

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Focus on **YOUR FUTURE**

Forthcoming Year 11 and 13 Mock Examinations



We would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents of Years 11 and 13 that their mock examination series begins on **Wednesday 29th November**.

Students have been provided with revision lists and materials in all examined subjects, either in class or via Class Charts. Please support your children in committing time out of school hours to prepare for these important examinations.

The more students prepare for these mocks, the greater their value in identifying gaps in learning that we can address in the new term.

Students and parents can still visit the [BBC Bitesize Top Revision Tips website page](#), which can be accessed by scanning or clicking on the **QR code above**. Students are encouraged to bring any flash cards, mind maps or revision posters into school to show us what has worked.

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MRS COSTELLO

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Parents / Carers, please note, if any scheduled afternoon examinations finish before 3pm, students will be **dismissed early** and will leave directly from the Sports Hall. Timetables will be shared on our website this coming week.

For more subject-specific guidance, parents, carers and students can visit the 'Further Learning' section in each subject page on our website. These can be found in the 'Subjects' section under the 'Curriculum and Students' menu. You will find links to several subject-specific websites and study guides.

Theme of the week - Inspire

Our Collective Worship theme this week was 'Inspire'. We have asked students to reflect on who they find inspirational and why. We shared inspirational figures within our own Notre Dame Community including Sister Dorothy Stang, our 'Dorothy' Form Groups namesake, and how her actions continue to inspire people.

Theme of the week:
Inspire

Our school vision statement: To Open Hearts, Minds and Doors

One individual whose charitable actions have inspired our school community is Sister Dorothy Stang.

Dorothy Stang was born in America in 1931. She decided early on that she would give her life to God as a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur. Her deepest desire was to serve the poor. So in 1966 she and four other Sisters went to the Amazon rainforest in Brazil, where they lived and worked to help poor farmers build better futures for their families.

The poor farming communities had very little and Sister Dorothy worked hard to try and improve their lives. She helped to start over 26 schools to provide education for children and adults. She trained teachers and taught people how grow crops and fruit so that they could earn money.

Sister Dorothy believed that in order to help the poor, she must be with them and stand up for their rights.

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This week, we have continued to award our 'Values Stars' in our Year Group assemblies and hope their achievements **inspire** our entire student body to uphold and carry our College Core Values in their daily interactions and actions. You can see a full list of this week's Values Stars on page X.

Well done to all!

Violence Prevention Against Women and Girls

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 violence Against Women and Girls. Our student councillors shared interesting facts and statistics they gathered from researching this topic with our students during Collective Worship.

This included sharing Malala Yousafzai's heroic story, fighting for her education and standing up for what is right despite suffering horrific violence. We'd like to thank each student for their time and hard work spent developing these valuable and insightful resources and for sharing Malala's **inspirational** story of **courage** amongst our school community.

In the European Union, since the age of 15:

1 in 3
women has experienced physical and/or sexual violence

1 in 2
women has experienced sexual harassment

1 in 20
women has been raped

1 in 5
women has experienced stalking

95%
of victims trafficked for sexual exploitation in the EU are women

Malala Yousafzai

school, a masked gunman boarded her school bus and shot her on the left side of her head. She woke up from a coma 10 days later in Birmingham, England.

She underwent multiple surgeries, including repair of a facial nerve to fix the paralysed left side of her face. She was only 15 but was prepared to sacrifice her life for women's rights to get an education.

She is known all around the world for her brave actions and continuing to fight for what was right after she suffered violence.

Let's find out more of her story in the following video...

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Calendar Update - Additional INSET Days

We would like to remind Parents and Carers of the update to our College Calendar.

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 have continued to share our Year Group Values Stars!
Congratulations to all.



Year 7
Patrick S

Year 8
Tomas L

Year 9
Jeremy MM

Year 10
James M

Year 11
Lucy B



Year 7
Rene D

Year 8
Angelo G

Year 9
David O

Year 10
John C

Year 11
Scarlette M



Year 7
Amelia S

Year 8
Abdulaziz BB

Year 9
Caitleen C

Year 10
Deimante B

Year 11
Kara Y



Year 7
Riley O

Year 8
Harry W

Year 9
Lucas P

Year 10
Frankie O

Year 11
Emerson B

NDCC Football Champions

A huge well done to our Boys Football Team Beyond 4 games,
4 wins and 4 clean sheets last Friday!

A thank you to Lennon W for stepping up to go in goal and well
done to all goal scorers:

Joe G - 1
Ellis D - 1
Charlie F - 2



Miss Sheard said, 'I
am beyond proud of
their performance!'



Christmas Card Success!



Last week, we shared the news that Year 7 student, Layla K, has won our Art Club Christmas competition with her Snow Globe design. This was subsequently entered into the Archdiocese of Liverpool's Christmas Card competition. We are delighted to share that Layla was announced as the winner of their Secondary School competition!

Layla was awarded sweets from Mrs Powell in recognition of this incredible achievement. Layla's design will be used for Notre Dame Catholic College's official Christmas Card design! Congratulations!

