contributed to the evening and thank you to every parent who attended – it was great to see you!**

## Year 7 Retreats - Monday 25th - Thursday 28th September

Our Year 7 students will be attending a retreat next week within their Form Groups at St Joseph's, Formby. The retreat has been organised by our school chaplain, Miss Wall and will include lots of fun, team building activities that focus on being part of a community. We can't wait to hear all about it!

- Monday 25th September – **7 Julie** (Miss Hollis)
- Tuesday 26th September – **7 MaryAnn** (Miss Hewitt) and **7 Thomas** (Miss Hobson)
- Wednesday 27th September - **7 Dorothy** (Mrs McDonnell) and **7 Francoise** (Mr Farnell)
- Thursday 28th September - **7 Eileen** (Miss Simpson) and **7 Patricia** (Miss Cummings)



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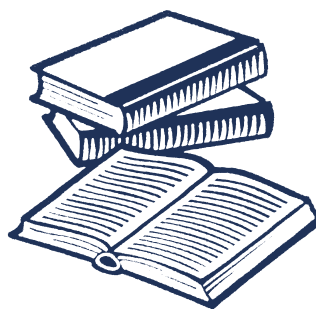
## Behaviour Focus this week: **Punctuality**

We'd like to thank all Parents and Carers for their continued support ensuring their child arrives to school on time and ready to learn with the correct uniform and equipment. Please can you continue to encourage your child to maintain these standards.

This week, we will be continuing to focus on students **punctuality to school, in particular to lessons** as it is becoming an area for concern. We ask Parents and Carers to please remind students if they're late to lesson each results in a **5 minute detention up to 25 minutes**. Students should not be leaving lessons to go to the toilet unless they have a toilet pass. Students should be using the toilet at the start of the day, during break time and lunchtime and at the end of the day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## KS3 STAR Reading Assessments

Students in **Years 7, 8 and 9** will take part in reading assessments next week. These assessments will be taken under exam conditions and help to give us a clear picture of how well your child is reading and help identify any areas where support may be needed. Students will take the assessments at various times during the week and will be informed by their subject teachers when they are to go. The assessments last no more than 40 minutes and results will be shared on their end of year reports.



## Reminder: INSET Day Friday 29th September 2023

Finally, we'd like to remind all Parents, Carers and Students that school will be closed next week on **Friday 29th September 2023** for our staff INSET day. School will reopen as normal on Monday 2nd October 2023 at the usual time of 8.45am.

School Closed  
**INSET DAY**  
Friday 29th September

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

Yours faithfully

**MRS COSTELLO**

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**Students and Staff get ready to celebrate... LANGUAGES!**

Tuesday 26th September will be European Day of Languages a day to celebrate linguistic diversity, greater intercultural understanding and the rich cultural heritage of our continent.

**OPENING  
MINDS**

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

**TUES 26TH  
SEPTEMBER**

Hi!

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Hola!

Notre Dame Students and Staff will be celebrating throughout the week, led by our wonderful Modern Foreign Languages Department with the support of our student council! Each activity will highlight the benefits of learning another language and celebrate the many languages spoken by our own school community.

Students studying Spanish will take part in activities throughout the week in lessons and Year 7 students will be invited to take part in a form group competition!

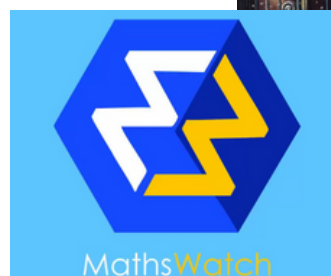
**¡BUENA SUERTE!**

**Year 11 Revision Sessions: Maths and English begin!**

Year 11 Maths revision will take place every Thursday afterschool going forward. We strongly encourage all Year 11 students to attend each week.

Year 11 students are currently re-reading 'A Christmas Carol' during Form Time. After Half Term, further English revision sessions will take place every Wednesday afterschool.

We will continue to update Year 11 Parents and Carers as more revision sessions in other subjects begin.





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## Student Council leading Student Voice in celebration of International Democracy!

A huge well done to our student council members this week for displaying our core values of **courage** and **confidence** this week! Our council members have been participating in assemblies and form groups all week to promote **'International Day of Democracy'** and why this is important. They have been encouraging their peers to sign up to our own student council to ensure we have a true representation of our student voice across school.

Next week, our council members will be supporting our European Day of Languages activity! Keep up the good work!



## Work Experience at Knowsley Safari!

This week, our students in Flourish took part in their first work experience day at Knowsley Safari Park. The students became animal researchers, examining the behaviour of the meerkats.

Students also had the opportunity to learn an array of facts about the animals of their choice.

The students had a great experience building key life skills and are super excited for next week!



