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**Dear Parents, Carers, Students,
Staff and Friends of the School**

Although a short half term, it has been action packed, culminating in this year's fantastic production from the drama department. School productions celebrate a set of talents that are sometimes hidden from staff and other pupils. I said to one of the leads, "I can't believe it was you up there", they replied, "I can't believe it either". These experiences form into life long memories and sometimes become careers! Thank you to all the staff that took the time to make it happen, specifically Mrs Bruce, Ms Martinez, Ms Cooper and Mrs Spooner.

Once Holy Week has concluded, Y11 and Y13 will be presented with a great opportunity to revise for their forthcoming exams. Y11 Students have been honing their revision timetables in PSHEE, and we have developed the study resources and links for each subject on the Y11 homepage. Year 11 parents and carers, it is worth looking at the 'how to revise' section, the exams timetable and the subject specific revision resources that are available to your children. The information can be found here: [Notre Dame High School - Year 11 \(ndhs.org.uk\)](https://ndhs.org.uk/Notre-Dame-High-School-Year-11)

The school holidays are often a time for purchasing uniform, especially new shoes. If in doubt about the requirements, please carefully check the uniform policy for advice on clothes, and personal appearance including hair. Please check the school planner or click here: [Notre Dame High School - Uniform \(ndhs.org.uk\)](https://ndhs.org.uk/Notre-Dame-High-School-Uniform)

If you have uniform that no longer fits or is surplus to requirements, please do donate it to our school swap shop. The uniform can be taken to the main reception.

Finally, a plea from me, if you could take the time to consider whether you can support the school by becoming a member of the PTFA it would be greatly appreciated. Please see below.

I wish you a happy, peaceful and holy Easter,

Best wishes,

Tom Pinnington—Headteacher

*Jesus entered Jerusalem as a humble and peaceful King: let us open our hearts to Him!
Only He can free us from enmity, hatred, and violence, because He is mercy and the forgiveness of sins.*

Pope Francis ,March 2024

in Schools



Update: Lenovo National F1 in Schools Competition Results

Our recent participation in the Lenovo National F1 in Schools Competition. Our teams, MHTB and Fast Trax, showcased exceptional skill and determination throughout the event, and while they did not advance to the world stage on this occasion, their efforts are truly commendable.

Despite facing stiff competition, our students demonstrated outstanding teamwork, creativity, and resilience.

They were commended for their presentations skills by both employers at McLaren's and Landover Jaguar.

Their dedication to crafting innovative designs and presenting polished portfolios was evident to all who witnessed their hard work.

While they may not have secured a spot in the world finals this time, I am confident that this experience will serve as a valuable learning opportunity for our students.

We hope that this setback will only fuel their passion for excellence and drive them to even greater success in the future.

Big Thank You! To all the businesses that have given the teams sponsorship without this it would not be possible.

Here is a link to them live in action on the day

[Live Recording Day 1- 13th March](#)

[Live Recording Day 2- 14th March](#)



Message from the PTFA

We need you! Please help us to carry on supporting our students - without new volunteers, we may not be able to continue.

Who we are - Choosing NDHS as the secondary school for your young person means that you are all automatically invited to be a part of our Parents Teachers and Friends Association. Some of you will have seen us at the Year 7 summer BBQ, or at various concerts and productions in school. It is a highly sociable group and we meet monthly (where possible) in the school staff room but also welcome people online who can't get to us. Meetings usually run for about 30-60 minutes.

Unfortunately since Covid and due to many working parents/ people with additional commitments, we are very few in number and, in the summer, our co chairs, Jo and Paula will be standing down. ***In order to prevent the group from folding (as many other PTA groups have done), we are looking for volunteers to come forward and help.*** Ideally at least 2 from each year group. We don't expect a commitment to every single event/ meeting and there is no obligation /contract! However, it would be nice to have extra pairs of hands and any new ideas for fundraising. It's usually good fun too!

What we do - We run the 200 club- which is drawn monthly- you should all have had a form for this when you joined. In addition to this we try to run at least one yearly raffle as well as a bar at the summer and Christmas concerts and the summer welcome BBQ. In the past (pre Covid) we have also run some fundraising evenings.

Donations and sales at these events are put in a fund that can be bid for if extra money is needed for in school 'extras' that can help to enhance school life for your young people. ***In the last few years we have contributed to a wide range- from a lathe to an altar, books, robots, competition entries, pastoral rewards, a sports trophy, cheerleading kit, outdoor football tables, lighting (drama), D of E licence and laptops as well as on site experiences and trips to Walsingham, the geography field trip, and the Japan trip- all of which enhance the children's time at school.***

Our next meeting is on 18th April. We would love to see some new faces- in person or online. (Link below)

Zoom meeting - 727 8526 9318

passcode - hJ8iDX

'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'

This year's school production, 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever' was warmly received by audiences who attended the 3 shows. The cast included over 50 students from different year groups who worked incredibly hard to deliver highly professional and comedic performances. Our amazing technical crew, stage assistants and assistant director, Annabel Everett also played a major role, led by the expertise of the company 'Emotive Sounds' who assisted us with creating the stage, lighting and sound so the finished result looked and felt really professional. As a member of the production team I'd like to thank Claudia Martinez, Jamie Spooner and Beth Cooper who were a fantastic team to work with. It was a fitting storyline for our school community in spreading the message of inclusivity inspired by the love of God and the teaching of Jesus.

Jo Bruce.



Lost Property



Please visit Student Reception to check for any lost property by **Tuesday 26th March.**

After this date it will all be bagged up and disposed of.



Congratulations to our Art students for their winning designs in the Rotary Club Regional Art Competition.

Winners from this heat go onto the National round!

Winner Intermediate -
Hanna

Runner Up- **Coco**

Winner Senior- **Weronika**

Runner Up- **Agata**

Commended Entries-

Sofia, Lily, Julia, Olivia

