



ND VOICE

Welcome to this the 4th edition of ND VOICE, which includes as a supplement the 1st edition of Notre News, the sixth form newspaper created by some of our super talented Y12 students. As we move closer to the end of Lent and the good news that Easter brings, it was a privilege over the last week to share in one of our student community milestones.

On Monday March 27th with Y12, and Tuesday 4th April with Y13, we gathered as a community for a service of 'the Stations of the Cross.' The Stations of the Cross mark the 14 events that occurred leading up to Christ's crucifixion on Good Friday.

The 14 stations are displayed as wall plaques around the Salle. During the service, 14 students from years 7 to 13 were each stood under one of the stations where they read out the event marked by their station, followed by a reflection and then a prayer.

A short piece of reflective Taizé chant music was played as we paused between each station and the microphone was passed on! At the end of the service we shared a period of silent and prayerful reflection.

The students' behaviour and conduct throughout was nothing short of impeccable. Our chair of governors, Mr Colclough, was visiting us on the morning of the 27th and was very impressed by the whole ambience and slickness of the service. He commented on the prayerful reverence shown by the students throughout, but particularly at the silent finish and egress.

Next term we say goodbye to our fabulous Y13 students and need to turn our attention to their leaving arrangements. The year group are a fantastic bunch of talented, engaging and hardworking young people. They showed great resolve, resilience and positivity through the difficulties that Covid brought to their GCSE years and deserve to 'finish well'.

Friday 12th May 2023 is the last day for Y13. Subject teachers will still be available during their usual timetabled classrooms right up until their last exam in that subject if your son/daughter wishes to come in for revision support. The outline of the day is below...

9:00-10:00 - The last form time

10:00-10:45 - Leavers' assembly in the Salle

10:45-11:45 - Extended break with refreshments on the labyrinth.

12:00-12:45 - Y13 class of 2023 leavers' Mass with Fr John Cooke presiding.

12:45 - Study leave begins

Friday 7th July 2023 is the date for our Sixth Form Leavers' Prom. The event is to be held at the Quays Hotel Sheffield. The evening is for current Y13 students at Notre Dame only and consists of a fully licensed bar (over 18s only), a buffet meal (menu to be confirmed), photo booth 'The Notre Dame Oscars,' as well as a DJ until around midnight. The cost of the evening is £28 and can be paid on the Bromcom MCAS app. We will be asking the students to let us know any dietary requirements once they return from assessment week. The deadline for payment and dietary requirements is FRIDAY 28th April.

Assessment Weeks

Please note students will be on study leave during their assessment week and don't need to attend lessons.

We have sent the below timetables to both parents and students with content of what is included in the exams.

Y12

Year 12 Assessment week May 2023-All exams take place in the Salle unless stated otherwise

MORNING START TIME: 9:00am	Paper Length	DATE	AFTERNOON START TIME: 1:00pm	Paper Length
Economics	1 hour 30 minutes	Tuesday 2 nd May	Biology	2 hours
Philosophy & Ethics	2 hours		Computer Science*	2 hours 30 minutes
Psychology	2 hours 15 minutes	Wednesday 3 rd May	Sociology	2 hours
Spanish	1 hour 45 minutes (IT room)		French	1 hour 45 minutes (IT room)
			Physics	1 Hour 15 minutes
Geography	1 hour 30 minutes	Thursday 4 th May	Music (MU1)*	2 hours 30 minutes
Health and Social care (Double only)	1 hour 30 minutes		Business	1 hour 30 minutes
Chemistry	1 hour 30 minutes		PE	2 hours
DT	2 hours	Friday 5 th May	Drama	50 minutes
History	1 hour 45 minutes		English Literature*	2 hours 30 minutes
Politics	2 hours	Tuesday 9 th May	Maths	1 hour 40 minutes
			English Language	1 hour 30 minutes

*prompt start essential

Seating Plans will be published on your Bromcom exam timetable

Y13

Year 13 Assessment week 2 April 2023-All exams take place in the Salle unless stated otherwise

