

13/11/26

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

The photograph above captures some of the joy of our sponsored walk. It is no easy feat to get the entire school around the broad! Fortunately, the weather was relatively kind, with the rain only setting in as we dismissed the Year 11s from the Meadow. Please do ensure that all sponsorship money is paid in via Wisepay. These acts of charity - our faith in action - are needed more than ever!

Thank you to the families that attended the Sixth Form Open Evening. The atmosphere was excellent. As ever, the biggest selling point is our current crop of Y12 and Y13 students and their enthusiasm in conveying the special nature of the ethos, the commitment of our staff & the kindness that exists within the community. I was incredibly proud of them all.

For families of Year 11 students, I would reiterate Mr McKay's advice: ensure you have a plan A,B,C & preferably D! There are no certainties in life &, given the current demographics, the most popular institutions will fill up.

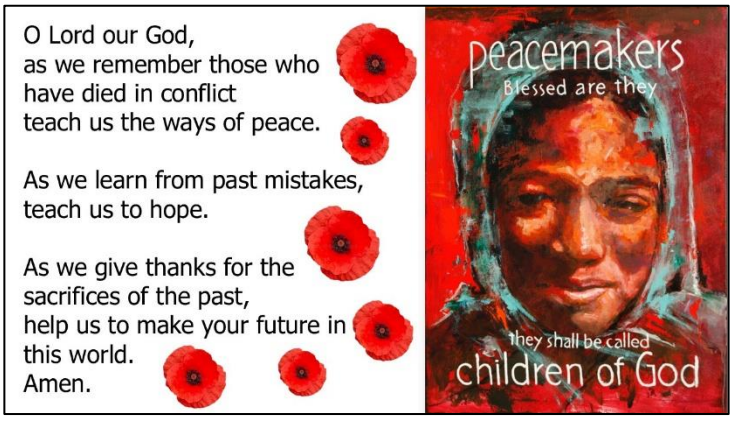
Congratulations to all Y12 & Y13 students that entered the UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge. The group achieved an impressive 22 bronze, 12 silver & 3 gold awards. A special shout-out to Harry, Ronan & Cosmo from Y13 for securing their gold medals! My thanks to Mr Cullen-Hewitt, Mr Sharpe and the maths team for facilitating the event.

Now that the nights have drawn in, please can I ask all parents and carers of **cyclists** to ensure that their young people have **lights, Hi-Viz & helmets**. As a daily cyclist, I am all too aware of the dangers that exist on the roads in and around Norwich.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Tom Pinnington - Headteacher



Could You Be Our Next Parent Governor?

NDHS is looking for a parent or carer to join the Governing Body as a Parent Governor. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Notre Dame community and help shape the future of a school where the focus is loving the children and teaching them really well.

As a Catholic school, we believe each of us is called to use our gifts in service of others. Becoming a governor is a practical and rewarding way to answer that call, and to support the young people in our care as they grow.

Governors work alongside the Headteacher and staff to set the school's direction, support and make sure it remains true to its Catholic mission. The Governing Body typically meets once or twice a term, and governors also join a committee or link with an area of school life.

No special qualifications are needed. What matters most is a genuine interest in the school, a willingness to listen and ask good questions, and a commitment to the good of every pupil. Training is provided, in Trust led sessions throughout the year.

If you would like to put yourself forward, please complete the application form and email it to Steph Grand at stephanie.grand@norfolk.gov.uk by **Wednesday 25th November**.

Further information will follow about the election process.

Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Tom Pinnington
Headteacher
Notre Dame High School

Christmas Concert and Fair

This year we will again be running the Christmas concert and fair in conjunction with each other as it worked so well last year. The event will be on Thursday 10th December with the fair opening its doors in the gym from 4.30pm until the concert commences in the sports hall at 6pm.

The stalls will then be available along with refreshments provided by the PTFA for people to browse during the interval. If you are a crafter/seller and would like a stall then please get in touch at cmiller@ndhs.org.uk or come along on the night to support both these events. A poster with more details will follow shortly.

Belgium Choir Tour

The music department are planning to take the choir on tour to Belgium in July to sing in various locations including at the Menin Gate remembrance ceremony one evening. There are a couple of places still available on this trip.

If your child is a keen singer and would be interested in this opportunity, please email kselwood@ndhs.org,uk for further details.

SPONSORED WALK

Benjamin Foundation

Aid to the Church in Need

Angel Tree

Young Carers Norfolk

Let the Children Live

The Magdalene Group

MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES

Please ensure that your donations have been given via WisePay by Sunday 15th Nov.









Christmas Craft with Our Young Carers

Our young carers enjoyed a lovely Christmas craft session, giving them the chance to get creative, have fun and enjoy some well-deserved time together and for themselves.

A huge thank you to the wonderful lady from **Positively Crafting**, who kindly gave up her time to support our young carers and help make the session so special



YOUNG CARERS

BREAKFAST CLUB



Come along to room 50B
Every second Wednesday
of the month
8.30am till 9.00am



A young carer is a child or young person who provides regular care, support, or assistance to a family member who has a physical illness, mental health condition, disability, or substance misuse issue.

Does the above describe you? If so come along and have a chat.

Next breakfast is 09/12/2026

Scan for FAQ's



Norwich Support Group

Supporting Families affected by diagnosed/undiagnosed Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

at Nansa Family Centre

33 Woodcock Road NR3 3TT

ALTERNATE MONDAY'S TERM TIME ONLY

10AM-12PM

Drop in at any time for a chat with other parents/carers and one of our friendly Family Support Advisors

Refreshments provided

More Info :
www.nansa.org.uk/senfam-whats-on/

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QUIZ & CURRY

SAT 28TH NOVEMBER

Doors & Bar opens 7PM |

Quiz starts 7:30PM | £15 per ticket |

Raffle | Vegan option available

MAX. 8 PEOPLE PER TABLE

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

SCAN THE QR CODE

EMAIL bookings@sjbcathedral.org.uk

or 01603 724384

PROFITS GO TO THE CATHEDRAL BUILDING REPAIR FUND

THE NARTHEX,

CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, NR2 2PA

ST NICHOLAS

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 5TH 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 GARDEN cafe

The Cathedral of St John the Baptist

Flame is a national gathering of 10,000 young Catholics at Wembley Arena on March 6th 2027

CYMFED Flame 2027

TAKE COURAGE

Speakers and musicians at Flame 2027 include:



A group is going from Norwich, So come and join us!

Click on the QR code to book a place (places are limited) so do it today!





Any enquiries, please email the Cathedral Catechist Team on stjohnfhc@gmail.com