



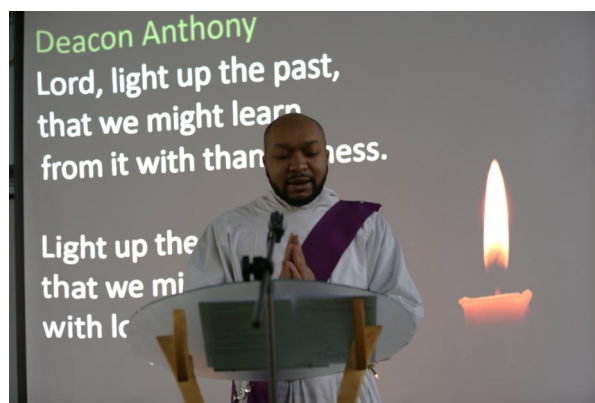
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**Dear Parents, Carers, Students,  
Staff and Friends of the School**



The festivities have now past but I hope it is not too late to wish you all a Happy New Year!

The last few days of term were full of their usual excitement and joy. Prize evening was a big success, a thank you to Mr McKay and Mrs Ashton for their organizational prowess. As ever it was wonderful to celebrate the efforts and talents of pupils—past and present.



I would also like to thank Deacon Anthony, from St Georges Parish, who led our end of term Advent Liturgy. Opportunities to sing, pray and worship together are integral to our school life, underpinning our existence as a Catholic school. Mr Savage and our Music department lead the pupils so well. A final thank you to all families for your support with the hamper appeal. The generous response is always overwhelming!

All staff began the New Year with a session on Catholic Social Teaching, sometimes described as the Catholic Church's best kept secret. At the heart of CST is the 'dignity of the person', and I am pleased to announce that we have once again been awarded '**School of Sanctuary**' status. Over the past few years we have been privileged to welcome and support some incredible young people to Notre Dame. They enrich our lives and hopefully we will continue to do the same for them. A mention to Mr Pritchard for his hard work on the application.

We are well into the season of Parents Evenings, and I hope that parents feel they can communicate freely with the school, however, occasionally there may be specific issues that are beyond the classroom teacher, Head of Department or Head of Year. If this is the case, please see below for an opportunity to talk to a member of the leadership team.

My very best wishes to all Notre Dame families and friends for the year ahead.

Tom Pinnington

## NDHS -Parent Surgery - 8th February 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Opens in a day

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Opportunity to discuss a specific issue with a member of the Leadership team.

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**Thursday, 8th February**

Not yet open for bookings



[I'm unable to attend](#)

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# Italian Club!

Want to try something different?  
Why not start 2024 by learning a new language?  
Join the Italian club!



## Che? (what?)

a language learning club for all abilities

## Quando? (when?)

every Thursday lunchtime

## Dove? (where?)

St Marys M32

## Chi (who?)

for everyone, from absolute beginners to advanced speakers

Any questions,  
ask Mr Hawkes!

(phawkes@ndhs.org.uk)



# 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 from  
w/c 8<sup>th</sup> Jan



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.



## CAN YOU HELP THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT?

We need:

'Barbie' style dolls

Fabrics (can be unwanted clothing)

Recycled materials (plastic bags, cardboard, plastic bottles, netting, old wires, bottle tops, etc)



If you have any of the above and are happy to donate them then please bring them to the Drama Studio



## A GIFT FROM GOD

Our beloved and wonderful community

### Laudato Si'

- Laudato Si' is a letter that Pope Francis wrote to the whole world. The earth is a gift from God full of wonder and beauty, even though we treat it like it has unlimited resources, so that the poorest communities suffer.
- We must care for the earth and show stewardship towards God.



*Stewardship*

### A link and a chain

We can do so much more if we work together as a link in a chain, to quote St John Henry Newman. For example, at home and at school turn the light off when you leave a room, don't leave the tap running when you brush your teeth and always recycle and care.

Don't give up. Keep going until you make it happen.  
Follow your dreams.



### The End

First of all I hope you enjoyed it, but now let us talk about the real thing. All what I've said is true / advice,

If we follow it then we could change lives or change the world although it is up to you to make that choice. 😊

By Zoe Year 7



# WHO CAN HELP ME IN NORWICH?



## BRIDGE PLUS

Supports refugees with: benefits housing related advice and advocacy. Monthly community meal.



## ENGLISH PLUS

Supports Asylum Seekers and Refugees with : English classes(ESOL) social activities, mother and baby groups.



## NEW ROUTES

Supports Asylum Seekers and Refugees with: English classes(ESOL) social activities, youth group, adult general support, charity shop



## THE ZAINAB PROJECT

Supports asylum seekers & refugees with work experience, volunteering future employment skills integration workshops



## RED CROSS

Supports asylum seekers & refugees with immigration advice, getting a solicitor, support for hotel residents (around conditions & nutrition etc), benefit advice



## NORFOLK COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE

Supports asylum seekers & refugees with immigration advice and other legal support



## NORWICH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PROJECT

Supports young asylum seekers and refugees in Norfolk, between the ages of 11 and 25 with social activities and access to education



## NORWICH CITY OF SANCTUARY

A network of charities that works towards making Norwich a more welcoming place to asylum seekers and refugees.



## UEA UNIVERSITY OF SANCTUARY

Supports refugees and asylum seekers who wish to study at degree or above. They offer some scholarships to study at the UEA. Organise UEA refugee week.



## WELCOME WHEELS

Provide second-hand bikes for refugees and asylum seekers in Norwich



## SHELTER

Provide support for all about housing