MORNING START TIME: 9:00am	Paper Length	DATE	AFTERNOON START TIME: 1:00pm	Paper Length
Physics	1 hour 45 minutes	Monday 24 th April	History	2 hours 30 minutes
Sociology	2 hours		PE	2 hours
Psychology	1 hour 10 minutes	Tuesday 25 th April	DT	2 hours 30 minutes
Further Maths	1 hour 30 minutes		Philosophy & Ethics	2 Hours
Spanish	2 hours 30 minutes (IT room)	Wednesday 26 th April		
Biology	2hours		Economics	60 mins
Computer Science	2 hours 30 minutes		Music	2 hours 30 minutes (MU1)
French	2 hours 30 minutes (IT room)	Thursday 27 th April		
Business Studies	2 hours		Chemistry	2 hours 15 minutes
		Friday 28 th April	Politics	2 hours
Maths	2 hours		English Literature	2 hours
Drama	2 hours 30 minutes		Geography	2 hours 15 mins
English Language	2 hours 30 minutes			

Upcoming events and reminders

Y13 Finance, Accommodation and firm choice advice

Applications for student finance are now open and will close on 31st May 2023. Students do not need to have heard from all their choices, nor do they need to have confirmed their firm and insurance choices to apply for student finance.

Accommodation is booked directly through universities and students need to have confirmed their firm choice before they book any accommodation. It is highly unlikely universities will allow accommodation to be booked for insurance choices.

We strongly recommend that students put their first choice university as their firm choice, but are sensible and realistic with their insurance choice, giving themselves more options on A Level results day. Students need to keep checking their UCAS Hub as this informs students of deadline dates, specific to their application.

Monitoring Reports

Monitoring reports, for this period, are now stored on My Child At School (MCAS) for you to view. Any problems with accessing the system please contact Miss Vessey – evessey@notredame-high.co.uk.

Y13 Leavers Photo

To view all the purchase options and place an order go to www.gillmanandsoame.co.uk
LOGIN: 411720 PASSWORD: 454496

For free delivery to school you need to order by **23rd April 2023**

Y12 Visit to Oxford University

There will be a visit to Magdalen College, Oxford taking place on Monday 15th May 2023. We will leave school at 7am prompt on this day and should return at around 6pm. Please email Mr Dransfield to register an interest in this day.

Higher Education Evening Feedback/Information

Our Higher Education Evening took place on Thursday 23rd March in The Salle. The slides from all of our speakers are available to students on G Drive. Below are a list of key dates moving forward:

5th September 2023 – Applications open for UCAS

16th October 2023 – Deadline for Dentistry, Medicine, Veterinary and Oxbridge applications

30th November 2023 – School deadline for applications

31st January 2024 – Official deadline for all UCAS applications

Little Princess Trust

Jacintha in Y12 is donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust. She has set up a JustGiving page where people can support them, please click on the link if you would like to donate:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/jacintha-ison-1678744822411?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/jacintha-ison-1678744822411&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=3055a585cf2545c5926ae17caa389d8a

Form Time/Assembly

Y12 Form Time Focus

Form time focus for Y12 is to initially complete their preparation for their assessment week by ensuring all students have had a 1-1 appointment with their tutor to review preparation. Following the assessment week form time focuses on 2 PSHE topics – around digital literacy and drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Y13 Form Time Focus

Form time focus for Y13 is on finalising their preparation for the summer exams and ensuring we have effective plans to celebrate their last formal day of school on 12th May.

Core RE

The subjects covered in Y12 this term are the below.

- Fact or fiction: Are miracles real or hoax?
 - To know what miracles are.
 - To evaluate if faith healers are real.
- Fact or fiction: What is a religious experience?
 - To know what a religious experience is. -To evaluate if religious experience proves the existence of God
- Fact or fiction: Near Death Experiences
 - The know what NDE experiences are. To evaluate if NDE are real or fake
- Fact or fiction: Global Warming
 - To analyse the arguments raised by Global Warming deniers. -To evaluate the reliability of these arguments?
- Flexi time- article writing Y12
- Flexi time: what's in the news?

Form Time Agenda

Year 12		Year 13
1-1 Appointments	6-Apr-2023	Silent Study
	7-Apr-2023	
EASTER BREAK		
	24-Apr-2023	
1-1 Appointments	25-Apr-2023	
Y12 pre exam recorded assembly	26-Apr-2023	
	27-Apr-2023	
1-1 Appointments	28-Apr-2023	Assessment Week
	29-Apr-2023	
	30-Apr-2023	
	1-May-2023	
	2-May-2023	Bulletin/Assembly
	3-May-2023	Silent Study
	4-May-2023	Silent Study
	5-May-2023	Quiz
	6-May-2023	
	7-May-2023	
	8-May-2023	
Assessment week	9-May-2023	Bulletin/Assembly
Volunteering	10-May-2023	Silent Study
Media Literacy and digital resilience 1 L20 - L25	11-May-2023	Silent Study
Quiz	12-May-2023	Leavers day
	13-May-2023	
	14-May-2023	
Bulletin	15-May-2023	
Drugs alcohol and tobacco 2 H21 - 24	16-May-2023	
Volunteering	17-May-2023	
Drugs alcohol and tobacco 2 H21 - 24	18-May-2023	
Quiz	19-May-2023	
	20-May-2023	
	21-May-2023	
Bulletin	22-May-2023	
	23-May-2023	
Form challenge week	24-May-2023	
	25-May-2023	
Quiz	26-May-2023	

