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



Yesterday the sun shone brightly for us at our annual sports day. Participation, sportsmanship and the community spirit were excellent. In the end it was a close contest across the 4 Houses, with Walsingham as Victors in 2024. The overall House Cup winners will be announced tomorrow!

Jerusalem	EXTRAS	7AMC	7SLS	8GMK	8SCU	9GMK	9JFA	10DSH	10EAN	Total
		141	68	108	113	102	120	100	132	884
Bonus	0	36		15		22		27		984

Rome	EXTRAS	7MKI	7MNU	8BCP	8FGR	9CMA	9PSH	10AHI	10JBR	Total
		126	110	115	58	49	75	161	105	799
Bonus	30	32		27		15		8		911

Santiago de Compostela	EXTRAS	7ASW	7JCH	8JKI	8JSE	9JBU	9JSL	10ANE	10GCK	Total
		96	104	66	170	85	127	58	111	817
Bonus	0	40		20		17		10		904

Walsingham	EXTRAS	7ESO	7KSE	8FGO	8MRO	9ABK	9IBU	10ACL	10CNE	Total
		133	105	123	101	155	124	131	68	940
Bonus	0	41		38		19		17		1055

It was special to be thanked by many of the pupils on their return to school, an acknowledgement of the hard work of the PE department, the site team and all the staff that contribute to make this event happen.

Tomorrow, we say goodbye to some Notre Dame stalwarts, including two who have given 18 years of service and two who have given over 20 years of service. We wish fond farewells to maths teacher - Mr

McNally, cover supervisor – Mrs Guy, English teacher and SEND Coordinator – Mrs Aldred, and science technician – Mrs Galvin, who is the longest serving at 22 and a half years!

We wish them all the very best in their retirements and new roles. Over the years they have cared for and supported the education of many, many young people at Notre Dame.

Above and below are photos from the Music department’s Italy collaboration with CNS, which was the trip of a lifetime for all involved. Thank you to Mrs Selwood, Mrs Curtis and Mr Savage for their work planning and facilitating the trip.

Tomorrow is the last day of the academic year, and we celebrate Mass with Fr Alan from the Cathedral. We will also be handing over cheques to the charities that we have supported this year. With two cancellations of the sponsored walk, it was fantastic to be able to raise over £13,000 for those most in need.

Staff, and pupils are at the point of needing to rest. As ever, I thank all staff for ‘giving their all’ to the cause. I also hope that all families get to spend some good quality times together, are able to rest and make some good memories. Above all, I wish you a safe, healthy and peaceful six weeks.

Thank you for your support this year. The staff and I feel blessed to work within a community that lives the Gospel values that we try to promote.

Best Wishes

Tom Pinnington - Headteacher

Let us support each other by our prayers which are feeble in themselves but strong through the merits of Jesus Christ.

– Saint Julie Billiart, Notre Dame Foundress

NDHS & CNS Italy Music Tour



Sponsored Walk

After two cancelled attempts, we were finally able to hold our Sponsored Walk. We started the day with Mass said by Fr Anthony. This was his first school Mass after being recently ordained as a priest.

The weather was perfect for a walk down to Whitlingham Broad and back. The cake stall was very popular to give us the sugar rush we needed before setting off. They managed to raise £425 for CAFOD!

This year we have raised funds for the following charities: St Martin's Trust, MAP, Water Aid, The Magdalen Group, New Routes, SOS Africa, Macmillan, Great Ormand Street. We are delighted to announce that we raised a total of **£13,002**. Well done to everyone for your efforts.



NDHS Team Reaches the Final Round of Mooting Competition at Ashtons Legal LLP

I was proud and delighted to see this team in action when they were one of only 2 teams to reach the regional final in Suffolk. The team consisted of lead speakers Jacky and Aleta, and the researchers/writers Leone, Poppy and Annabel. I would also like to thank the heaven-sent Mrs Miller who delayed her holidays to stand in as replacement driver, without whom it would not have been the great occasion it became.

Throughout the preparations and the event, the students were so wonderfully motivated and professional, and then seeing them raise new legal arguments under the piercing scrutiny of the judge's questioning was one of the most impressive things I've seen on a school trip. At the close of the final, the points were level, and victory was eventually decided by a tiebreaker and handed to the equally formidable opposition. Given that the opponents were all Law A-level students, coached by a mooting veteran, the way our team took them to a knife-edge finish is a mighty achievement – Notre Dame's best ever inter-school mooting result. Well done to all!



