



**17/03/23**

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



Last week we celebrated our 2<sup>nd</sup> day of culture and our first cultural celebration evening. It was an incredible opportunity for our young people to shine and display talents that may otherwise have gone unnoticed. The richness that our diversity brings to our school allows us to be joyous and proud and is a big part of our wider curriculum.

We had a brilliant turnout, and the children simply blew us away with the quality, depth and vibrancy of their performances and presentations. We learnt a lot about each other's cultures through the exhibition of artefacts donated by staff and students, enjoyed eating delicious food from around the world! The entertainment included everything from Classical Indian dancing, Bollywood vibes, salsa, traditional Japanese songs, and soulful choral music to a surreal karaoke rendition of Yellow Submarine, led by our Japanese friends!

We are already looking forward to next year. Please see below for more photos.

Best Wishes – Mr Pinnington (Headteacher)

### **Optional Summer Uniform**

We are pleased to inform you that we have added the optional item of plain black tailored knee length shorts (Summer uniform) to the school uniform list. This year will act as a **trial** of shorts at NDHS. Please can parents support the school by following the guidance carefully. This will allow us to make the trial permanent.



Plain Black tailored shorts may be worn after the Easter break for Summer Term only in replacement of the usual plain black trousers or bottle green skirt - this item is already available for purchase on the [Birds of Dereham website](#). For more information visit our [uniform webpage](#).

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## World Book Day

On Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrated World Book Day at NDHS. Staff and Year 7 students were invited to wear the costume of a fictional character of their choice. It was fantastic to see so many people making a real effort and joining in the fun.

Well done to 7MTD who won the award for the best dressed form as well as Ms Miller and Mr Bishop who scooped the award for best dressed teachers!

Hopefully, as well as being a memorable day, this occasion reminded students of the enjoyment that can be found through reading.





## CAFOD Earthquake Appeal

After seeing the devastating images of the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria, students at Notre Dame High School decided to take action. They launched an appeal at the end of their Ash Wednesday Service encouraging students to bring in a donation. Two days later the Y11 Prefects did a bucket collection during morning registration and collected **£771** in less than 15 minutes!

This inspired a group of Y10 students in their RE lesson to ask if they could organise a cake sale. According to Mrs Sharif, Head of RE, this was ***'a brilliant way for the school community to embody the teachings of the Bible and help those around us in need'***.

To promote the appeal, students designed posters and a slideshow explaining how emergency relief teams are supporting the victims of the earthquake. This resulted in an amazing response from students and staff who baked an impressive selection of cakes. Within minutes of starting the sale, every cake had been bought and **£145** had been raised. As Lola in Y10 was buying her cake she summed up the appeal calling it ***'a brilliant and effective way to raise awareness'***.

Jane Crone from CAFOD has responded with the following message:

***'Thank you for your prompt and imaginative fundraising Notre Dame High School. CAFOD has been working closely with our partners in Syria and Turkey since the first earthquake. Thanks to your kind donations and support, they have been able to respond by providing emergency shelter, clean water, food, warm blankets, and winter kits. God Bless you all'***

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development



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## Shrek The Musical

A cast of 48 students ranging years 7-13, our school orchestra and 5 members of staff have been working incredibly hard to produce the show.

We therefore warmly welcome all our community to support them by purchasing tickets (see poster for details and visit the home page of the school website).



## SHREK THE MUSICAL

### TICKETS

- Adults-£10
- Children-£8

### PERFORMANCES

29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March  
7pm

Bring along your families and your friends, even if your child is not participating, it is a lovely opportunity to engage with and support our school community!

Tickets are available at [Ticket Source](#)



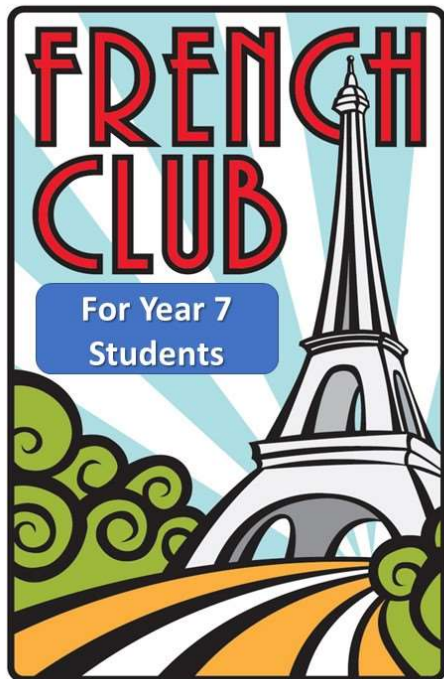




Year 7

## Spanish film club

Monday lunchtimes in M34



Watch films  
Try out French games and culture  
Get help with French homework

Run by our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Students

Monday Lunchtimes  
Room **M30** (Mrs Dyer)

**All in Years 7-9 welcome**



**On Wednesdays the library  
will be open for silent  
study and reading only**

until the end of the exam period.





## Calling all young PERFORMERS!

Showcase your talent at the 10th anniversary of the Young Norfolk Arts Festival (YNAF).

Open to musicians, bands, dancers, poets, spoken word, street theatre or any performers aged up to 25 years and based in (or with links to) Norfolk.

**Deadline Tuesday 4th April at midnight**

Visit [www.youngnorfolkarts.org.uk/news/ynaf-performer](http://www.youngnorfolkarts.org.uk/news/ynaf-performer)

## GOD'S EXTRAVAGANT LOVE

### A RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN (19-30 years)

Led by Secular  
Franciscans –  
Paula Pearce and  
Brigid Rawlinson

**21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

At the Julian Visitor Centre and St Julian's Church  
With accommodation at the All Hallows Guest  
House  
Cost £75 per person.

Day Participants welcome on Saturday

For further details, contact [paulapofs@gmail.com](mailto:paulapofs@gmail.com)