Post 18 Progression

At the University of Sheffield, throughout Spring and Summer there are a number of opportunities for students to experience what it is like to study different subjects at university.

All of the activities are completely free of charge and will provide students with a good insight into their chosen subject or area of interest at university. Students need to fill out the booking forms individually using the links below.

Subject	Date	Time	Location
Biosciences	Wednesday 19th April 2023	4.30pm -5.45pm	On-campus
Psychology	Wednesday 10th May 2023	4.00pm - 5.05pm	Online
Maths	Wednesday 17th May 2023	4.00pm - 5.35pm	Online
History	Monday 24th April 2023	3.35pm - 5.00pm	Online
Journalism	Tuesday 2nd May 2023	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Online
Speech and Language Therapy	Tuesday 2nd May 2023	4.25pm - 6.00pm	Online
Adult Nursing	Thursday 4th May 2023	4.25pm - 5.30pm	Online
What can I do with A Level Chemistry?	Thursday 27th April 2023	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Online
It's not just Doctors and Dentists - explore the alternatives to a degree in medicine	Thursday 20th April 2023	4.00pm-6.00pm	Online
What can I do with A Level Maths?	Tuesday 25th April 2023	4.00pm-5.30pm	Online
Chemistry	Wednesday 31st May 2023	9.30am - 4.15pm	On-campus
Aerospace Engineering	Tuesday 2nd May 2023	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Online
Electronic and Electrical Engineering	Thursday 4th May 2023	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Online
Computer Science	Tuesday 9th May 2023	4.00pm - 5.45pm	Online
Civil and Structural Engineering	Wednesday 10th May 2023	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Online
General Engineering	Thursday 11th May 2023	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Online
Materials Science and Engineering	Monday 15 May 2023	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Online

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Subject	Date	Time	Location
<u>Chemical and Biological Engineering</u>	Thursday 18th May 2023	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Online
<u>History</u>	Monday 24th April 2023	3.35pm - 5.00pm	Online
<u>Philosophy</u>	Monday 24th April 2023	3.50pm - 5.15pm	Online
<u>Music</u>	Thursday 27th April 2023	3.50pm - 5.15pm	Online
<u>School of East Asian Studies</u>	Wednesday 3rd May 2023	3.50pm - 5.15pm	Online
<u>French</u>	Tuesday 16 May 2023	3.50pm - 5.15pm	Online
<u>Spanish</u>	Wednesday 17th May 2023	3.50pm - 5.15pm	Online
<u>Management School</u>	Tuesday 18th April 2023	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Online
<u>Landscape Architecture</u>	Tuesday 18th April 2023	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Online
<u>Economics</u>	Thursday 20th April 2023	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Online
<u>Education</u>	Tuesday 25th April 2023	4.30pm - 5.35pm	Online
<u>Politics, Philosophy and Economics</u>	Tuesday 25th April 2023	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Online
<u>Politics</u>	Wednesday 26th April 2023	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Online
<u>Journalism</u>	Tuesday 2nd May 2023	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Online
<u>Sociology</u>	Tuesday 2nd May 2023	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Online
<u>Applied Social Sciences</u>	Thursday 4th May 2023	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Online
<u>Law</u>	Thursday 4th May 2023	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Online
<u>What can I do with A Level Biology?</u>	Thursday 30th March 2023	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Online
<u>Orthoptics</u>	Wednesday 10th May 2023	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Online

