

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Anti Bullying Week

This week, students have been celebrating and promoting Anti Bullying Week. Our student council prepared information and positive reflections for our whole school community during Collective Worship to share reminders to be kind and **courteous** to one another.



Students also displayed excellent initiative by organising a sale of Anti-Bullying Merchandise on Wednesday, selling badges, stickers and wristbands promoting kindness and **courage**. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the NSPCC, a charity that supports children experiencing bullying. We will share an update on the total amount raised next week!

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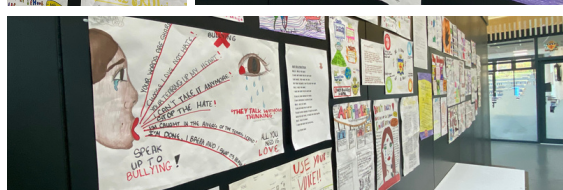
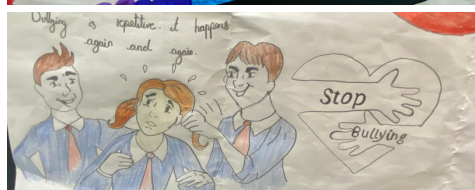
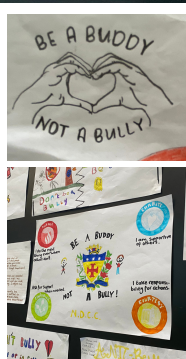
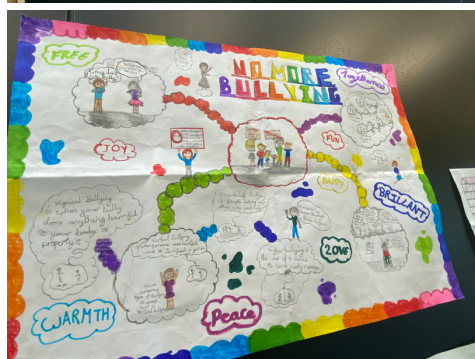
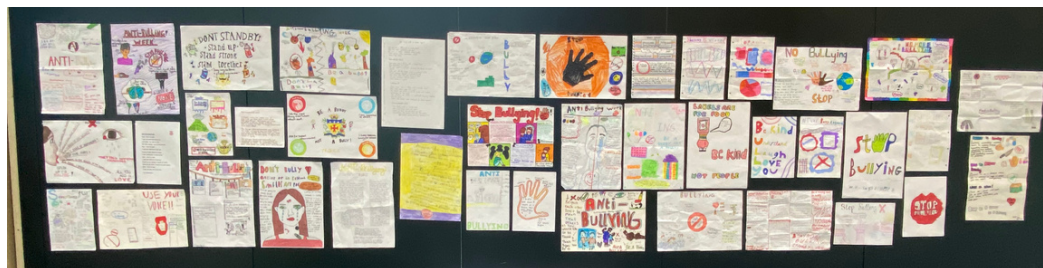
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Students also had the opportunity to participate in a series of competitions as part of our Anti Bullying activities this week including a form time poster and poetry competition. The entries are now proudly displayed opposite our Chaplain, Miss Wall's office.



ANTI BULLYING POEM:

BULLY, BULLY GO AWAY.
I HAVE NOT HURT YOU IN ANY WAY.
LAST NIGHT, YOU MADE ME CRY.
NOT TODAY BECAUSE I AM TELLING YOU WHY.
BULLY, BULLY GO AWAY.
I HAVE NOT HURT YOU IN ANY WAY.
PLEASE BE KIND INSTEAD OF MEAN.
I HAVE EXPERIENCE IN BEING CLEAN.
BULLY, BULLY GO AWAY.
I HAVE NOT HURT YOU IN ANY WAY.
PLEASE BE NICE BECAUSE IT MAKES ME HAPPY.
WHEN YOU ARE MEAN, IT MAKES YOU LOOK SNAPPY.
BULLY, BULLY GO AWAY.
I HAVE NOT HURT YOU IN ANY WAY...

-LEE

The poster and poetry competition winners were awarded a £20 voucher and each runner up received a bar of chocolate.

