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# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### Year 11 - Focus on your Future!

We would like to begin this week's newsletter by thanking all parents of Year 11 who attended last night's Parents' Evening. We hope all parents and students found their meetings informative and helpful as we prepare for this final phase in your child's preparations for summer examinations.

It's a key point in our Year 11 students' education as they look at their post-16 study options. We are looking forward to welcoming students back next week to our **Sixth Form Open Evening**.

**SIXTH FORM THURSDAY**  
**OPEN 25.01.24**  
3:15pm - 5:45pm  
at Notre Dame Catholic College

**EVENING**

*Opening hearts, minds and doors*

*Looking at post-16 study options? Explore our Sixth Form!*

**Subject Taster Sessions available to book now!**

Visit: [www.notredameliverpool.com/sixth-form-taster-sessions/](http://www.notredameliverpool.com/sixth-form-taster-sessions/)

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MRS COSTELLO  
ACTING  
HEADTEACHER

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Our Sixth Form Open Event starts at 3.15pm and will begin with an introduction from our Sixth Form Team and refreshments. Students will then have the opportunity to attend a series of Taster Sessions in our Sixth Form subjects to get an insight into what they will study and the career path that they open up to them. Our Careers Advisor Mrs Hall will also be available on the evening to answer students' and Parents' questions about Higher Education, Apprenticeships and other career opportunities.



**We strongly encourage attendance from all Year 11 students to fully explore their post-16 study options. The full list of the Taster Sessions we have available plus the link to book are on our website here: <https://www.notredameliverpool.com/sixth-form-taster-sessions/> or you can view available subjects and time slots on page 6 of this newsletter.**

Parents/Guardians are very welcome to accompany their child and attend the event (Parents do not need to book a place, only students) or students are welcome to attend the event independently.

## Year 9 and Year 10 - Focus on your Future!

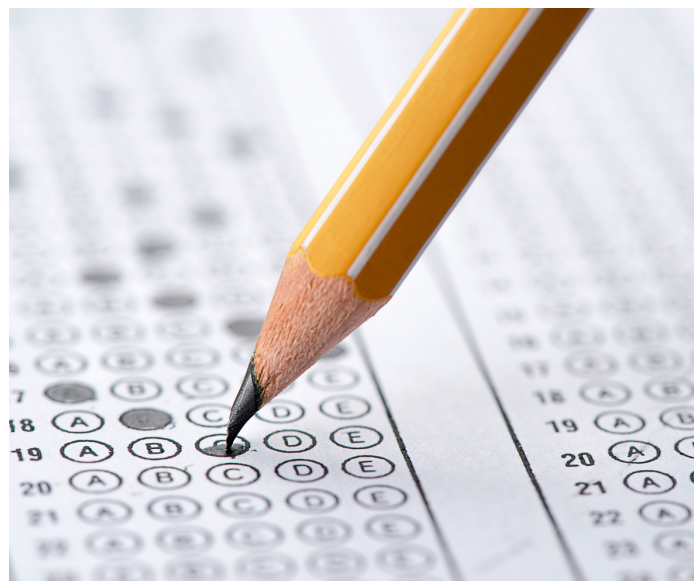
Next week our students in Years 9 and 10 will participate in Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) in school.

These tests are to help us to determine their current strengths and abilities as they prepare for or progress through Key Stage 4 study. The results of the tests will help us to support our students to have the most successful possible outcomes at the end of Year 11.

Year 9 will sit their CATs on Monday 22nd January 2024, 8.45am - 11.15am.

Year 10 will sit their CATs on Tuesday 23rd January 2024, 8.45am - 11.15am.

Students do not need to prepare or revise for these tests in any way. We do ask that they arrive promptly to school prepared to sit their examination, abide by exam conditions and try their best. **Good luck to all!**



## Feast Day Celebrations

We would like to draw students' and parents' attention to our fast-approaching Feast Day celebrations. This year, celebrations will take place on **Friday 2nd February**, commemorating the day in 1804 when St Julie Billiart, Françoise Blin de Bourdon and Catherine Duchâtel committed themselves to God by a vow of chastity and the care and education of young girls. ***This was the founding day of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Amiens, France!***

This is a hugely significant day in our calendar and has traditionally been a day of celebration, prayer and reflection. Celebrations will culminate in a Feast Day Service.

