



**27/01/23**

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



This year, one of the school's key aims is to bring **'life to full'** - through the curriculum, wider curriculum, trips and extra-curricular activities. This newsletter is evidence of that aim in action. I would like to thank Alex Savage, our Lay Chaplain, for his work on these newsletters and his wider involvement in supporting life to the full.

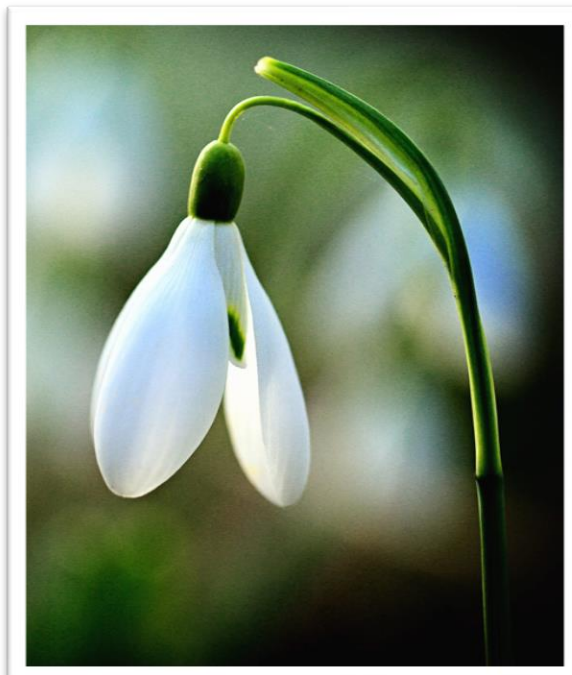
I would also like to thank the staff and indeed members of the 6<sup>th</sup> form that are helping enrich the lives of our pupils. More than ever, there are opportunities for our young people to broaden their horizons and be a part of something positive.

I wish you all the very best,  
Tom Pinnington  
**Headteacher**

*All that is good, all that is true, all that is beautiful... comes from God*  
**Saint John Henry Newman**

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### **Congratulations to Charis**

We are delighted that Charis has recently won the Norfolk Young Musician Competition.

The Adjudicator described her playing of Rachmaninov Cello Sonata as a performance with flair.



### **Holocaust Memorial Day Civic Service**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> a group of our Y7-9 School Council Members represented our school at the Holocaust Memorial Day Service at St Peter Mancroft Church.

We welcomed all the attendees as they arrived including The Lord Mayor of Norwich and Rabbi Roderick Young from Norwich Synagogue.

We also had the privilege to read out a statement of commitment to affirm our commitment to work for justice, peace and reconciliation.



### **The British Federation of Women Graduates**

We received a visit from local representatives of The British Federation of Women Graduates. They very generously awarded a grant to a former NDHS 6th Former to help fund her undergraduate studies at Newcastle University.

You can find out more about the work of The BFWG on their website: <https://bfgw.org.uk/bfgw2/>



### **Year 9 Speed Networking Event**

Our Year 9 Speed Networking Event took place on Wednesday 11th January. In small groups, each Year 9 student had a chance to speak to a selection of our guest representatives, finding out as much as they could about their job and industry before the bell rang and they were off to meet the next!

The students were really engaged with the volunteers and the event gave the Year 9s a glimpse into the variety of professions and career path options.



## Careers Update

Please check out our [NDHS Careers Blog](#). It has been set up to help share opportunities, information and guidance to pupils, parents and guardians.

Each week there will be new posts. The blog has been created so that is accessible for all year group. Pupils can access the Top 8 posts from their year page.

Many Thanks  
**Careers Team**



## Notre Dame App

### Why should I use the Notre Dame App?

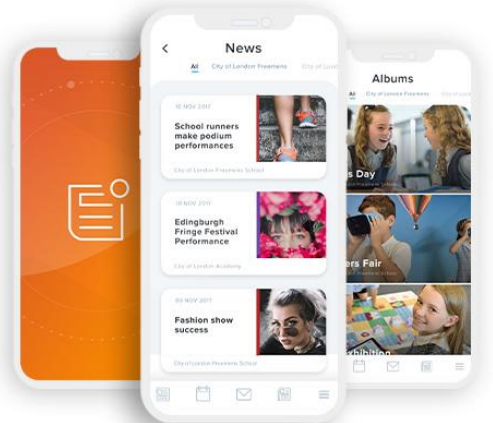
- Get notifications on the latest news and info
- Stay up to date with a special page of key info for your year group
- Enjoy photo albums of special events such as Sports Day
- Click on the TODAY tile for daily updates of available activities, room changes etc.

