

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### Theme for the week - **Remembrance**

To coincide with the commemoration of Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, this week's theme and collective worship focused on the theme of **Remembrance**. We encouraged students to reflect on why we mark Remembrance Sunday and give thanks for the freedoms we all enjoy due to the sacrifices made by so many. Our reflections culminated in a whole school service on Friday morning which was observed impeccably throughout the school.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl were also invited to lay a wreath at a service held at the Cenotaph at St George's Hall in Liverpool City Centre on Friday afternoon to mark our respects as a school community.



## IN THIS ISSUE

- HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE (P 1-3)
- SCHOOL LIFE NEWS (P4-7)
- NOTICES (P8-10)
- SAFEGUARDING (P11-12)

MRS COSTELLO  
ACTING  
HEADTEACHER

FRI 10TH NOV  
2023



NOTRE DAME  
CATHOLIC  
COLLEGE



Students were also reminded that in the Christian Church, November is the month when we remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us and whom one day we will be reunited with.

Students were invited to visit the Chapel this month, when they wish to, to remember those who have died. Our school Chaplain, Miss Wall, has prepared an activity to invite students and staff to remember a loved one by writing their name and lighting a candle, to symbolise their memory living on. We will remember all of these people during Breakfast with God on Tuesdays and staff Mass each Friday. Many thanks to Miss Cavanagh, Miss Wall and our student council for producing such poignant resources this week.



## Behaviour Focus - Maintaining High Standards

We began the start of this Half Term with Mrs Brennan delivering a series of Year group assemblies focussing on our high standards and expectations of behaviour for all students. Students were reminded of our Core Values of **Charity**, **Courtesy**, **Confidence** and **Courage**, and how they should be reflected in all aspects of our behaviour whilst at school, or representing our school in the local community.

Parents and Carers are reminded to ensure our uniform guidance and expectations are upheld. 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 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. Students who have had their phone confiscated will be able to collect their phone at 3.15pm from student services.

We would like to **thank all parents for your continued support from home to ensure we maintain these standards.**





FRI 10TH NOV  
2023

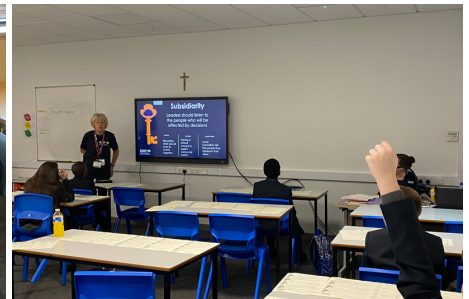


NOTRE DAME  
CATHOLIC  
COLLEGE

## CAFOD RE Sessions

We were delighted to welcome members of CAFOD - the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development to school today to deliver sessions in our RE classes. Students discussed what Catholic Social Teaching is and were asked to complete an activity based on key principles such as the 'Common Good,' 'Participation' and 'Human Dignity' by deciding which applied in a variety of scenarios.

Our students were very engaged with our visitors, asking lots of questions and showing excellent participation in the task and holding great discussions in their various groups. **Well done!**