**On this day, all students will finish school at 12.00 noon.**



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## Cold Snap!

Finally, we'd like to say a huge well done to all the students for their resilience this week in the face of adverse weather! We know the snow and icy conditions have caused some severe disruption to traffic around the area as well as making the journey to school more difficult for many.

Thank you to all of you who have continued to arrive on time and ready to learn!



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

Yours faithfully

**MRS COSTELLO**

## Congratulations to our Values Stars!

Congratulations to all our Year Group Values Stars!



Year 7  
**Cairo S**

Year 8  
**Jaiden MJ**  
**Luis G**

Year 9  
**Narcisse M**

Year 10  
**TBA**

Year 11  
**TBA**



Year 7  
**Ruby M**

Year 8  
**Poppy W**

Year 9  
**Rosie-Mae F**

Year 10  
**TBA**

Year 11  
**TBA**



Year 7  
**Amr A**

Year 8  
**Jospeh S**

Year 9  
**Abigail T**

Year 10  
**TBA**

Year 11  
**TBA**



Year 7  
**Mateuz P**

Year 8  
**Cadence M**

Year 9  
**Stan C**

Year 10  
**TBA**

Year 11  
**TBA**



## Super Stars!

Well done to the following students with the highest number of positive points in their Year Group this week!

**Year 7 - Elizabeth VC**

**Year 8 - Layla B**

**Year 9 - Nicole M**

**Year 10 - TBA**

**Year 11 - TBA**



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## Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in Year 8 and above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation you can now register at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk).

Confirmation is a sacrament through which we receive the Holy Spirit to make us stronger and more perfect Christians and true witnesses of Jesus Christ.

The preparation for the sacrament will begin in school with an introduction to the sacrament from Animate, the archdiocesan youth ministry team.

Alternatively your child may be asked to watch four short [introductory videos](#).

**For more details speak to Miss Wall or your RE teacher.**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN YEAR 8



**REGISTER AT**  
[WWW.LIVERPOOLCALLED.CO.UK](http://WWW.LIVERPOOLCALLED.CO.UK)

Registration Open:  
15 Jan to 15 March

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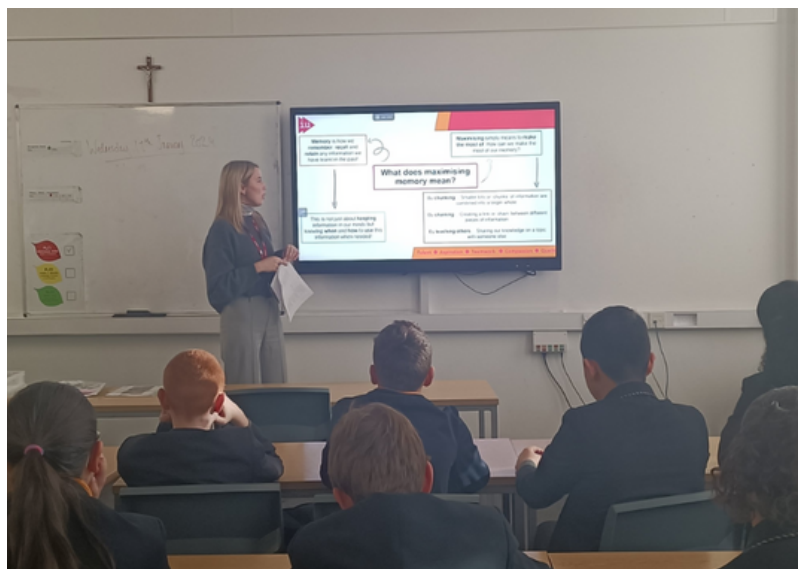


Archdiocese of  
**Liverpool**

## Year 8 Maximise Memory with Into University

Our Year 8 students took part in their first Into University workshop of the academic year this week!

The session focused on maximising memory and revision techniques to begin building skills to support them in the future when preparing for examinations!