### How do I access the App?

- Simply download and install the 'School News' App from your App Provider (click on images on right)
- Search for our school with the postcode NR13PB
- Navigate the menus at the bottom of the App

### What does it show?

- Latest news items and a quick link to TODAY
- Calendar of upcoming events
- Albums of images from recent events
- Click on the menu icon (3 lines) to view a page of regularly updated info for your year group



## PTFA: A Call for New Members

The PTFA continue to play a key role in supporting the school in terms of the service they offer at events and the fundraising that takes place to support many extra student activities from visits outside school as well as events that take place within school.



This year money has been raised to support our Heritage and Culture Group as well as enrichment activity during Refugee Week. The New Intake Year 6 BBQ in July was possibly the most successful ever and

provided an opportunity for our new students to experience the school before they joined us in September.

The group would like to reach out to new members and ask you to come and join us in this important role that is played, for the school, by the PTFA. Our AGM and next meeting will take place on **Thursday 2nd February at 7pm in the Staffroom**. You will be made feel very welcome and parking is available on site.

If you can't join us on the evening but would like to express an interest, then please do so by emailing [kmcnally@ndhs.org.uk](mailto:kmcnally@ndhs.org.uk) who is the school link member of staff to the group. We hope that a number of you will take up this invitation to join us.

### Confirmation Course

A Confirmation Preparation Course is launching on Saturday 4 February at Our Lady's Church, Thorpe in Norwich from 10.00am until 2.00pm. This session will be led by the diocesan Ignite Youth team. We will end with pizza for lunch at 1pm. Candidates must be aged 13 by the Confirmation Mass on 15th May. If your child would like to join this course please email Fr Sean [sean@stgeorgenorwich.com](mailto:sean@stgeorgenorwich.com)



### Online Safety Update

[Session 1 link](#) | [Session 2 link](#)

# Online Safety Webinars.

Are you a parent or carer, or someone who looks after children?

Norfolk Constabulary's Safer Schools Team and their colleagues in Prevent (Counter Terrorism), Cyber Security and the Safeguarding Children Online Team will be delivering two webinars about keeping children safe online.

Select a session below to reserve your spot:

#### Session One

Tue 7 Feb 2023 | 11:00 - 12:00

#### Session Two

Tue 7 Feb 2023 | 16:00 - 17:00



**NORFOLK**  
CONSTABULARY





# Flame

CYMFED 2023

SATURDAY  
4TH  
MARCH '23

## RISE UP

"MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE" (LK 1:39)



GUVNA B



ARCHBISHOP  
OF PERTH TIM  
COSTELLOE SDB



ONE HOPE  
PROJECT



FAITH  
CHILD



ADENIKÉ



ROBERT  
BILOTT



Also Announcing:  
**CARDINAL  
TAGLE**

PLUS Cardinal Vincent Nichols  
First Saturday • Catholic Voices •  
Jenny Garzon Saavedra • David  
Wells • MCs Fr Michael & Mary •  
Premiere Gospel DJs...

For details and to book a ticket and  
place on the coach from East Anglia  
please see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

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Minimum 10 people per group booking. Programme subject to change.  
Extended Discount period ends 31st January. BSL interpretation available

@flamecongress • [cymfed.org.uk](http://cymfed.org.uk)



### Inviting all young people in Year 9 and above to 'Flame' at Wembley Arena

The Diocesan Youth Service is excited to be taking a group to 'Flame' on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Flame is the largest catholic gathering of young people in the UK, coming together to experience the best in international speakers, artists and performers.