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

Yours faithfully  
**MRS COSTELLO**

FRI 10TH NOV  
2023



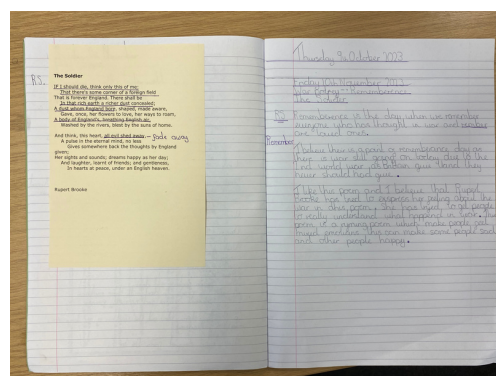
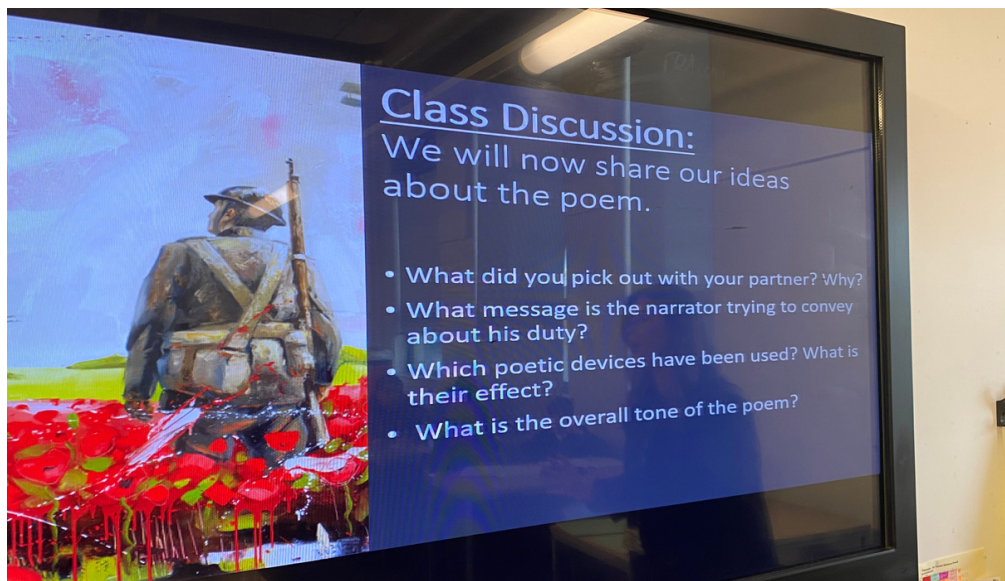
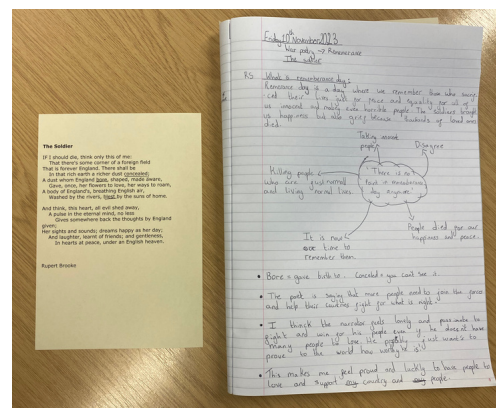
NOTRE DAME  
CATHOLIC  
COLLEGE

## English Department celebrate our Remembrance Theme

On Friday 10th November, to mark Remembrance Day in their English lessons, students across Key Stages 3 and 4 studied 'The Soldier', a sonnet written by Rupert Brooke which was first published in 1915. Students discussed and annotated the poem which conveys the ultimate sacrifice made by soldiers during World War I.



Great  
examples  
from Year 7!



OPENING  
HEARTS

### The Soldier

If I should die, think only this of me:  
That there's some corner of a foreign field  
That is forever England. There shall be  
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;  
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made  
aware,  
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways  
to roam,  
A body of England's, breathing English air,  
Washed by the rivers, blest by the suns of  
home.  
And think, this heart, all evil shed away,  
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less  
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by  
England given;  
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as  
her day;  
And laughter, learnt of friends; and  
gentleness,  
In hearts at peace, under an English  
heaven.

Rupert Brooke





FRI 10TH NOV  
2023



NOTRE DAME  
CATHOLIC  
COLLEGE

## Focus on **YOUR FUTURE**

### Providers' Careers Fair

On Tuesday 14th November we will be welcoming the following providers into school for our Year 10 - Year 13 students to discuss their future plans and share the variety of options available for study post-16 and 18. This event will take place during the school day in our Dorothy Stang Theatre and we hope it helps to prepare our students for the next stage of their education or future career.



NOTRE DAME  
SIXTH FORM  
COLLEGE



#### Further Education Colleges

The City of Liverpool College  
Hugh Baird College  
Knowsley College  
St Helens College  
Greenbank College

#### Training Providers

Collinge & Co (Hairdressing)  
The Learning Foundry  
Rocket Training  
Mode Training

#### Universities

The University of Liverpool  
Liverpool John Moores University  
Liverpool Hope University  
Edge Hill University

#### Specialist Colleges and Sixth Forms

Notre Dame Catholic College  
LMA (Performing Arts)  
The Fowler Academy  
Steven Gerrard Academy  
MPCT (Military Preparation Training College)  
LLS (Sport)  
The UTC Life Sciences  
The Studio



STEVEN GERRARD  
Academy



We encourage students in Years 10 - 13 to fully explore who is attending and prepare questions in advance.

## Year 11

Focus on **YOUR FUTURE**

| Core Subject Revision Timetable - Afterschool 3pm - 4pm |                   |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 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?