Thank you to the Into University team for delivering the session! Into University are one of our partner organisations who work to break down barriers to Higher Education and Learning for children and young people.





## Sixth Form Taster Timetable

Subject	Time slots available...
3D Design	S2: 4.20pm - 4.40pm   S3: 4.40pm - 5.00pm
Art	S1: 4.00pm - 4.20pm   S5: 5.00pm - 5.20pm
Biology	S2: 4.20pm - 4.40pm   S5: 5.00pm - 5.20pm
Business	S1: 4.00pm - 4.20pm   S3: 4.40pm - 5.00pm
Chemistry	S2: 4.20pm - 4.40pm   S3: 4.40pm - 5.00pm
Computer Science	S2: 4.20pm - 4.40pm   S3: 4.40pm - 5.00pm
Criminology	S1: 4.00pm - 4.20pm   S5: 5.00pm - 5.20pm
English	S2: 4.20pm - 4.40pm   S3: 4.40pm - 5.00pm
Further Maths	S2: 4.20pm - 4.40pm   S5: 5.00pm - 5.20pm
Health and Social Care	S1: 4.00pm - 4.20pm   S3: 4.40pm - 5.00pm   S4: 5.00pm - 5.20pm
History	S1: 4.00pm - 4.20pm   S3: 4.40pm - 5.00pm
ICT	S2: 4.20pm - 4.40pm   S3: 4.40pm - 5.00pm
Maths	S1: 4.00pm - 4.20pm   S4: 5.00pm - 5.20pm
Music	S1: 4.00pm - 4.20pm   S3: 4.40pm - 5.00pm
Physics	S1: 4.00pm - 4.20pm   S3: 4.40pm - 5.00pm
Psychology	S2: 4.20pm - 4.40pm   S3: 4.40pm - 5.00pm
Science	S2: 4.20pm - 4.40pm   S5: 5.00pm - 5.20pm
Sociology	S2: 4.20pm - 4.40pm   S5: 5.00pm - 5.20pm
Spanish	S1: 4.00pm - 4.20pm   S3: 4.40pm - 5.00pm
Sport	S1: 4.00pm - 4.20pm   S4: 5.00pm - 5.20pm
Travel and Tourism	S2: 4.20pm - 4.40pm   S5: 5.00pm - 5.20pm

[Click here to book!](#)

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## Amazing work Lee!

A huge well done to Lee H (Year 10) for his excellent results in his Business and IT examinations this week. Lee, who is part of our Flourish group, proudly shared his incredible results with staff after achieving a grade 7 in Business (equivalent to a B) and over 85% in his ICT examination too.

Keep up the good work!



## Admissions Consultation

As you are aware the school will be joining St Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust (SJC MAT) early in 2024. As part of that transition SJC MAT will assume the responsibility for admissions. The Trust have reviewed our current policy and propose minor amendments from 2025-2026. Further information on the proposed changes can be found on our [website Admissions page](#).

As per the [DfE School Admissions Code \(September 2021\)](#) the Trust are required to consult for a period of no less than six weeks and our consultation will be open from **14th December 2023 until 31st January 2024**.



## Unifrog Apprenticeships Fair

### Unifrog Apprenticeships Fair

Get involved with National Apprenticeship Week! Join our virtual fair to learn all about the world of apprenticeships. Explore the latest apprenticeship opportunities, attend live sessions with top employers including KPMG, Lloyds Banking Group and Unilever, and network one-on-one to get top tips on how to find and apply for your dream apprenticeship.

February 7 2024 | 16:30pm - 19:00pm GMT

Want to know more about Apprenticeships? Take advantage of your Unifrog membership and join their virtual fair on Wednesday 7th February, 4.30pm - 7.00pm. [Click here for more!](#)

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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  
Mrs P Shrimpton - Attendance Officer  
Mrs K Sweeney - Special Educational Needs  
Mrs S McKay - Assistant Office Manager  
Mrs E Garvey Y7, Miss C Lee Y8, Ms R Glorman Y9,  
Mrs S Doran Y10, Mrs S Styles Y11, Mrs J Kildare Sixth  
Form - Pastoral Assistant Heads of Year

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