



11.09.26

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



I will start by giving my congratulations to the A level and GCSE students that did so well in their examinations. The A level results were some of the best in recent history. GCSE students also performed with excellence. Crucially, most of our young people are moving on to their first choice of 'next step', whether that's university, college, 6th form, apprenticeship or employment-based training. Whatever their next step, and as per the mission statement, we hope that our students leave us as morally informed and compassionate young leaders. They are all in our thoughts and prayers!

It's hard to believe that we have almost completed the second week of the school year. Hopefully, by now, the back-to-school nerves have subsided, and your children and young people have found their stride, developing strong routines. For some this will take time and our patience is important. Put simply, five lessons a day is tiring.

I have been impressed by the resilience of all our new starters, especially those in year 7. We are conscious that some of our 50 feeder schools are small rural settings. For some students, Notre Dame must feel like a different World! I hope it will quickly feel like a home from home for all. A school all students are proud to attend and represent.

As ever, there has been significant investment in the site over the summer, with improvements to outdoor spaces, new toilet blocks and a brand-new classroom in St Mary's. I hope that our young people feel valued and cared for. Notre Dame is their school, and I have asked them to look after the site and therefore the staff that clean and maintain the campus.

Today is an important day, taking Y7 to Y12 to the Cathedral is not an easy logistical operation. As I write this, I am hopeful that the public will be patient with us. It is always an incredible occasion & the most well attended Mass of the year at the Cathedral. We are privileged to have such supportive Parish communities working with us. I will use the occasion to repeat my message that we must be 'beacons of hope' in a World that can seem chaotic, at times violent and fractured by inequality. Our message is always one of Faith, Hope and Love, but as St Paul taught us, above all Love.

Best wishes,

Tom Pinnington – Headteacher

"Ah! qu'il est bon le bon Dieu"

"How good is the Good God!"

School Motto from Saint Julie Billart

(Foundress of the Notre Dame Order)

Instrumental and voice lessons

Music lessons and clubs start back from w/c Monday 14th September (week 3). Full timetables will be posted in the music corridor and on the google classroom by the end of next week. Please check carefully.

Day	Instrument	Teacher
Monday	Piano (am)	Mrs Chapman, room 18
	Jazz Piano (pm)	Mr Hodges, room 19
	Upper Strings (pm)	Mrs Peterson, room 17
	Voice	Miss Dove, room 16
Tuesday	Piano	Mrs Chapman, room 19
	Voice/piano	Mrs Ball, room 18
	Upper Strings (pm)	Mrs Peterson, room 17
Wednesday	Piano/Voice	Mrs Ball, room 19
	Woodwind	Mrs Evans, room 18
	Brass (pm)	Mr Dockray, room 17
	Guitar	Mr Dibb, room 16
Thursday	Drums	Mr Woodgate, room 16
Friday	Guitar	Mr Dibb, room 16
	Cello (pm)	Mrs Barber, room 17



Google classroom
code: aqx4otk



MUSIC GROUPS

Day	Group	Time	Teacher	Room
MONDAY	Jazz group	Lunch	Mr Hodges	14
TUESDAY	Choir	Before school 8:20-9:05	Ms Selwood/ Mrs Ball/ Ms Spooner	St John's Hall
	Y11 Composition Club	Lunch	Ms Selwood / Ms Curtis	14
WEDS	Wind Band	Lunch	Ms Selwood/ Mr Dockray/ Mrs Evans/ Ms Curtis	14
THURS	Strings	Lunch	Ms Curtis	15
FRIDAY	Rock groups	Lunch	Mr Dibb	Whole

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Lunch clubs - turn up at 12:35pm and bring your lunch and instruments. You can skip the lunch queue with your music club badge. Lunch 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. This term is for the Christmas concert, Prize Evening and Advent Service.





PE Dept Lunchtime Clubs Autumn Term 2026



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports hall	Open Indoor Cricket	11-IV Form Basketball	9-10 Basketball	7-8 Basketball	
Gym		Open Table Tennis		Open Table Tennis	
Fitness Room Supervisor	MKI	LHU	KMT	IOR	JKI

Lunchtime clubs are 12.40 - 1.15pm. Open clubs do not require full kit, but you must have a pair of trainers



PE Dept Before/After School Clubs Rota Autumn 2026



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Before School</u> 8.10-8.40am Sports hall	Open Basketball	Open Basketball	Open Basketball	Open Basketball	Open Basketball
Playground 3.30-4.30		Recreational Sport			
<u>Sportshall</u> 3.30-4.30		Recreational Sport	Girls Basketball		
Astroturf 3.30-4.30	7-8 Netball 7-8 Rugby	Girls Football ----- Recreational Sport	Hockey	9-11 Netball	
Gym 3.30-4.30		Cheerleading			

After School Clubs run from 3.30-4.30. You must wear your PE kit for all clubs

Open clubs do not require full kit, but you must have a pair of trainers





Parent/Carers: We Need You!

The PTFA at Notre Dame is a small but wonderfully friendly group of parents and carers who work together to support fundraising projects that enrich our children's school experience and environment.

From providing benches where students can enjoy their lunch, to helping fund school trips and supporting whole school events, the PTFA plays a warm and active role in the NDHS community. We also volunteer at occasions like the Christmas concert and organise the Year 7 new starters' barbecue for families.

We meet once a month on the dates listed below, and we'd love to welcome new members - you don't need to attend every meeting to be part of the team. If you'd like to join us and help us to support these opportunities, please let us know by emailing us at ptfandhs@gmail.com.

Our meeting dates for this year are below:

- 16th September 2026
- 21st October 2026
- 18th November 2026
- 16th December 2026
- 20th January 2027
- 24th February 2027
- 17th March 2027
- 21st April 2027
- 19th May 2027
- 16th June 2027
- 14th July 2027



CULTURE CLUB RESUMES!

Join Us As We Prepare for
Black History Month!



Share ideas • Celebrate heritage •
Help shape our events & exhibitions •
All are welcome!




WHEN:
Every
Wednesday
(Starting Sept 9th, 2026)



TIME:
Lunchtime



YOUTH GROUP

Join us each



- *Social time, games and activities*
- *Spiritual input & prayer*
- *Delicious dinner*
- *A quiet place to study or revise after school*



stjohnthebaptistyouthgroup



stjohnfhc@gmail.com

Starting 8th September 2026 “Come and see.” John 1:39

**4 pm
START**

Every Tuesday
in term time

6:45 pm FINISH

For all aged 11-18 years old



St John the Baptist Cathedral

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2026-27

The online registration form for this academic year's programme is now available on the cathedral website – please click on the link in the parish newsletter, or scan the QR code below.

Deadline 15th Sept. Spaces are limited. Applications after the deadline will be invited to apply again in the following year.

We look forward to meeting you soon.





**CRINGLEFORD
RANGERS**

PAN-DISABILITY FOOTBALL TRAINING SESSIONS

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT:

SEND experienced coaches

TRAINING SESSIONS:

Weekly for ages 12-16 (All abilities welcome!)

COMPETITIVE MATCHES:

Ages 12-15 (Will be 1x a month)



RECREATION GROUND

Cringleford, Norwich NR4 6XF



SATURDAY, WEEKLY

10:00am - 11:00am

CONTACT US HERE!

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