



**07/03/25**

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



Spring has come to Notre Dame and the annual Crocus display is in fine form. Yesterday, we marked the start of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Thanks to Father Alan for his thought-provoking words, reminding the community of how lent is more than simply giving up chocolate and grumbling about doing so, but how Lent can bring not only spiritual growth but also great joy! This year, the RE department and the CAFOD group have arranged for each form to be part of the Lenten Challenge. The details of which are outlined on the page below. Please do take the time to read it through and encourage your child/young person to take personal responsibility for donating towards this special appeal.

Also below, Mr Savage has included some photos from our 2<sup>nd</sup> 'NDHS' Has Got Talent' contest. The varied acts were enjoyed by hundreds of students, who had donated their pound to the Notre Dame Solar Panel Appeal. Performing under any guise in front of peers requires nerves of steel, and we were so impressed by how all of the students handled themselves, and how warmly the acts were received.

At the end of March all families and friends of Notre Dame will have the opportunity to see NDHS talent for themselves. Please do support this year's school production of 'High School Musical'. Many, many hours have gone into planning, auditions and rehearsals and the pupils and staff would really appreciate a packed-out audience. See below for details.



We keep Pope Francis in our prayers as he battles frailty and ill health.

Best wishes,

Tom Pinnington  
Headteacher.

**Prayer for the health of Pope Francis**

Loving and Merciful God,  
We pray for your servant Pope Francis,  
who is in need of your eternal care.

May Your healing power  
be with him always and his spirit  
strengthened in Your peace.

May he be comforted by the love and  
prayers of the Church throughout the  
world. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**





## **Notre Dame Lenten Challenge: CAFOD World Gifts of Hope**

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is rooted in Scripture and Church teaching and inspires us to put our faith into action and follow Christ's example of service and love.

**As we enter the season of Lent, we are called to simplify our lives and dedicate time to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.**

This Jubilee Year of Hope, our Notre Dame community is standing in solidarity with those in need, **focusing our prayers** on prioritising the poor and ensuring that all our global brothers and sisters are given human dignity and the opportunity to thrive in life.


**In almsgiving**, each form group is being asked to come together to buy a virtual world gift, through CAFOD's World Gifts scheme. As a form group, students choose which CAFOD world gift they would like to fundraise for and then focus their Lenten prayers on those people and communities who will benefit from it.

**Every donation is welcomed on WisePay and by uniting, we can take action to build a fairer world with hope for all.**

If you would like to and are able to donate, please log in to WisePay and select *Shop* then *CAFOD World Gifts – Lenten Almsgiving 2025*, before choosing an amount you wish to donate. If you require your WisePay log in details, please email [finance@ndhs.org.uk](mailto:finance@ndhs.org.uk)

**Thank you for your generosity and for giving hope to people in need.**

Please click on the link to find out more about CAFOD's work - [CAFOD WORLD GIFTS](#)

  
**Jesus, our light,  
in this Jubilee Year,  
you remind us of our call to love our neighbours  
and to set free those who suffer.**

**Help us to treat everyone with dignity;  
to be fair, forgiving and kind.  
Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.**

**Amen**





## NDHS' GOT TALENT CONGRATS FERDIE!

We raised **£380** to provide solar energy to ND Schools in the Democratic Republic of Congo

**Rome** £68.45  
**Jerusalem** £84.51  
**Santiago** £98.98  
**Walsingham** £110.46

## National Careers Week Opportunities -3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March

From 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating **National Careers Week** an annual event dedicated to exploring career opportunities and pathways.

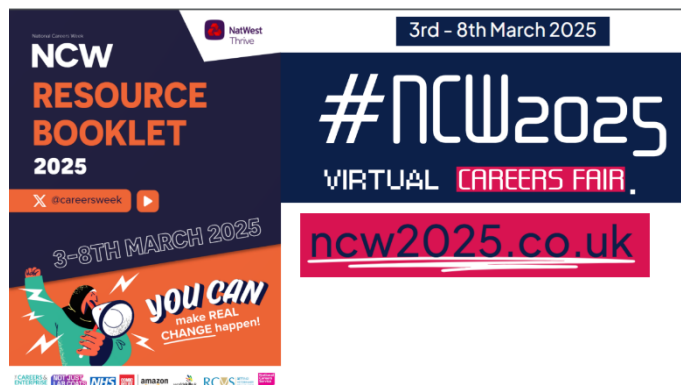
Throughout the week, students will be engaging in activities during form time and lessons to discover how different careers connect to their subjects.

We encourage you to get involved at home and

explore career options with your children. Here are some great resources:

- **Virtual Careers Fair** – [Explore here](#)
- **National Careers Week News Letters for Parents and Students** (attached to this email)
- **Learn More About National Careers Week** – [Visit the website](#)
- **Videos & Podcasts on Careers** – [BBC Bitesize Resources](#)
- **NDHS Careers Page** [Notre Dame High School - Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance](#)

We hope this provides valuable insights and inspiration for your child's future. Thank you for your support!



## Yr9-Careers Networking Event 2025



Thank you!