We culminated our Anti Bullying Week awareness by celebrating our students and staff who have displayed **courtesy** to one another. The students with the highest number of courtesy points on Class Charts each day this week in each year group were entered into a prize draw to win a £20 voucher. This was drawn this afternoon by Mrs Brennan and each winning student received a £20 voucher. **Congratulations to all our winning students:**

Poster and Poetry Competition:

Winners:

- Chloe L (Year 7)
- Fizza F (Year 9)
- Lee H (Year 10)

Runners' Up:

- Ava-Mei DH (Year 8)
- Chris A (Year 10)
- Elizabeth V-C (Year 7)
- Aimee S (Year 8)
- Maya C (Year 8)
- Libby JS (Year 8)

Courtesy Point Winners:

- Joel O (Year 7)
- Aiden J (Year 8)
- Jayden H (Year 9)
- Olivia F (Year 10)
- Violet P (Year 11)



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Focus on **Your Future** - Providers' Careers Event

We were delighted to host a number of representatives from Higher Education, Further Education, Training and Apprenticeship Providers to Notre Dame this week for our Providers' Careers Fair. Students in Years 10-13 were given the opportunity to attend the fair throughout the morning to speak with a variety of providers about the options available to them post-16, post-18 and beyond.



The providers, including Universities such as the University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores and Hope as well as training providers such as Collinge and Co and Rocket Training, were impressed by the engagement of all year groups and the questions they asked. A huge thank you to our Careers Advisor, Mrs Hall, for organising and to each representative for attending! We hope it has helped to **open minds and doors** for our students' about the possibilities available to them as they begin to prepare for their future!



Calendar Update: Additional INSET Days

As you will be aware Notre Dame Catholic College is in the process of joining St. Joseph's Catholic Multi Academy Trust in the near future and I hope I will be able to give parents more information on the date of conversion before Christmas.

Since the beginning of this term the Senior Leadership Team have been working closely with the CEO and the Director of School Improvement for St. Joseph's CMAT and in order to continue this work, with the teaching and support staff, the governors have agreed **to additional Inset days on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th January.** This means that **all students will return to school after the Christmas Holidays on Wednesday 10th January.**

WISHING EVERY NOTRE DAME FAMILY A PEACEFUL WEEKEND

Yours faithfully
MRS COSTELLO

Congratulations to our Values Stars!

This week we launched our new recognition rewards for students who have upheld our four College Core Values of Charity, Courtesy, Confidence and Courage. Students with the highest number of positive Class Charts points for each value will be awarded during their assembly by their Head of Year.

This began with our Year 7 cohort. Congratulations goes to:



Ali B



Martin LD



Amelia S



Lennon P

We look forward to rolling this out to all Year Groups over the next week!

Attendance
Winners of the chocolate challenge!

7MA



We would also like to extend a congratulations to our Year 7 Mary Anne form group who won Miss Wishart's Attendance Chocolate challenge! They were awarded the prize for having the best attendance for the last 3 weeks of term.
Well done and keep up the good work!

Notre Dame Pantry Service

As a community, Notre Dame would like to offer the service of **"The Pantry"** to all of our families. The Pantry is a confidential service (foodbank) run by Notre Dame, whereby you can contact our school Chaplain, Miss Wall, to receive items of shopping, food and toiletries.

If you would like to discuss this 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. You don't even need to share information with your child.



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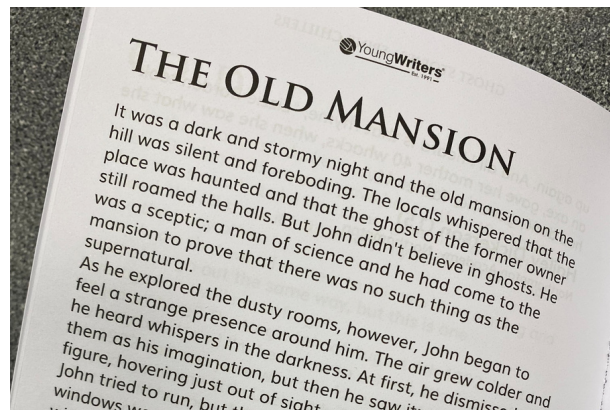
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Celebrating Student Success

Well done to student, **Layla K in Year 7**, who has won this years' Notre Dame Art Club Christmas Card competition.

