



21/11/25

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

It was a difficult start back to the term; however, I would like to praise the maturity, understanding and kindness of our students. I would also like to thank you as parents and carers for the part you played in breaking the sad news of Mr McCormack's death to your children and young people. His absence is acutely felt. We will have the opportunity to say our final goodbyes at the memorial Mass on the 27<sup>th</sup>, which is at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. All are welcome to attend, but none are obliged.

The picture above shows some of the prayers written by students during the week of All Saints and All Souls. Their ability to write reflective and thoughtful prayers is very special and will serve them well in their future times of need and times of celebration and joy.

My thanks to all the Y13 students that supported department areas at the recent 6<sup>th</sup> form open evening. It was a very well attended evening and visiting parents left with an excellent impression of student life and the important subject specific information. We always feel proud and privileged to be represented by such confident and talented young people. I would also like to thank our committed A level teachers, who go out of their way to make everyone feel welcomed, and finally, Y12, who looked fantastic in Orange Hi-Viz!

Attached to this email is a response from the Governors and I to all families regarding the parent/carer survey that was completed before the Summer. Your feedback provided affirmation regarding the practice we need to maintain, whilst also providing suggestions relating to aspects of school life you felt could be improved. Every comment was read and considered. Thank you to all that were able to participate.

Winter has arrived but Advent is on the horizon for us all to look forward to.

Best wishes,

Tom Pinnington - Headteacher

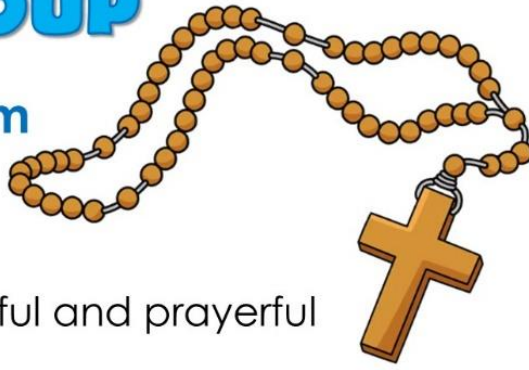
### *Mass in memory of Mr McCormack*

Mr McCormack's memorial Mass will be on **Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.** at the Catholic Cathedral at **4:10pm.** Students, Staff and families welcome.



# ROSARY GROUP

Every Tuesday 8:30am  
in the Chapel  
Starts 2<sup>nd</sup> December



Come along for a peaceful and prayerful start to Advent.  
Rosaries and a guide to help you follow the prayers provided.



## CAFOD Cake Stall

Run by the NDHS CAFOD Club

### When?

Breaktime Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
(maybe lunch too if we have some left!)

### Where?

Outside St Paul's under the canopy

### How much?

50p a cake – please bring cash!

**All proceeds will go towards  
CAFOD's Sudan Crisis  
Appeal.**



NDHS 2025

# Christmas Card ~ Competition ~

14<sup>th</sup> Nov - 12<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Before 1pm

A5 Card Design  
Entries to Student Reception

Groups  
Y7-9  
Y10-11  
Y12-13

Join the school in our annual Christmas Card Competition!

With the top 3 from each group winning prizes  
1<sup>st</sup> places winning £10, featuring on the school homepage and our Christmas newsletter

Enquiries @19jbidle@ndhs.org.uk

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**TUES 16th**  
**Years 7,8,9**

**WED 17th**  
**Years 10,11,**  
**12/13**

The cost is £3.50, please ensure you have enough money on your Wisepay account on the day.  
(Vivas usual selection also available on both days)

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Y7 (12:30), Y8, Y9**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Y10, Y11 (12:30), Y12, Y13**

## MAIN COURSE

Turkey with Stuffing and Yorkshires, Roasties, Christmas veggie medley and gravy

*Or Vegetarian Option*

Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry and Cheese puff pastry wreath with all the Trimmings

## DESSERT

Rudolph's Nose Cookie

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Before the 28<sup>th</sup> of November, students will be asked, in Form, if they wish to choose from the following options for the day of your Christmas lunch:

1. Traditional Christmas lunch
2. Vegetarian Christmas lunch
3. Vivas usual selection



# NDHS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
In the Sports Hall  
4:30 - 6pm Christmas Fayre  
6-8pm Concert

Tickets on the door  
£3 per person  
or £10 for a family of 4



Our NDHS ensembles have been rehearsing hard all term and are excited to invite you to the Christmas concert on Thursday 11th December.

Tickets are available on ticketsource at £3 per person or £10 for a family of 4. [Christmas Concert Tickets](#)

Tickets can also be purchased by cash on the door. The PTFA will be providing a wide variety of refreshments including mulled wine, mince pies and will be accepting cash or card payments.

This year we are going to try something new and hold our popular Christmas market in conjunction with the Christmas Concert.

There will be a small selection of stalls in the gym open from 4.30pm until the start of the concert and then again during the 30 minute interval.

A great opportunity to pick up some last minute treats or that extra special stocking filler while supporting the concert at the same time.

If you are a crafter and would be interested in having a stall please contact Mrs Miller at [cmiller@ndhs.org.uk](mailto:cmiller@ndhs.org.uk)





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...helping through partnership  
to make the school even better

PARENT

TEACHER

&  
FRIENDS

ASSOCIATION

## CALLING ALL SMALL BUSINESSES (AND BIGGER ONES TOO)

The Notre Dame Parents, Teachers and Friends Association is wanting to hear from parents, carers and those within our school community who are running their own business.

The PTFA (like many organisations of this type) noticed a distance created in our school community during and post the covid pandemic. It is our aim to reignite our network and support each other as best we can. We would like to help promote and profile small businesses within our community so we are asking you to reach out to us and introduce who you are and what you do. We are also keen to hear from any businesses in a close proximity to the school and in particular those who are service and product based that can donate to our prizes and raffles. We have a large student cohort at NDHS which means there is lots of businesses out there and we would love to know who you are. Please drop us an email.

[ptfandhs@gmail.com](mailto:ptfandhs@gmail.com)

# QUIZ NIGHT

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SAT 29TH  
NOVEMBER

DOORS OPEN 7PM | QUIZ STARTS  
7:30PM | £15 PER TICKET | BAR OPEN

PIE AND CHIPS INCLUDED

VEGAN OPTION AVAILABLE

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MAX. 8 PEOPLE PER TABLE  
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO BOOK



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PROFITS GO TO THE CATHEDRAL  
BUILDING REPAIR FUND

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THE NARTHEX,  
CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, NR2 2PA

ST NICHOLAS

# CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 6TH  
DECEMBER

CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST,  
NR2 2PA



VISIT THE GARDEN  
CAFE FOR FESTIVE  
FOOD AND  
DRINKS



A VISIT FROM  
ST NICHOLAS



HANDMADE  
CHRISTMAS GIFTS  
FOR FRIENDS  
AND FAMILY

10:30 TO 14:30  
FREE ENTRY



The Cathedral of  
St John the Baptist