Mr Bishop

Royal Academy Exhibit

Congratulations to Malachi (Y11) for having his artwork selected to be displayed at the Royal Academy Youth Summer Show.

Out of 2,500 submission's Malachi's picture is one of only 210 specially chosen for this highly prestigious exhibition.

Industrial Cadets

6 students from year 9 embarked on the Bronze Industrial Cadets project this year, sponsored and mentored by Mott MacDonald Engineering.

This project lasted 20 weeks and culminated in a trip to Cambridge University where they presented their work and won the Overall Peoples Choice Award for their project and they came second in the Innovation Award.

We are very proud of all the students who participated: Juliette, Rosavell, Kyla, Ashvika, Rafaela and Ann Leigh.



Bronze Industrial Cadets Award

Year 7- Careers Myth Busting Event 2024



On Thursday, July 11th, our Year 7 participated in a Career Myth Busting Challenge. We welcomed a diverse group of guests from various professions who helped break down stereotypes related to gender, race, social status, learning needs, alternative training methods, and culture.

Without the support of these guests, we could not have conducted this enriching activity. Therefore, I would like to extend a massive thank you to:

- Kelly from Core Construction
- Dominic, Engineering
- Arvi, Police Officer
- Lisa Peter, an Apprenticeships Project Officer
- Jemma and Robert from Aviva
- Karen, WWF impact advisor
- Kieran, Partnership Management
- Rinu, Howes Percival
- Ryan, Marsh

Your participation and contributions made this event a success, and we deeply appreciate your time and effort.

Mrs Holden

NHS- Careers

Today, we had the pleasure of welcoming Lorraine, Rachel, and Jamie from the Adult Nursing course at UEA. They delivered an engaging training session on what it's like to work in a hospital.

Students got hands-on experience with basic life support, learned various methods of taking

observations, decoded handover sheets, and received valuable interview preparation tips and guidance.

A massive thank you to Lorraine, Rachel, and Jamie for their attendance. The students were enthusiastic and fully engaged throughout the session.

Year 10- STEM Work Shop

On July 9th, the Small Piece Trust, led by Nigel, delivered an exciting STEM challenge to our Year 10 students. The challenge required them to design and construct a wind turbine capable of producing the maximum amount of electricity. Students had to develop a gearing system, design and create turbine blades to maximize output, and construct a tower to support the turbine.

This hands-on project gave our students the opportunity to apply their math and science knowledge, along with their design skills. They worked collaboratively in teams, taking on different roles and responsibilities to achieve their goal. Nigel was highly impressed with the students' work and praised their ingenious and innovative approaches to problem-solving.

This event highlighted our students' ability to think critically and work effectively as part of a team, showcasing their potential in STEM fields.



Wind Turbine Challenge- Year 10



smallpeice
Dare to imagine

Thank You To Nigel
for delivering the
STEM Challenge



Year 8- STEM WorkShop

On July 9th, our Year 8 students who remained in school took on the Squash Tomato Challenge.

This exciting, hands-on activity allows participants to develop their own solutions to a transportation problem faced by farmers living in the mountainous regions of Nepal. The challenge is based on a Practical Action project conducted in Western Nepal.



Throughout the day, students demonstrated their knowledge in science, design technology, and mathematics. They worked diligently as a team, each taking on different roles and responsibilities. Despite facing challenges during testing, they collaborated effectively to solve them.

Working in teams of five, the students had to ensure their tomatoes travelled safely from the mountain down to the bottom. At the end of the day, they shared their solutions and reflected on the story of Suchana, an example of how designing a ropeway could significantly improve her family's quality of life.

Year 12 - Event

On the 2nd & 3rd of July, our Year 12 students had the opportunity to experience firsthand what it's like to study in higher education. They participated in a carousel of subjects, interacting with lecturers, learning about various courses, and discussing the financial aspects of higher education. This experience was designed to give them an insight into both academic and practical aspects of higher education.

Our students visited either Norwich City College Higher Education or Eastern College Higher Education Centre. Both institutions were highly impressed with our students' behaviour and engagement. We extend a massive thank you to the staff at both colleges for organising such a significant event for so many students.

This opportunity has hopefully provided our students with valuable insights into various subjects and how they can pursue these fields in higher education. Additionally, they learned about the occupations and jobs linked to these subjects, helping them make informed decisions about their future educational and career paths.