Layla's design is a snow globe featuring the nativity. Layla's work was so impressive, she has been entered into the Liverpool Archdiocese Christmas card competition. **Good Luck Layla!**

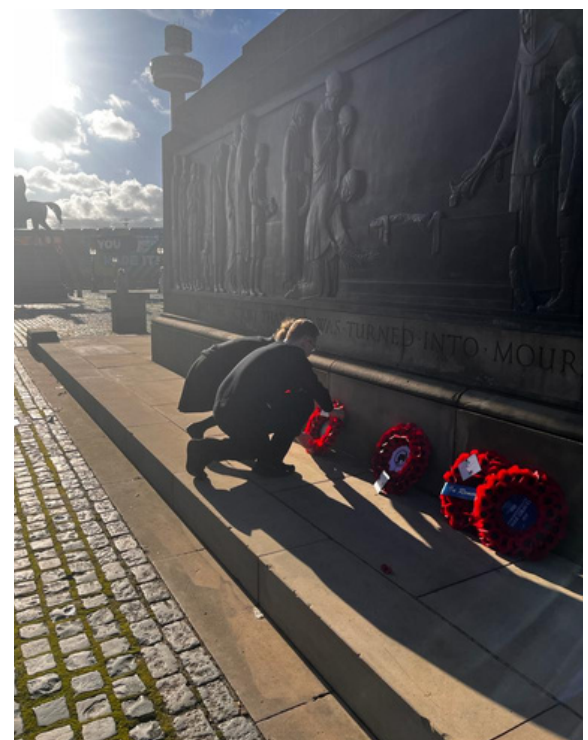
We would also like to say a huge congratulations to Student **Dean A, Year 9**, who won a Young Writers competition to have his short story published! His story titled 'The Old Mansion' has been featured in a compilation of other short stories from young writers across the country called 'Ghost Stories'. He was very proud to collect his copy and see his words in print this week. **Congratulations Dean!**



Head Students pay their respects on behalf of our school community

Last week we shared updates on our school's focus on Remembrance. On Friday 10th November, our Head Students Joe and Rhiannon attended Liverpool City Centre alongside our Head of History, Miss Cavanagh and Assistant Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Kildare, to lay a remembrance wreath at the Cenotaph at St George's Hall and mark our respects as a school community. This was left in place for the Remembrance Sunday service which took place on Sunday 12th November.

Lest we forget.



Year 11

Focus on **YOUR FUTURE**

| Core Subject Revision Timetable - Afterschool 3pm - 4pm | | |
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| Science | Maths | English |
| Week 1 & 2: Tuesday | Week 1: Thursday | Week 1: Wednesday |
| | Week 2: Wednesday | Week 2: Thursday |

Year 11 Tassomai Rewards Scheme

This half term we have launched our Tassomai rewards scheme for students in **Year 11**.

What is Tassomai?

Tassomai is an online learning tool that helps students to study and revise. Our Year 11 students and parents have access to the platform to support their revision through the school's subscription and allows students to identify their strongest topics, as well as those areas where they require more support. Personalised links to relevant learning resources will be displayed, as well as live statistics on their average accuracy and how many days they have been active on the program.

How do I earn my rewards?

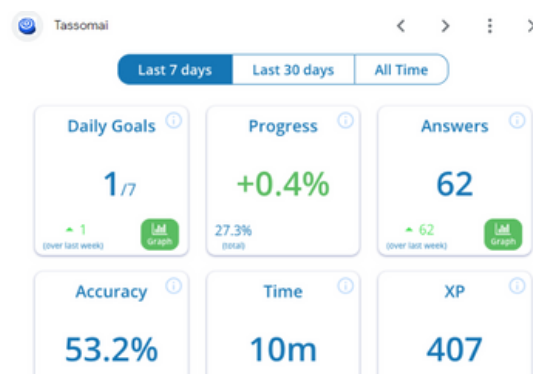
Simply log in and start revising! We will be tracking the number of questions answered through the platform on each account via the online dashboard. Those who answer the most questions will gain a reward!

What is the reward?

Students who have answered the highest number of questions will win £20 gift voucher each half term! By using Tassomai regularly you will also build a bank of data to highlight areas of strengths and weaknesses that will support your revision and learning and prepare you for success in the summer examinations.

Trouble logging in?

If you have misplaced your log in details or have any other concerns accessing the platform, please contact Mrs Crosslind for support.