Ant McVerry @NotreDameSENCo · 16h

So today my @NDEvertonValley Home Cooking Skills, Level 2 class cooked Mediterranean Pinwheels from scratch, dough and all! These skills are essential for our pupils. Today they followed me without a recipe and they got it spot on!! #homecookingskills #SEND #skillsforliving



## Skills for living...

We loved seeing Mr McVerry's Tweet this week highlighting some incredible cookery skills from our students! These Mediterranean Pinwheels were cooked from scratch and look delicious - **well done!**

## Year 9 Explore Careers in the Digital Sector!

We welcomed Kate from Bruntwood UK to inspire our Year 9 students this week about careers in the digital sector. Kate is delivering workshops as part of the 'InnovateHer' programme which launched to encourage young women to pursue a career in the technology industry.



**InnovateHer share on their website: "Only 19% of the digital tech workforce in the UK is female, compared to 37% across all sectors. It's proven that the gender gap costs the tech sector time and money, but it also contributes to the challenges we have sourcing talent and widens the digital skills gap."**

Our Careers Advisor, Mrs Hall and Head of Computing, Mrs Shaw, will be encouraging our female pupils in Year 9 to explore this offer by holding a series of after school Computing and Digital sessions with mentors from the Innovateher programme who have real-life experience in the digital sector. If you or your child is interested, please ask that they let their form teacher know or contact Mrs Hall directly!

## OPENING DOORS

### Preparing for the future

We have been delighted to welcome many visitors to the College this week, including the University of Liverpool who delivered an informative session for our Year 12 students on the pathways into careers in Law, Finance and Banking.



The IntoUniversity team also had one-to-one meetings with our Year 13 students this week to give advice and support on their UCAS personal statement drafts ahead of their University applications. The team also held workshops with our Year 11 students!



# Enrichment Timetable 2023-2024

## In school hours (Form or Lunchtimes)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vocal Group (Form time in Music Department) <i>See Miss Hart.</i>  'Chill and Chat' (both lunchtimes for all) in Chaplaincy room. <i>See Miss Wall</i>  Rock Band (both lunchtimes in Music department) <i>See Miss Hart</i>	Faith in Action (Year 8) - Lunchtime (12.30-1pm) in Chaplaincy Room <i>See Miss Wall</i>	Brass Club for all - Form Time in the Music Department <i>See Miss Hart</i>  Diversity Club - Form Time in the Music Department <i>See Mrs Doran / Mrs Littleboy</i>  Games Club for all - both lunchtimes in the Chaplaincy room <i>See Miss Wall</i>	Orchestra for all - Form Time in the Music Department <i>See Miss Hart</i>  Faith in Action (Year 7) - Lunchtime (12.30-1pm) in Chaplaincy Room <i>See Miss Wall</i>  iDEA Club (Digital Skills) for all - both lunchtimes in room 91 <i>See Miss Hobson</i>  Charity Club - 1.30-2pm in the Chaplaincy room <i>See Miss Wall</i>	'Chill and Chat' (both lunchtimes for all) in Chaplaincy room. <i>See Miss Wall</i>  CHESS Club - both lunchtimes for all in Aspire <i>See Mr Brennan</i>

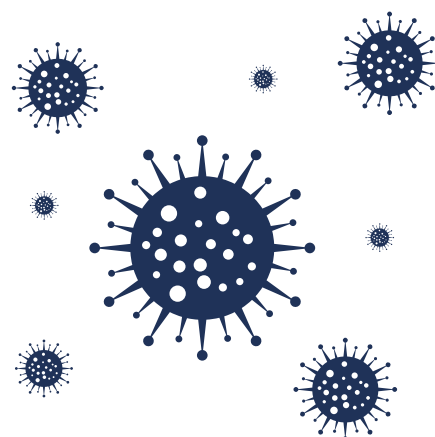
## Afterschool 3pm-4pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No groups	Dance for all <i>See Miss Gabbittas</i>  Kickboxing for all <i>See Mr Flynn</i>  Girls Football for Y7, Y8, Y9 <i>See Miss Sheard</i>  Boys Football for Y7, Y8 <i>See Mr Delahunty</i>  Hospitality and Catering Club for Y10, Y11 <i>See Miss Williams</i>	Eco Club for all (Room 25) <i>See Miss Wall / Mrs Collings</i>  Boys Football for Y9, Y10 <i>See Mr Mulgrew</i>  Gymnastics/Dodgeball for all <i>See Mrs Bate</i>  Volleyball for all <i>See Mrs Morrin</i>  Chamber Choir for Y8+ <i>See Miss Hart</i>	Badminton for all <i>See Miss McCullen</i>  Drama for all <i>See Mrs Larkin</i>  DT Club <i>See Miss Williams</i>	No groups

## Flu Vaccination Consent Forms

The Liverpool Immunisation Team will be in school on **Tuesday 3rd October** to deliver Flu Vaccinations to students in Year 7-Year 11. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help to protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

You can complete the consent form for your child online. Please ensure you complete this form, even if you **don't want them** to receive their flu spray as this will avoid further communications from the immunisation service. Your child will not receive a vaccination unless consent is given in advance. You can complete the form here: [econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk](https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk)





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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/)