OPENING DOORS

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Year 11 Mock Interviews

On Tuesday 28th November, we will be welcoming experts from a variety of sectors into the College to host our Year 11 Mock interviews. This will help our Year 11 students to prepare and build their **confidence** when it comes to conducting themselves in an interview. We advise students take some time this weekend to prepare questions for these interviews and research tips and tricks to support their success!



We look forward to sharing an update as to how the interviews went next week!

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100 Voices Reunite!

It was wonderful to host students from 15 other schools in the local area this week to reunite our 100 Voice Choir for an exciting, upcoming project!

The 100 Voice Choir was part of the city's Eurovision celebrations in the summer, led by our Resonate Music Hub, students from Notre Dame and local secondary schools in the area came together to perform at various locations across the city, including performing for King Charles III and taking centre stage at the Pier Head during the Euro Festival. They were also supported by the Ukrainian Children's Youth Choir. It is very exciting that they have been asked to come together again for a brand new project and to host them at Notre Dame for their first joint rehearsal – watch this space for further updates!



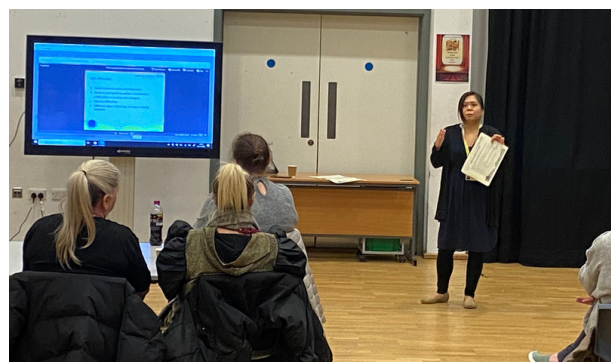
OPENING HEARTS

Third SEND Coffee Morning at Notre Dame

Our SEN department held a third 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.



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Sixth Form CSI Team

Our Sixth Form, Psychology and Criminology students took part in a Crime Scene Investigation Workshop today. They took on the role of detectives, scientists and pathologists to 'crack their case' and **open minds** to the career possibilities linked to this sector.



Led by a former Police Officer with experience working at live crime scene's our students were given the task to search for evidence, examine testimony and follow the facts. It was a great, interactive experience! Well done all!

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Drama Theatre Trip

The year 10 and 11 GCSE Drama students, accompanied by a combination of a select number of KS3 Drama Club students thoroughly enjoyed the theatre trip to see Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory Musical at the Empire Theatre on Thursday night. It was a fabulous show and the student's behaviour was exemplary.

According to the students, it was '**boss**'. another said '**it's the first time I have ever been to a theatre**'.

A massive thank you to Mrs Lee and Miss Hobson for coming along and supporting them.



More Student Success!

Congratulations to Emily (Year 11) and Gracie (year 7) who participated in a logo competition with Liverpool City Council and received £10 vouchers this week!

Amzaing work!

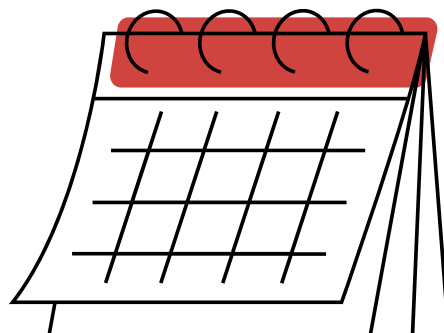
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Dates for your diary - Parents Evenings

- **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 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.

Message from the Liverpool Lighthouse:

2ND DECEMBER | 1PM
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
Shirley Long

SCAN QR CODE TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS OR FIND EVENT ON TICKET
SOURCE: LIGHHOUSE CINEMA PRESENTS CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

AT THE LIVERPOOL LIGHTHOUSE, OAKFIELD ROAD, L4 0UF
YOU CAN CONTACT US ON 01514762342 OR VIA EMAIL AT [INFO@LIVERPOOLLIGHTHOUSE.COM](mailto:info@liverpoolighthouse.com)
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WWW.LIVERPOOLLIGHTHOUSE.COM

WINTER HOLIDAY CLUB

2TH - 5TH JANUARY 9-1PM EACH DAY
AT LIVERPOOL LIGHTHOUSE, OAKFIELD ROAD, L4 0UF
FOR 7 - 13 YEAR OLD'S

FOOD, DRINK AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL CHILDREN
WITH A HOT LUNCH SERVED AT 12:30PM EVERY DAY.
Places can be booked through email or phone call
Matt.rutter@liverpoolighthouse.com
07708668657

Lighthouse Cinema screening – “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang” on the 2nd December at 1pm.

Ticket prices: £3 Adult | £2.50 Child | £10 group of 5
[Link to buy tickets](#)

Winter Half Term Club 2th – 5th January – During half term Liverpool Lighthouse will be offering creative activities for children and young people aged 7–13. The week will be a load of fun games, exercises and drama scenes. The young people will develop confidence, skills and meet lots of new people and share the work they have created on the last day. A hot meal and snacks throughout the day will be provided for children participating to help families over the Christmas period. Food, drink and snacks will be provided for all children with a hot lunch served at 12:30pm every day. Time: 9–1pm each day To register, email: matt.rutter@liverpoolighthouse.com

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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/