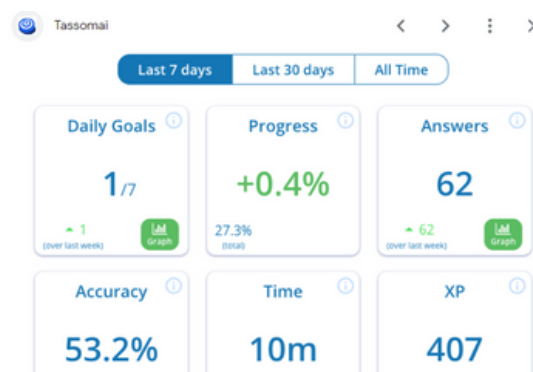
**Simply log in and start revising!** We will be tracking the number of questions answered through the platform on each account via the online dashboard. Those who answer the most questions will gain a reward!

### 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.





## Student Council Trip to Museum of Liverpool

Our student council shared photos with us this week from their trip to the Museum of Liverpool on the final day of last half term.

This was a reward trip for all the efforts the students had put in to their work for the council in the last half term, particularly towards raising awareness amongst our student body for various key events and campaigns. This also coincided with their awareness week on Liverpool Culture! We look forward to your continued efforts this half term.



## Year 10 Sports Leadership Event

Our Year 10 students took part in running a primary athletics event in the sports hall this week alongside LSSP.

The students supported primary aged pupils from 11 local primary schools throughout the day with various activities including Javelin, Relay, Long Jump and more. Our Year 10 students developed their confidence and leadership skills by helping to co-ordinate the pupils into groups, recording times and distances, supporting pupils with their form and activities and more. Well done to all those involved, including the primary schools who were wonderful guests!



FRI 10TH NOV  
2023



NOTRE DAME  
CATHOLIC  
COLLEGE

## 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

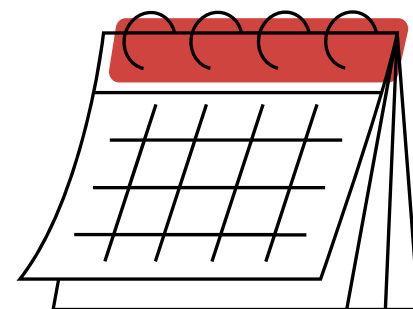
#### Sensory Store

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

#### Notre Dame

## 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: Be Bright Be Seen



slower speeds,  
safer streets



Dear Pupils, Staff, Parents/Guardians

British Summertime ended last weekend – the clocks have gone back by an hour with most of us travelling in the dark. As a road user there are things you can do to help yourself making sure that other road users can see you.

### Pedestrians

- Wear something brightly coloured in the day & reflective at night. Such as fluorescent & reflective arm bands or bag or rucksack with high vis strips etc.

Keep to the footpath and well-lit areas, if possible, be aware of your surroundings, take out earphones and put phones in your pockets so you are not distracted and be aware of other road users who may not be as visible especially when crossing the roads.

### Cyclists

- At night your bike must have white front and red rear light lit & fitted with a red rear reflector,
- Front and spoke reflectors are useful to help other road users see you.
- Wear bright and if possible reflective clothing to be more visible to other road users and have no distractions.

### Car Drivers

- Regularly check that all your lights are in working order.
- Try to keep the car clean so that it reflects light and makes it easier to see, paying particular attention to lights, windows, and mirrors.
- Carry a high visibility vest or jacket or torch if you need to get out in the dark due to a breakdown so you are visible to other drivers.
- Remember to be aware of the more vulnerable road user who may be hard to see and drive at the appropriate speed for the environment
- No distractions whilst driving.

**Liverpool City Council Road Safety Education Team**

FRI 10TH NOV  
2023



NOTRE DAME  
CATHOLIC  
COLLEGE

## 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



## Safeguarding Update - Nitrous Oxide (Laughing Gas)

The government has made the possession of Nitrous Oxide (Laughing Gas) **a criminal offence in England and Wales.**



Its use soared during the pandemic, becoming one of the most-abused substances, especially by 16 to 24-year-olds. The ban was designed to tackle anti-social behaviour. Further information about what Nitrous Oxide is and why it has been banned can **be found here**.

## 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

|                                                   |                            |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Princess Park Health Centre L8 0SY              | 30 <sup>th</sup> September |
| • Kensington Neighborhood Health Centre L7 2PF    | 14 <sup>th</sup> October   |
| • Childwall Neighborhood Health Centre L16 7QQ    | 28 <sup>th</sup> October   |
| • South Liverpool Treatment Centre L19 2LW        | 11 <sup>th</sup> November  |
| • Townsend Lane Neighborhood Health Centre L6 0BB | 9 <sup>th</sup> December   |
| • Childwall Neighborhood Health Centre L16 7QQ    | 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 take.
- 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.



FRI 10TH NOV  
2023



NOTRE DAME  
CATHOLIC  
COLLEGE



## 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.](#)

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



<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/](http://www.notredameliverpool.com/safeguarding/)