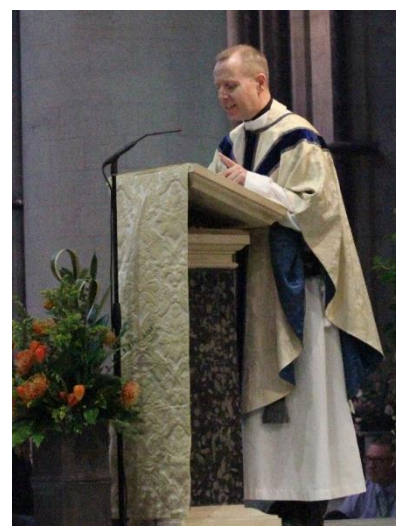


29/09/23

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



There are many reasons why Notre Dame High School is a special school community. The start of the year Mass at the Cathedral is one of them. The planning and logistics are not easy but walking Y7 through to Y12 through the city and celebrating Mass together is an emotive occasion. Even more so when it is our last Mass with Fr Sean, the school chaplain for the best part of the last decade. For some students it is the first time that they have entered the Catholic Cathedral and you can tell that many are awe inspired. Our photographic team carried our sterling work capturing the occasion. Head Students Molly, Renu and Karen read with confidence and clarity. Our cantors sang their hearts out and the musicians hit all the right notes, accompanying the singing of our school motto, 'Qu'il est bon le bon Dieu'. Above all, the level of respect and participation was excellent. At the end of Mass, our Chair of Governors James McGarry bid a fond farewell to Fr Sean, who joins his new Parish in Bury St Edmund's, he was sent off with echoing applause.



I would like to thank all pupils for their contribution to making the start of year such a positive one. Uniform is excellent, allowing staff to focus on learning and relationships, the fire alarm practise was completed in silence in a swift, calm and safe manner and there is a strong sense of purpose and focus to lessons. Well done to all pupils, we are proud of you and your efforts.

Best Wishes,

Tom Pinnington - Headteacher

"Let us do our best and ask God to do the rest"

St Julie Billiart, Foundress of the Notre Dame Order

Sponsored Walk Charities Announced

Our School Council has met to identify the charities that we will raise funds for on our annual Sponsored Walk. Next week students will attend their first House Assembly of the year and will be given a letter to explain how to collect sponsors. The walk will take place on Friday 20th October.

JERUSALEM	ROME	SANTIAGO	WALSINGHAM
St Martin's Trust GOSH (Great Ormond St)	New Routes SOS Africa	MAP Macmillan	Magdelaine Group Water Aid



TODAY

We have an online daily bulletin board called TODAY. Form Tutors show it to their tutees every day. It is available on our website via the weekly theme links at the bottom of our homepage. It is also on your child's year page from the [Student Menu](#).

TODAY includes a daily prayer, strategies for positive mental health, announcements, info on clubs and activities. To check it out, [click here](#).



Clubs and Activities

We are keen for all our students to enjoy an extra activity at lunchtime. It is a great opportunity to not only develop new skills, but also to socialise with students of all ages. Many of our clubs are also run by the students themselves.



MUSIC LUNCHTIME GROUPS



Day	Group	Teacher	Room
MONDAY	Jazz group	Mr Hodges /Ms Curtis	14
TUESDAY	Rock groups *	Mr Poynton	14/15
WEDNESDAY	Choir Brass group	Mrs Selwood/ Mrs Ball /Ms Curtis Mr Dockray	14 15
THURSDAY	Strings group *	Ms Curtis	15
FRIDAY	Wind Band	Mrs Selwood / Mrs Evans /Ms Curtis	14

Starting next week from w/c 9th Sept



Turn up at 12:30pm and bring your lunch and instruments. Rehearsals start at 12:45 until 1:15pm. We will be rehearsing towards various concerts and special events which will take place throughout the year.

*Please note the change of day for these groups





PE Dept Before/After School Clubs Rota 2023



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8.10-8.40am Sports hall	Open Basketball	Open Basketball	Open Basketball	Open Basketball	Open Basketball
Sports hall	Girls Basketball All years MKI	Y10/11 Netball 3.30-4.30 KMT/IOR	Y9 Netball MKI	Y9/10/11 Badminton ACL	
Gym					
Astroturf		Y11 Football JKI	Hockey 3.30-4.30 KMT	Y7/8 Netball MKI	
Lady Julian Green	Rugby JHD				

After School Clubs run from 3.30-4.30. You must wear your PE kit for all clubs

Open clubs do not require full kit, but you must have a pair of trainers



PE Dept Lunchtime Clubs Autumn Term 2023



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports hall	Y7 Basketball MKI	Y8/9 Basketball JHD	Y10/11/6 th form Basketball JHD	Y7/8 Badminton ACL	Girls Football – All Years LHU
Gym			Open Table Tennis	Cheerleading – all years IOR	Y10 Sports Leaders Meeting
Astroturf	Y8 Football ACL	Y10 Football ACL	Y7 Football JKI	Y9 Football JKI	
Fitness Room Supervisor					

Lunchtime clubs are 12.30 - 1.15pm. You must wear your PE kit for all clubs

Open clubs do not require full kit, but you must have a pair of trainers.

