

29/01/24

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



Well done to Y13 on their completion of the mock exams, a calm and purposeful approach!

I reminded **Y11**, although the same is true for Y13, that they are in a great position. They have parents and carers that care deeply for them, they have expert staff and teachers that are right with them, accompanying them on their journey, and crucially they still have time. Regardless of their mock outcomes, every student has the ability to push on from this moment. I did, however, remind year 11 that this time would move quickly. Setting aside protected revision time, ensuring they know how to revise and planning the 'what and when' should be students' first priority.

The Y11 pages on the website are a really useful tool for families, please do take the time to look. I would specifically recommend that parents and carers of Y11 and Y13 parents watch the revision video from Dr Kaiser and Mr Stevens, it may support conversations on the best way to revise: [Notre Dame High School - Year 11 \(ndhs.org.uk\)](https://www.ndhs.org.uk/notre-dame-high-school-year-11). There are also pages for each subject area, include the specification, topics taught and a host of revision materials.

Finding the balance is tricky, I really hope that hobbies and interests can still be pursued and enjoyed. Once lost they can be hard to re-start. Paid work is something that may well need to be tapered.

As ever, if parents/carers are concerned about their child/young person's revision, please don't hesitate to contact the Head of Year. Y11: cmiller@ndhs.org.uk; Y13: afullam@ndhs.org.uk.

The PTFA are a wonderful group of volunteers that run and support a host of events at the school, including the all important Y6 into Y7 induction barbecue. The money they raise makes the school environment and school experience a better one. Their AGM is on 15th February at 7pm. All are welcome to attend—please contact Niki Kaiser if you would like further details: nkaiser@ndhs.org.uk.

Parent Surgery is on the 8th February from 4.30 to 6.30pm. This is an opportunity to discuss issues, questions or concerns, with a member of the leadership team. The booking link is <https://ndhs.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Best Wishes,

Tom Pinnington—Headteacher

*A simple soul is one who seeks only God and does not fear being
laughed at or despised.*

- St Julie Billiart, Notre Dame Foundress

Y9 Careers Networking Event

On Wednesday, 10th January, our school hosted an incredibly successful event with the attendance of 32 employers, two colleges, and our esteemed careers advisor, Mrs. Whiddett. The event was designed to provide our students with an opportunity to engage with professionals from various fields and explore potential career paths.

Throughout the event, students had the chance to rotate every six minutes and interact with different guests, discussing their occupations and roles. It was heartening to hear the positive feedback from the guests, who commended the exceptional behavior of our students. Many guests also remarked on the students' preparedness and knowledge, which showcased their dedication and eagerness to learn.

The wide array of occupations represented at the event allowed our students to gain valuable insights and explore the vast possibilities available to them in their future careers. We are immensely grateful to all the guest speakers who generously shared their time and expertise, making this event a resounding success.

In addition, it was particularly inspiring to see some of the employers in attendance who were previous Students of Notre Dame. Their presence served as a testament to the remarkable achievements of our alumni and highlighted the potential for success that lies within our student body.

Get involved with future Careers Events at NDHS

Would you like to assist our students by enriching them with your career and pathway experiences? We aim to engage with businesses and employers to help us inform and educate our pupils about the world of work and prepare them for the path ahead.

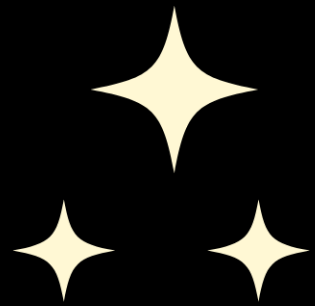
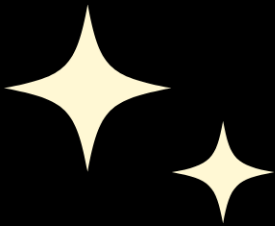
Throughout the year, we have several careers events and activities in which employers can engage with pupils. We would also like to welcome past pupils into our alumni and appreciate their participation and involvement into our school events and activities. If you would be interested in supporting our work, please get in contact with our Careers Coordinator Rachel Holden rholden@ndhs.org.uk. Alternatively, you can sign-up to join our community via this [online google form](#).



Notre Dame's Got Talent!



A NEW
**HOUSE
COMPETITION**



FINAL:
FEB
16TH ^{12.35} _{PM}
ST JOHN'S HALL

ENTRY IS A
SUGGESTED
DONATION OF £1
TOWARDS SOLAR
PANELS FOR NOTRE
DAME SCHOOLS IN
THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF
CONGO

Jerusalem - Rome - Santiago - Walsingham

The Scholastic **Book Fair** *is BACK!*



Library: Before/After School . Break . Lunch .

**THURSDAY 8TH
- TUESDAY 13TH
FEBRUARY**

Did You Know?

When pupils choose their own books to read, versus having books assigned, they are **five times more likely** to read the whole book.

The Scholastic Book Fair is essentially a mini curated book shop of new and popular books, specifically selected for high school pupils.

a

OPTION A: CASH

The simplest option – books can be bought with **cash** on Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday. We will have change available.

b

OPTION B: WISHLIST

1. Browse the fair on Thursday or Friday
2. Fill out a 'Wish List' form and take it home
3. Over the weekend your parent/guardian pays **online** for some/all of the books on your list
4. Ms Pattinson will deliver your books to you

THE 'WISH LISTS' MUST BE PURCHASED BY MONDAY 12TH

This is to allow time for the correct books to be ordered in for you.



Information

First  **Eastern Counties**

Service 902

Lowestoft – Notre Dame College, Norwich

From Monday 26th February 2024

To address issues around punctuality and to ensure a prompt arrival in Norwich for the school day we are making minor changes to the timetable for this service.

This will mean different pick-up points on some sections of route in the morning.

Please check the timetable carefully for the revised times.

Service No	902
Lowestoft, Bus Station	07:05
Claremont Pier	07:10
Pakefield, Hildesley Court	07:16
Ashburnham Way, Elmdale Drive	07:22
Hales, A146 bus stop	07:46
Thurton, George & Dragon	07:55
Bracondale for County Hall	08:14
Norwich, Notre Dame High School	08:25

Service No	902
Norwich, Notre Dame High School	15:50
Bracondale for County Hall	15:54
Thurton, opp. George & Dragon	16:06
Hales, A146 bus layby	16:12
Damask Close	16:36
Pakefield, opp. Tramway Hotel	16:41
Lowestoft, Rail Station Forecourt	16:48
Lowestoft, Bus Station	16:54



Women In Computer Science

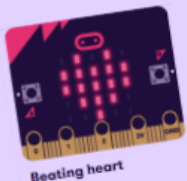


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Come to WICS, a club run by year 10 girls for year 7 girls! Learn how to...



Make a cool looking website



Code a micro:bit

Improve your computer science projects

Code a racecar

and... Be the best coder in your class!

WICS is running for year 7 girls every Thursday lunch in L25 from 12:40. You can eat your lunch in the room, as well as the snacks which we will provide. Come along if you want to try something new! (We promise to make it better than the assembly)

Heritage and Cultural Diversity Forum

Trip to the UEA

Interested?

Information and letters
available@ Culture Club

Return slip by 31/01/24

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