Revision & Pastoral Guidance

Sources of support for parents and students

- [PowerPoint Presentation \(notredame-high.co.uk\)](https://www.notredame-high.co.uk)
- [How-to-best-help-your-child-with-revision.docx.pdf \(notredame-high.co.uk\)](https://www.notredame-high.co.uk)
- [Video for Parents 3: Grades and coping with pressure | Resources | Net Sixth Form](#)
 - [Greg-Thornton-Revision-notes.pdf \(notredame-high.co.uk\)](https://www.notredame-high.co.uk)
- **Revision revisited** - improve your subject understanding PDF activity - [click here](#)
Accompanying video - Revision to improve understanding - [click here](#)
- **Understanding stress** and questionnaire PDF - [download](#)
Accompanying video - coping with stress - [watch](#)
- **Barriers to learning activity** – PDF - [download](#)
Self-reflection exercise about what barriers can be controlled more easily than others
- **GETTING IN THE RIGHT STUDY ROUTINE BEFORE EASTER**
The aim is for students to study around 20-24 hours independent study hours (3-4 hours per day) outside lesson time to help them achieve top grades.
- **PROCRASTINATION**
For students who get distracted with their phones - use this procrastination video - [click here](#)
- **ROUTINES**
For students who need more of a routine - use this video as well as the time management sheets that can be downloaded - [click here](#)
Time management sheet - [click here](#)
- **PUTTING IN THE HOURS**
For those who need persuading that high performing students put in the hours - [click here](#)

Additional Revision Support Sources

- [Popplet](#)
- [Learning tools, flashcards, and textbook solutions | Quizlet](#)
- [Revision tips | Exam stress support | The Mix](#)
- [How To Stop Procrastinating | Managing Your Time | The Mix](#)
- [Ebbinghaus's Forgetting Curve - Why We Keep Forgetting and What We Can Do About It \(mindtools.com\)](#)
- [Study Motivation | How To Get Motivated To Study | The Mix](#)
- [Revision Tips | Best Revision Techniques | Study & Exam Tips | The Mix](#)
- [Revision Timetable Maker / Study Planner \(getrevising.co.uk\)](#)
- [Past papers \(getrevising.co.uk\)](#)
- [How to Create the Best Revision Cards | GoStudent | GoStudentPopplet](#)

Additional Support Sources for Wellbeing

- [YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](#)
- [Home - Kooth](#)
- [Golddigger Trust](#)
- [Welcome to The Corner - WHO WE ARE \(thecornersheffield.com\)](#)
- [Home - Epic Friends](#)
- [Door 43 | Sheffield Mental Health Guide](#)
- [Sheffield Wellbeing Resources - 2019-11 v1.1.pdf \(learnsheffield.co.uk\)](#)
- [lets talk.pdf \(sheffieldccg.nhs.uk\)](#)
- [On My Mind | Resources for Young People | Anna Freud Centre](#)
- [Parents and Careers | Advice and Guidance | Anna Freud Centre](#)
- [Anxiety - Every Mind Matters - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Sixth Form Attendance Policy

Notre Dame High School Sixth Form Attendance Intervention Policy

Attendance Monitoring Review Points			
Cycle	Date	Y12	Y13
M1	Mid October	✓	✓
Interim 1	+ 4 weeks	✓	✓
M2	Early December	✓	✓
Interim 2	+ 4 weeks + 4 weeks	✓	✓
M3	Early April	✓	✓
Interim 3	Post assessment results	✓	
M4	Mid July	✓	
Stage	Intervention		
0	<p>Stage 0 is ongoing for all students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using Bromcom registers Miss Vessey and Mrs Deeney follow up reasons for absence with students and parents. Miss Vessey and Mrs Deeney contact home via email, text or phone the same day if there is an unreported absence from lessons. 		
1	<p>Attendance below 90%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student attends a meeting with the sixth form team. Student receives a letter home informing parents/carers that this meeting is taking place. <p>Attendance is reviewed at next monitoring review point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If attendance improves and is above 90% return to stage 0 If a student remains on stage 1 for two consecutive monitoring review points they will move to stage 2. 		
2	<p>Attendance below 80% or continued poor attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/carers of the student will be invited to a meeting with a member of the sixth form team where we will address the main issues and agree targets and support actions to improve attendance. An Attendance Agreement will be signed by the student, parent/carer and a member of the sixth form team. <p>Attendance is reviewed at next monitoring review point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If attendance improves and is above 90% return to stage 0 If attendance does not improve or declines further we will implement the next stage of the attendance policy. 		
3	<p>Attendance below 70% or failure to meet the targets set by the attendance agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/carer and student will be invited to a meeting with the head of sixth form. written warning will be issued if appropriate and the Attendance Agreement will be re-issued. 		
4	<p>Attendance below 60% or failure to meet the targets set by the attendance agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible request to leave sixth form if the student is persistently absent from school or lessons and refuses to engage with intervention procedures. 		