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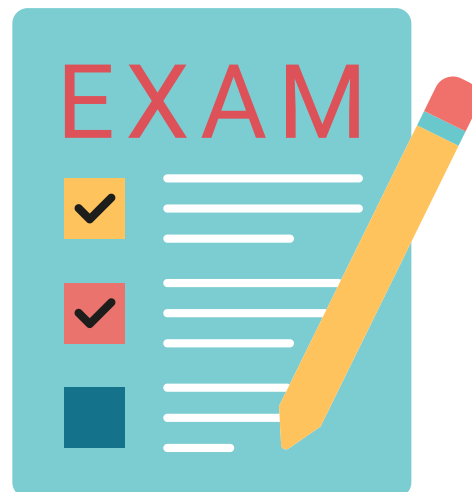
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Year 11 **Year 13**

Focus on **YOUR FUTURE**

REMINDER: Upcoming Mock Exams

Year 11 and Year 13 students will be sitting their first round of Mock Examinations from Wednesday 29th November - Friday 8th December. The mocks will be our students' first benchmark to see how well they are doing ahead of their summer examinations and highlight areas where additional revision support may be required. We encourage all students to ensure they are revising and preparing for these mocks now to provide the most accurate results to work with going forward. More details to follow.



SEND Coffee Morning at Notre Dame

Our monthly SEND Coffee Mornings have been a fantastic addition to our events calendar this academic year.

These sessions are part of a wider community outreach project to ensure SEND information and support is accessible for parents and families.

We encourage our Notre Dame Parents and Families of students with SEND to come along, have a cuppa and ask any questions to the expert teams available.

We look forward to seeing you there!



SEND Coffee Session

Wednesday 22nd November
10am - 11:30am



Our next Coffee Session in the Autism in Schools Project Pilot.

Guests will be representatives from the:-
CAMHS
MHST

The purpose of this session is for you to:
Access information
Ask questions related to mental health and autism
Signposting

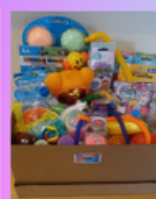
Come along for a cuppa, chat and meet other parents and carers



Sensory Store

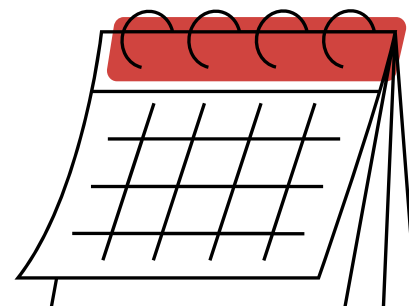
We will be bringing some of our sensory toys/books for you to purchase. We take cash and card payments

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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 will be on **Thursday 14th December 2024**



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.

Message from Liverpool City Council: Parking Outside Schools

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our schools has become a major problem, placing our children and others at risk.

PLEASE:

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off
- ✓ Make sure your child gets out of the car onto the pavement – never onto the road
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before either - you or your child - opens the door
- ✓ Leave enough room on the footway for pedestrians, wheelchairs and pushchairs to pass
- ✓ Always stop for a school crossing patrol when directed to do so



Liverpool City Council

PARKING
Outside schools

School

Please see the information recently shared by Liverpool City Council regarding parking safely around school areas [via this link](#).

Anti Bullying Week Reminder: Whisper Service at Notre Dame

We would like to remind students and parents of the Whisper service available to report any issues, such as bullying or any safeguarding concerns **anonymously**.

[Further information and a link to the service can be found on our Safeguarding page on our website here.](#)



Whisper
at Notre Dame Catholic College

Who can use Whisper?
Parents/Carers/Students



- Do you need to inform the **safeguarding team** about a **safeguarding issue**?
- Would you like to do it **anonymously**?
- ***Neglect** • *** Abuse** • ***Bullying** • ***Sexual harassment** • ***Peer on Peer Abuse** • ***Threats** • ***Criminal exploitation** • ***Drugs/Alcohol** • ***Worried about a friend**
- Use the **QR code** to access the online form or visit <https://forms.office.com/r/WTTPCFWJWZ>
- You can either fill in your name on the form or you can fill out the information **anonymously** - it is up to you! If you fill out your name and leave a contact number we will contact you.
- We **all have a responsibility** to help our young people before they come to harm
- The online reports will be monitored during term time and will be checked on a daily basis Monday to Friday
- **Remember - if someone is at risk you should phone Careline 0151 233 3700, if it is an emergency phone 999**

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Community Event: Everton Brow Light Switch On

WEST EVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Annual Light Switch On

Lights Of Hope

PROJECTION SHOW
FOOD
LIVE MUSIC
GAMES
MEET Mr&Mrs Clause

Gates Open 6PM

Thursday 30th November
WEST EVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
EVERTON BROW L3 8QE

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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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