

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 7 Dedication Service

This Thursday, it was a joy to hold our Year 7 Dedication Service, which was hosted by our College Chaplain, Miss Wall, our Head of Year 7, Miss Wishart, our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Brennan and the Year 7 Pastoral Team.

The service celebrated and gave thanks for the students' successful induction into our Notre Dame community. Our students' completed a year group 'jigsaw' featuring each of their gifts and talents and reminds them of what makes them a unique and valuable member of our school community.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the event – some even joined in 'the community song'! Parents were also able to speak to form tutors to discuss just how well this fantastic year group have settled in. **Parents should be incredibly proud of the start Year 7 have made to their time at Notre Dame – we are too!**



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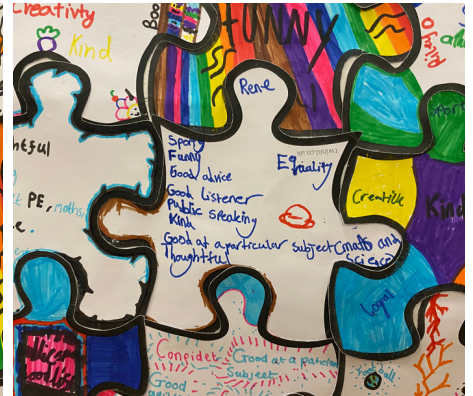
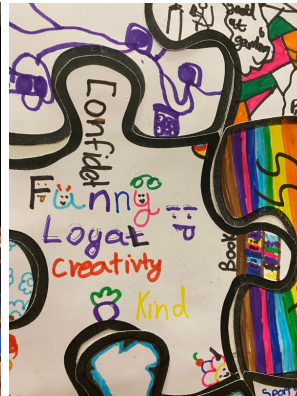
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A huge thank you to all the students who participated in the service too! You displayed our core values of courage and confidence by standing up in front of your peers and loved ones to support us to deliver our service. **Well done!**



World Mental Health Day

Each week, our Student Council have been developing resources to share with our whole school body in support of various causes, topics and events that they are passionate about. This week, their focus was on World Mental Health Day. The council shared valuable resources including the importance of taking care of our mental well-being, signs to look out for that you or someone close to you may be struggling and ways to help.

These resources were shared with all students during collective worship in form time this week and some of the strategies can also be viewed on our school **X account**, formerly Twitter, ([@NDEvertonValley](#)) or **Instagram page** ([ndcc_liverpool](#)).



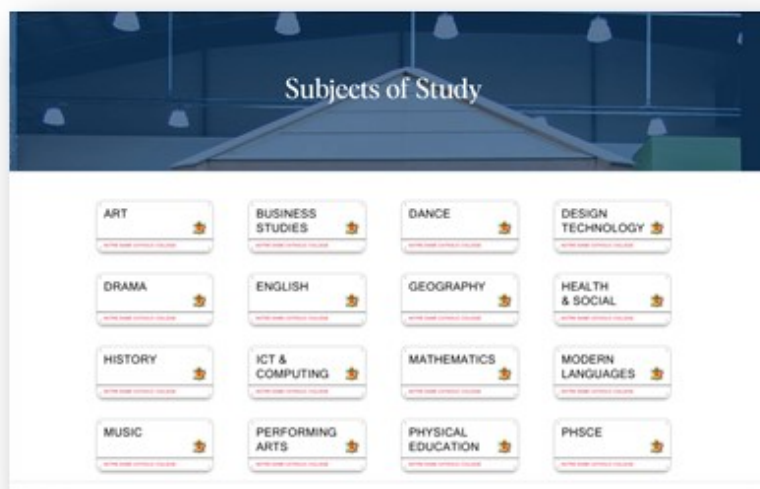
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Curriculum Information

Over the past two years, college leaders and teachers have worked tirelessly to review and update every aspect of our subject curriculum, to ensure it meets our whole college vision to ***open hearts, minds and doors***. In doing so, each curriculum area evaluated the topics covered, the depth in which they explore each topic and the order they are taught in.



Our curriculum aim is to provide ***access, ambition and challenge for all***, including parents and carers. To access the full details of the curriculum your son or daughter is currently studying, click on the ***curriculum page of our college website***. Here you can see how our curriculum is organised and at the bottom, you can find a link to each subject page for further information and guidance that can help you support (and check up on!) your child. We hope you find this area of our website useful and your feedback, as always, is welcome.



