

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Oxford Admission Examinations



We would like to start this week's newsletter with a **huge well done** to our four Year 13 students who have recently sat their admissions examinations for Oxford University.

“One student who sat the exam commented, “**I felt really supported by the staff at Notre Dame in the lead up to my exam so I felt calm and confident in how I've answered the question. I tried my best so I will be happy with whatever the outcome is!**”

We are incredibly proud of each student for pursuing their ambition to join the elite Russell Group University and were impressed by how well prepared, and **confident** each candidate was in their abilities before sitting their examinations. **We wish each of them every success in their results!**

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HEADTEACHER

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Welcome to our 1804 Society 2023

Our Sixth Form Team and Chaplain, Miss Wall have conducted interviews this week for our Year 12 students to join our prestigious 1804 Society.

The 1804 Society, whose title stems from the year the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur were founded, is our Sixth Form Leadership team. Being a part of this society provides our students with an opportunity to represent our school and set an example to our lower school students. It also gives them the chance to develop their own leadership skills and talents through hosting and organising their own groups, sessions or campaigns to support the life and work of Notre Dame Catholic College.

We are pleased to welcome the following students to our 2023 cohort of the 1804 Society:

- Macy-lee Jacobs
- Joel Kambaja
- Jennifer Hyland
- Ella Glynn
- Eleanor McAlan
- Ieva Grizeviciute
- Anais Jones-McGrath
- Joel Hughes
- Amber Mitchell
- Gabriella Bennett



1804 Society

Congratulations to all - look out for further updates to follow!

Celebrating our cities culture

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 Liverpool's Culture. The council shared interesting facts about our city and its heritage and challenged our students and form teachers in an interactive form time quiz!

This was shared with all students during collective worship in form time this week. We'd like to thank each student for their time and hard work spent developing these valuable and insightful resources to share amongst our school community.

What is Liverpool Culture?

- Finally discuss with your class what you think makes Liverpool a unique, culturally diverse city.
- Music is a huge part of Liverpool culture so while you think about your answer here is Jamie Webster with his song 'This Place'.



Facts about Liverpool

Liverpool was founded by King John in 1217 to develop trade links with Ireland.

Liverpool became the second City of the empire in the 1700's due to its involvement in the slave trade.

Liverpool continued to grow as a city during the industrial revolution.

Liverpool docks meant people from all over the world came to visit and often stayed bringing their cultures with them.

Liverpool has the oldest Chinese community in Europe.

More than 60 languages are spoken here

There are restaurants from nearly every country in the world in Liverpool.

We have the best Architecture and Museums outside of London.

Here are some of our favourite things about Liverpool. What are your favourite things?...

Liverpool is a very nice place to visit. There are many places to visit in Liverpool. There is a beach called Crosby Beach which I love to visit in the summertime. My favourite places to visit are the Museums especially the World Museum!

Liverpool's has lots of diverse food, music, religion and cultures which makes it a great city to live in.

Liverpool is a place full of culture, history, music and let's not forget the two football teams! My favourite thing about Liverpool is the music and the football teams.

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Behaviour Focus - Maintaining High Standards

We would like to remind Parents and Carers of our uniform guidance and expectations to ensure we uphold our high standards as a school community. Students are expected to attend in full school uniform. Outdoor coats are not permitted to be worn inside the school building and shoes must be plain black, patent or polishable. Trainers are not acceptable including brands such as OnCloud or Nike. **You can view our full uniform guidance on [our website](#), including our PE Kit requirements.**

We appreciate your support from home in ensuring your child arrives to school in the correct uniform.

We would also like to remind students and parents that we operate a **zero tolerance policy on mobile phones**. Mobile phones **should not be used inside the school building** and will be confiscated if seen and held at student services until the end of the school day. Can we please ask parents to refrain from messaging their child during the school day and to encourage your child not to message you during school hours. If your child needs to contact you for any reason during school, please remind them they should seek a member of our pastoral team (such as their Head of Year). This ensures that your child does not receive negative behaviour points for breaking school rules and that we, as a school, are aware of any issues your child may be having and support you and them to a resolution.