## youcareers Careers Networking Event 2025

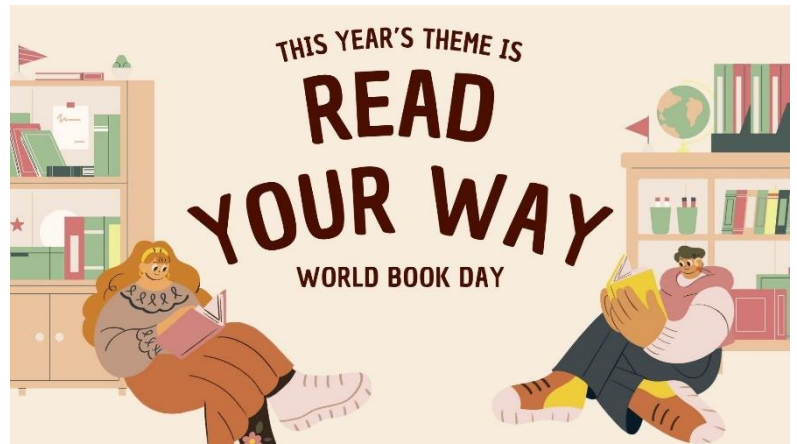


Thank you!

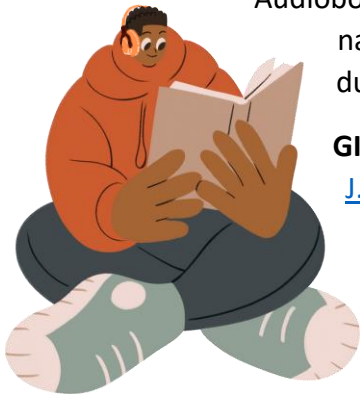
## WORLD BOOK DAY

This year's theme, "read your way," is all about celebrating the many different ways we can enjoy books.

Whether you prefer listening, visual storytelling, or books written in verse, there's a format that suits your style!



### Audio Books



Audiobooks are a great way to enjoy stories, bringing them to life through expressive narration. They offer a unique, immersive experience—perfect for multitasking during the day or winding down in the evening.

**GIVE THIS A LISTEN:** [ANDY SERKIS READS FROM 'RIDDLES IN THE DARK' FROM J.R.R. TOLKIEN'S THE HOBBIT](#) (3 MINUTES LONG)

#### OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

[STEPHEN KING DECLARES "AUDIOBOOKS ARE TERRIFIC!"](#) (2:08)

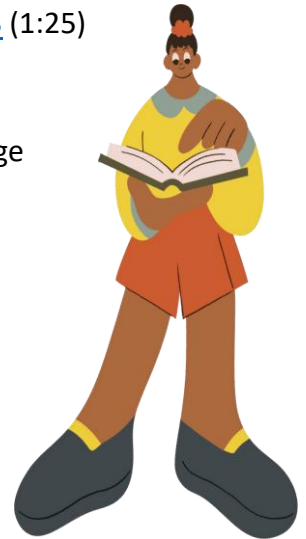
AND [BEHIND THE SCENES WITH AUDIBLE'S NARRATORS](#) (1:25)

### Novels in Verse

Novels in verse offer a unique and powerful reading experience, using poetic language and rhythm to tell compelling stories. Their concise, flowing structure makes them engaging and accessible, especially for reluctant readers, while still delivering deep emotion and rich storytelling.

**GIVE THIS A LISTEN:** [JASON REYNOLDS READS 'A LONG WAY DOWN'](#) (2:34 MINUTES LONG)

**OPTIONAL EXTRA:** [SARAH CROSSAN - WHY DOES THE VERSE NOVEL APPEAL TO YOU AS A WRITER?](#) (2 MINUTES LONG)



### Graphic Novels



Graphic novels combine dynamic artwork with storytelling, offering a visually engaging experience that enhances the narrative. The combination of illustrations and text makes them accessible, captivating, and a great choice for both visual learners and avid readers.

#### GIVE THIS A WATCH:

**YOUNGER INTEREST:** [AMULET: WAVERIDER | TRAILER](#) (2 MINS LONG)

**OLDER INTEREST:** [GOOD GIRLS DON'T MAKE HISTORY \[TRAILER\]](#) (1:30 MINUTES LONG)

**Location: NDHS, Sports Hall - St Pauls**

**Performances:**

**Wednesday 26th March at 7pm**

**Thursday 27th March at 7pm**

**Friday 28th March at 7pm**

**Buy  
Tickets  
Here**



**Ticket Prices: Adults £10**

**Students & Concessions £8**

**Or visit Ticket Source:**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/notre-dame-high-school>

**Notre Dame High School's  
Production of**

**Disney**

**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
MUSICAL**

**ON STAGE!**

©Disney

**Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written by  
Peter Barsocchini**

**Book by  
David  
Simpatico**

**Songs by  
Matthew Gerrard and Robbie Nevil; Ray Cham, Greg  
Cham and Andrew Seeley; Randy Petersen and Kevin  
Quinn; Andy Dodd and Adam Watts; Bryan Louiselle;  
David N. Lawrence and Faye Greenberg; Jamie Houston**

**Music Adapted,  
Arranged  
and Produced by  
Bryan Louiselle**

**This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International All authorised  
performance materials are also supplied by MTI**

[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

## What's On at the Forum?



### Love Languages Day

The [Love Languages Day](#) returns for an eventful day on **Sat 15 Mar**, 10am to 4pm. Students, lecturers and tutors from the Department of Language and Communication Studies at UEA will deliver interactive and fun activities, free and open to all ages.



### Discover Japan Celebration

Take part in various intercultural activities, including a Japanese language taster, origami, Japanese calligraphy and much more at the [Discover Japan Celebration](#) on **Fri 21 & Sat 22 Mar**. The event is supported by the Japan Foundation and all welcome.