Enrichment Term 2 2021-2022					
DAY	TIME	CLUB	TARGET	ROOM	TAKEN BY
MONDAY	12.30-1.00pm	Faith in Action	Year 7	Chaplaincy	RW
	3pm - 3.30pm	Year 7 Choir	Year 7	Music Room (M)	JA
	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Football	Year 10 & 11	Audro	CT
TUESDAY	8.30 - 8.35am	Early Morning Music	All Years	Music Room	JULIAH
	8.15 - 9.10am	Youth Mental Health	Key stage 3	Thrive Room	Assistant Year Heads
	12.30-1.00pm	Faith in Action	Year 8	Chaplaincy	RW
	1.10 - 1pm	Chess Club	7, 8 and 9	Computer room	LM
	1.10 - 1pm	Career drop in	7, 8 & 9	Career Office	GM
	1.30 - 1pm	ESOL	Year 10	Chaplaincy	RW
	3.00pm-4pm	Badminton	Staff and students	Sports Hall	IMAC
WEDNESDAY	3.00pm-4pm	Gym/Coodgoball	Year 7 & 8	Sports Hall	PMAC/Choir
	3.00pm-4pm	Science revision	10-11	Science Room	Science Dept
	3.00pm-4pm	Computing	10-11	Computer Room	DC
	8.30 - 8.35am	Early Morning Music	All Years	Music Room	JULIAH
	8.15am - 9.10am	Overseas	All year groups	Thrive Room	J.A/CD
	1.10 - 1pm	Faith in Action	Year 9	Chaplaincy	RW
	1.30-1pm	Faith in Action	Year 11	Chaplaincy	RW
	3pm-4pm	Girls Football	All year groups	Sports Hall	DM
	3pm-4pm	Gym	Year 9 & 10	Audro	PM and DMAR
	3pm-4pm	Chamber Choir	Year 8 - 11	Audro	Music Dept
	3pm-4pm	Chess/Go	Year 10	Room 90	UP
	3pm-4pm	Sociology	Year 10	Room 90	VC
	3pm-4pm	H & S Care coursework	Year 10	Room 45	AC
	3pm-4pm				

WISHING EVERY NOTRE DAME FAMILY A PEACEFUL WEEKEND.

Yours faithfully
MRS COSTELLO

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Have your say on the Catholic Life of our School

We would like to gather your thoughts and experiences in regards to the Catholic Life of your child's school. Please can you complete this short questionnaire for

Parents: <https://forms.office.com/e/PEUqCyemKc>

Can we also ask Parents to remind students they too can have their say via the [student questionnaire](#) we shared with them directly on Class Charts this week.

We kindly request that they be completed by Monday 16th October 2023. Thank you for your support.



LFC Foundation Sessions

The LFC Foundation have been visiting school regularly to work with a small cohort of students alongside Miss Sheard. The second cohort groups are off to a flying start with the year 7 group completing half of their booklet already and the year 10 group had their first session this week and were able to conduct themselves in a professional manner throughout the whole session focusing on great teamwork and communication skills.

The year 7 have been awarded a trip to the Liverpool training ground as a reward for their great work where they will be putting their leadership skills to practice by coaching primary school children with the help of 3 year 9 leading mentors. Miss Sheard said, ***"I'm super proud of all of the students Involved."***



Notre Dame Staff Supporting our City's Culture

Many families may be looking forward to attending the annual **'River of Light'** outdoor illuminated exhibition on Liverpool's waterfront. River of Light is a festival of outdoor illuminated art works and light displays that will take place from the **27th October to the 5th November**.

Our Director of Performing Arts, Mr McHugh has worked with Australian artists Atelier Sisu and Culture Liverpool to compose the music for the 'Elysian Arcs' installation which will be in Exchange Flags next to the Town Hall. He has also composed the music for the 4 year **['History Whisperer' immersive show in St George's Hall](#)** that tells the story of St George's Hall, its courtrooms and dungeons and is open to the public from Tuesday to Saturday through October and November. We would encourage students and families to go along and support the exhibits which are free to attend!

Elysian and Elysian Arcs by Atelier Sisu



Elysian and Elysian Arcs - Atelier Sisu

Our student council will be celebrating Liverpool's Culture with our whole school next week!

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Art Club Announcement! Christmas Card Competition Launch

Mrs Powell will be launching a Christmas Card competition for all Key Stage 3 students in **Art Club this week**. If you / your child is interested in participating, please pop along to Art Club, Wednesday afterschool (3pm-4pm). We can't wait to see the entries!



OPENING HEARTS

Knowsley Safari Work Experience Continues - Animal Keepers!

Students enjoyed another fantastic work experience session at Knowsley Safari Park this week! They took the role of an animal keeper, prepping the food and going behind the scenes to feed the baboons. This was followed by a guided tour enjoyed by all, filled with many facts preparing students to deliver their own animal talks in our next session.



In the classroom...

Students in our Flourish department baked a delicious quiche this week. They followed instructions impeccably as you can see from the finished result!

Well done all!