Likewise, if you need to get an important message to your child, please contact our school office on **0151 330 5122**, and our office staff will be able to support you. **Thank you for your continued support in maintaining these standards.**



Bonfire Night Celebrations

Finally, whilst this may feel premature, we would also like to provide parents and carers with some helpful materials to support your conversations with your child on the well-publicised dangers of fireworks so that every member of the Notre Dame family enjoys a safe and enjoyable Guy Fawkes night celebration. For some helpful tips on how to stay safe during bonfire night, please see the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents' website at:

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety>



WISHING EVERY NOTRE DAME FAMILY A PEACEFUL WEEKEND.

Yours faithfully
MRS COSTELLO

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Have your say on Student Rewards at School

We would like to gather your thoughts and experiences in regards to rewards for positive behaviour and good attendance at school. Please can you complete this short questionnaire for **Parents:** <https://forms.office.com/e/A6xWFN8NLN>

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 3pm on Monday 23rd October 2023. Thank you for your support.



End of term treats!

Students with the highest number of **positive points on Class Charts** will receive hot chocolate and treats during PHSE on the final day before we finish for Half Term.

Students are rewarded for positive behaviour such as arriving to school in full uniform, well equipped, staying focussed and working hard in class and for displaying our school's core values of **charity**, **courtesy**, **courage** and **confidence**.



Watch this space!

NDCC Girls reach final in Football Tournament

A huge well done to our Girls Football Team who made it through the group stage during a tournament on Thursday 19th October at Geoffrey Humble Football ground on Long Lane. The 10 students will now compete as 'Liverpool' in kits provided by the LFC Foundation in the final against Everton, Tranmere and Marine FC Crosby today, Friday 20th October at Marine FC in Crosby. We look forward to updating you as to how they got on in next week's newsletter – **best of luck!**



LivPac host second Coffee Morning at Notre Dame

Our SEN department held a second Coffee Morning for Parents this week in partnership with LivPac, Alder Hey and Liverpool City Council's ADHD Training Team.

The informal events are designed to support Parents of our students' with SEN needs to know what local resources and strategies are available to support them as a family within school and as a local community.

Thank you to all parents and families who attended! We look forward to the next one.



OPENING HEARTS

Safeguarding - PREVENT Information for Parents

Educate Against Hate are an organisation who share Government advice and trusted resources to help safeguard students from radicalisation, build resilience to all types of extremism and promote shared values. They have shared a pocket-size booklet for parents with information about extremism and radicalisation, produced by Educate Against Hate.

[Click here to access this.](#)

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hate

**Parents. Protecting
your children from
extremism.**

1. How do I talk to my child about extremism?

It's never easy to start a serious conversation with a child. Choose a place your child feels at ease and make it a time when you're unlikely to be interrupted. A good time to raise the subject is when it's relevant, perhaps when you both see something on TV about extremism.

Merseyside Police - Newsletter

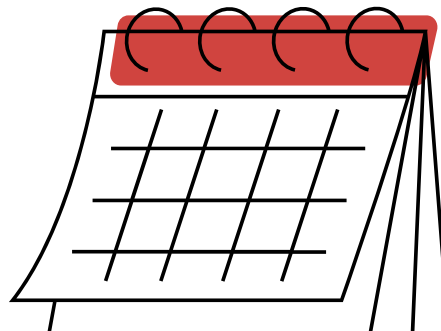
Merseyside Police Safer Schools' Co-ordinator has shared their Autumn Newsletter for the attention of Parents and Families.

[You can access this here.](#)



Dates for your diary - Parents Evenings

- **Year 7** Parents Evening will be on **Thursday 7th March 2024**
- **Year 8** Parents Evening will be on **Thursday 9th May 2024**
- **Year 9** Parents Evening will be on **Thursday 7th December 2023**
- **Year 10** Parents Evening will be on **Thursday 21st March 2024**
- **Year 11** Parents Evening will be on **Thursday 18th January 2024**
- **Sixth Form** Parents Evening TBC



Further information including times will be shared nearer to the date.

Please be advised any changes to the above dates scheduled will be shared via ParentApp, Class Charts, our Newsletter and the school website.

Flu Vaccination

If your child missed the chance to receive their flu vaccination at school, view the details 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

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| • 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

www.notredameliverpool.com/safeguarding/