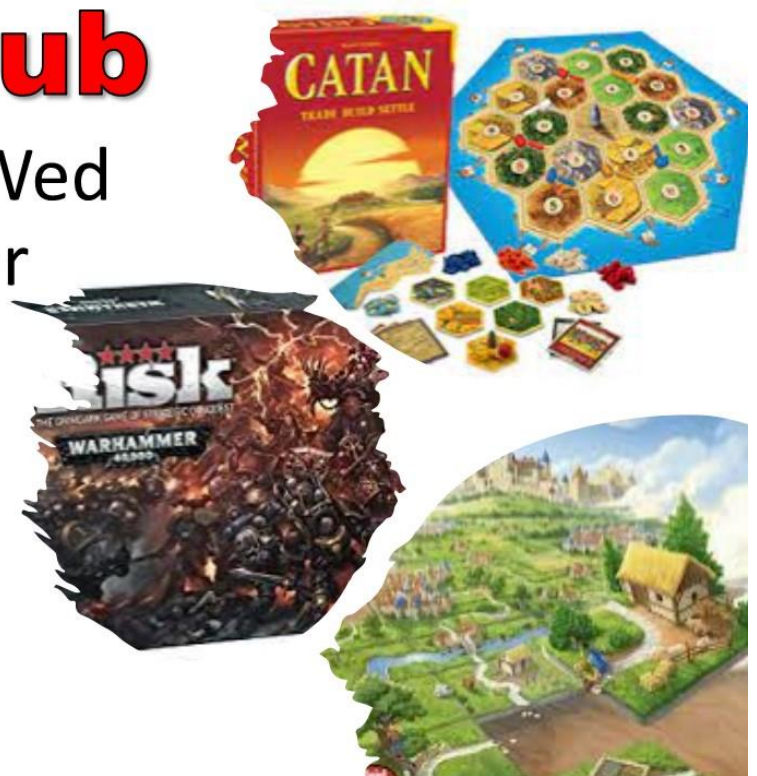
For details and to book a ticket and place on the coach, please see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth) . Bookings must be received by 12<sup>th</sup> February.

# Games Club

Games Club is on Wed  
lunchtime and after  
school in L23.

Bring your lunch!

**Years 7-13  
all welcome!**



## Salsa Dance Lessons

**Tuesday Salsa dance lessons  
have commenced.**

**Join us**

**In St. Johns Hall, @ Lunchtime  
(12.30pm to 1.10 pm).**

**Boys and girls from all year  
groups are welcome...Sixth-  
Formers too !**

Register in P20, or email [oiyaji@ndhs.org.uk](mailto:oiyaji@ndhs.org.uk)  
If you are interested...Credits for  
every attendance of course!





## PE Department Clubs Spring 2023



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports hall (Lunch)	Y7 Basketball	Y8/9 Basketball	Girls Football – All Years	Y10/11/6 <sup>th</sup> form Basketball	Y7-8 Badminton – BSA
Gym (Lunch)		Open Table Tennis			
Astro (Lunch)	Y8 Football	Open Football	Y7 Football	Open Football	Y9 Football
Fitness Room Supervisor	IOR	ACL	JHD	MKI Female Only session	JKI
After school (3.30-4.30pm)	Badminton – Y9-6 <sup>th</sup> form (Sports Hall)  Rugby – All Years (Astro)  Y7/8 Netball (Playground)	Girls Basketball – all years (Sports Hall)	Hockey – All Years (Astro)	Y9-11 Netball (Astro)	



Lunchtime clubs are 12.30 - 1.15pm, and after school clubs run from 3.30-4.30. PE kit is required for all clubs, except the 'open' clubs which only require a pair of trainers.



### BRAND NEW FOR 2023

#### LUNCHTIME CRAFTS AND GAMES CLUB

ROOM 49

Monday–Friday

12.30–1.15 (packed lunches welcome)

This is an opportunity for those students who don't like the hustle and bustle of the playground and prefer calmer pursuits and a quiet space (reading books are encouraged).

We will be offering:

- Arts and Crafts
- Retro board games
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Knitting/Crochet
- Gardening (summer months)
- And much, much more



# Debate Club

'It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.' ~ Joseph Joubert

- Thursday Week B
- 12.30–1pm
- R38
- Years 7–11