OPENING DOORS

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Year 11 Save the Date for PROM

Save the Date - Thursday 27th June will be the Year 11 PROM! Further details will be shared in due course regarding venue and payment. Please be reminded that we are a cashless college and therefore payment will be made via Parent Pay once opened to Parents/Carers. Thank you.



Notre Dame achieves Autism Inclusion Award

We're incredibly proud to have recently been awarded the Autism Inclusion Award from the National Autistic Society.

“Mr McVerry, our Senior Assistant Headteacher and lead SENCO said, “We are constantly on a journey to improve our practice. Working with LivPac, Alder Hey and Liverpool City Council teams as part of the Autism in Schools project has provided us with a benchmark to improve. We are pleased that we achieved the Autism Inclusion Award and want to thank all involved!”



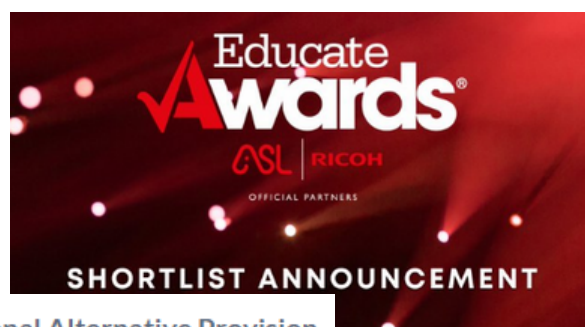
Educate Awards 2023 - we've made the shortlist!

We are also delighted to announce Notre Dame Catholic College's Flourish department has been shortlisted in the prestigious Educate Awards 2023 for 'Most Inspirational Alternative Provision'. Fingers crossed we make it 2 in a row and bring back another Educate Award this year!



16. Most Inspirational Alternative Provision

- Employability Solutions Ltd
- Notre Dame Catholic College
- Sandbach School



Flu Vaccination

If your child missed the chance to receive their flu vaccination at school, view the details below of upcoming clinic dates available for you to take your child to receive this.

ITS NOT TO LATE TO GET YOUR FLU VACCINATION

It is given by a painless nasal spray and offered to all school children up to and including year 11.

An injectable porcine free vaccination is also available for children who require this alternative.

Call the Liverpool Immunisation team on 0151 295 3833 to book a Saturday clinic appointment or an appointment during half term.

Clinic dates

• Princess Park Health Centre L8 0SY	30 TH September
• Kensington Neighborhood Health Centre L7 2PF	14 TH October
• Childwall Neighborhood Health Centre L16 7QQ	28 TH October
• South Liverpool Treatment Centre L19 2LW	11 TH November
• Townsend Lane Neighborhood Health Centre L6 0BB	9 TH December
• Childwall Neighborhood Health Centre L16 7QQ	16 TH December

flu: 5 reasons to have the vaccine

1. Protect yourself

The vaccine will help protect you against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect your family and friends

Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid lost opportunities

If you get flu, you may be unwell for several days and not be able to do the things you enjoy



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Message from Liverpool City Council: Half Term Eat 2 Meet

Please see the letter below regarding Liverpool City Council's Eat to Meet programme. This will be sent out to Parents / Carers on Parent App in the coming weeks.



Liverpool
City Council

Date: 12th October 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian

The October Half Term Eat 2 Meet programme starts on the 30th October and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, from reception to age 16 (including year 11 leavers), who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the half term holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost. There's a great range of activities across the city including Halloween themed activities such as pumpkin carving, apple bob, halloween crafts making spooky masks, boxing, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, podcasting, basketball, arts and crafts, drama, zumba, trips out and much more! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well.

To find out where the nearest scheme is click on this link [October Half Term 'Eat to Meet' – Merseyside Play Action Council \(merseyplay.com\)](https://www.merseyplay.com) or go to <https://www.merseyplay.com> and click on the October Half Term Eat 2 Meet link.

When a parent/guardian/carer has chosen the activity/scheme they will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If the child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when booking. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and contact the providers directly.

- ☐ If you want to know how to register or how to check if your child is eligible for free school meals then please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
- ☐ You will need your national insurance number or an asylum seekers support number.
- ☐ If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>
- ☐ If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>
- ☐ If your child is not eligible for benefits related free school meals you may be eligible for support with childcare costs - <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the October Half Term Eat 2 Meet programme.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#).

Regards

Sally Dobbing

Sally Dobbing - HAF Project Manager

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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

Acting Headteacher - Mrs AM Costello

Acting Deputy Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs E Brennan

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads
Mrs J Littleboy - Director of Safeguarding Services
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
Mrs E Garvey Y7, Miss C Lee Y8, Ms R Glorman Y9, Mrs S Doran Y10, Mrs S Styles Y11, - Pastoral Assistant Heads of Year

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