

# Notre Dame Catholic College Newsletter

October 2018



The summer holidays were a busy time at Notre Dame as we were joined in our summer school by children from our partner primary schools who will be joining Year 7.

The site staff, as always, worked hard ensuring that the building was in tip top condition ready for the new term.

The school was open for 'A' level and GCSE results and a large number of staff were here to offer advice and guidance to our former Year 11 and Upper Sixth students.

There was a lot to celebrate as our Sixth Form students gained places to study at universities of their choice. Equally so there were very lively celebrations from Year 11 students who gained grades 8s and 9s in all of their subjects.

So students as we embark on a new school year, my messages to you are:-

- Attend school and you will achieve.
- Take every opportunity to access opportunities outside the classroom.

## Forthcoming Events

Performances of  
Terriers 1 & 2

Reward breakfast  
with Mrs Harrison

Y7 Form Tutor  
meetings

Scholastic Book Fayre



**Congratulations** to all parents, carers and pupils, overall attendance for Years 7 – 11 so far is this term is 94.48%. This is an improvement on last year so please keep it up.

Please remember to call school before 8.30am if your child is going to be absent.

Form classes with a weekly attendance of 100% will receive free toast, last week's winner was: **11J**

"I love my new friends."  
Mary

"I enjoy the lessons because they are very different to Primary school." Neave

"The best thing about Notre Dame is that it is a Catholic school and it doesn't have violence in." Benjamin

**OPEN EVENING** | Enrolling Year 7 for September 2019



**THURSDAY**  
**4th OCTOBER**  
6pm – 8pm

"I have enjoyed science, it is my new favourite subject." Ella

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September Notre Dame hosted **the Adoremus Youth Congress**. Pupils from around our city were welcomed. The theme was 'welcome the stranger'. Pope Francis says, "The Christian journey is simply about changing hearts. One's own heart first of all, and then helping to transform the hearts of others." Here at Notre Dame this is put into practice on a daily basis through prayer and our relationships with others.

**Congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who achieved amazing success in the summer. All the hard work over the past two years has paid off and we wish you lots of luck as you start the next stage in your education.**



## BULLYBUSTER CITY CHAMPIONS



We are proud to announce Notre Dame has been awarded the Bullybusters' termly award, for the whole of Liverpool.

We have been recognised for our consistently high-level support to staff, pupils and parents/carers on issues related to bullying. We are proud that our efforts, to raise awareness of bullying through staff training, assemblies, Sunflower events, PSHCE lessons and workshops, have been recognised.

PSHCE Co-ordinator, Mr Campbell, received the award from Bullybusters' on behalf of the college last Friday afternoon. He stated: "It is a huge honour for our college to receive this award above all the other schools in the city. It shows how hard everyone has worked to ensure Notre Dame is a happy, secure and safe place where all students can learn, respect each other and make friends".

Mr Campbell went on to say "We encourage our students not to be 'bystanders' but 'up standers' to bullying, in any of its ugly forms".

Together with this, Notre Dame is looking to continue its good relationship with Bullybusters, by launching the 'Bullybusters' Ambassadors Programme'. By the end of this term we hope to have one student ambassador for Bullybusters in every form class. Their role will be to alert any concerns of bullying to staff member and to help promote a message of anti-bullying, as well as offer advice to other students who may need it.

Notre Dame would like to extend our many thanks to Bullybusters and their fantastic team for their continued work and look forward to this year's activities training pupils on the Bullybusters' Ambassadors Programme.



### Liverpool City Region Careers Hub

In July it was announced that Notre Dame would become the lead school in the Liverpool City Region Careers Hub. The Liverpool City Region Careers Hub is one of 20 new Careers Hubs being set up by The Careers and Enterprise Company to help transform careers education for young people around the country. Careers Hubs comprise of up to 40 local schools and colleges working together with universities, training providers, employers and career professionals to improve careers education.

Careers Hubs are a central part of the government's Careers Strategy, published in December 2017, with £5 million allocated over a two-year period to support them. From September, 710 schools and colleges will work within a Hub and there will be at least one Hub in every region of England outside London.

All Careers Hubs will have access to support and funding to help them meet the eight Gatsby Benchmarks of excellent careers education. This includes:

- A 'Hub Lead' to help co-ordinate activity and build networks
- Access to bursaries for individual schools and colleges to train 'careers leaders'
- Central Hub Fund of equivalent to £1k per school or college
- Access to funding for schools to support employer encounters

### 100% Attendance Challenge

4<sup>th</sup> September – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

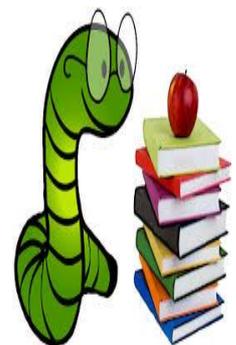
Have you achieved 100% attendance this week to claim your ticket?



Sweet/Chocolate Hamper

**Raising the standards of literacy** is one among many targets that we have in order to support and develop all young people. Improving literacy skills gives students the ability to gain access to higher grades in examination questions which reward QWC (Quality of Written Communication). More than ever, examinations are requiring students to write at length regardless of the subject and improving literacy can only secure success. The best way of improving literacy skills is to get children reading more.

To this end, we are appealing for donations to school of books that are no longer wanted at home to supplement the resources we have in school. All form classes will have Book Boxes for students to use and so material should be suitable for all ages and genders. Books can be fiction or non-fiction and should be brought to Student Services.



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