



Welcome to this latest edition of ND VOICE, which again includes as a supplement the latest edition of Notre News, the Sixth Form newspaper created and edited by some of our super talented Y12 & Y13 students. As we move closer to the end of Lent and the good news that Easter brings, it was a privilege on Maundy Thursday to share in one of our student community milestones.

During periods 1 (Y12) & 2 (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.

This year's service was a departure from our traditional end of Lent gathering, as we enjoyed the musical drama 'Born for This' written by CJM music. [Born for This - CJM MUSIC](#) The service was both moving and powerful, as well as reflective and prayerful; it was very much a befitting end to a long and tiring term. Many thanks to the staff and students involved who so generously shared their talents with us.

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 hard-working young people.

Friday 10th May 2024 is the last day for Y13. 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 2024 leavers' Mass with Fr John Cooke presiding.

12:45 - Study leave begins

Friday 5th July 2024 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), 'The Notre Dame Oscars,' as well as a DJ until around midnight. The cost of the evening is £30 and can be paid on the Bromcom MCAS app. We will be asking the students to let us know any dietary requirements nearer the time. The deadline for payment and dietary requirements is FRIDAY 3rd May.

★ Recent Events/Achievements ★

Gatsby performance featuring:

- Camille Vas
- Ethan Marks
- Eve Illien– Middleton
- Grace Farnsworth
- Susanna Walker
- Poppy Norgate
- Frank Thorpe
- Harriet Jones
- Rose Lehane
- Xander Kok– Roberto
- Ben Davies
- Martha Hunt
- Honor Walker
- Oliver Buckley



Recent Events/Achievements

Sheffield University Herbert Hughes Memorial Prize

Niamh Igoe won 3rd prize in the Sheffield University Herbert Hughes Memorial Prize writing competition.



Form Egg Challenge

Last week during form challenge we had an eggcellent time, seeing how far an egg could roll down the school driveway!

The winning form for Y12 was 12LHW

The winning form for Y13 was 13KD



HAPPY EASTER

Upcoming events and reminders

Sheffield Schools Oxbridge Conference - Thursday 2nd May 2024

Sheffield Girls' and Birkdale School are jointly hosting an introductory conference for students in Year 12 who are considering an application to the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford. The conference is designed to provide information on applications, courses and the collegiate system so that students can make an informed decision about any application. Dr Andrew Bell, Senior Tutor at University College Oxford, will be speaking at the event. Dr Bell is in the unique position of having been both a student and academic at both Oxford and Cambridge and is, therefore, able to speak with confidence and experience about both institutions.

Afternoon Conference- Thursday 2nd May 2024

Year 12 students are invited to attend an afternoon conference from 1.30pm to 3.00pm at Sheffield Girls', Rutland Park, S10 2PE. Notre Dame Students will meet Mr Dransfield at 12:45 in the Sixth Form Office. They will then make their way to the venue. Please note that students will be required to make their own way home after the conference. If you wish your child to attend the afternoon conference on Thursday 2nd May, please complete the following form by Friday 26th April. <https://forms.gle/4rv4fkUdPV97aHUm8>

Evening Presentation- Thursday 2nd May 2024

In addition, there will be an opportunity for parents/carers to attend an evening presentation by Dr Bell. This will provide you with information on the application process and how you can support your child, as well as provide an opportunity to ask any questions. The evening presentation will take place in Heeley Hall from 7.00pm - 8.30pm at Birkdale School, Oakholme Road, Sheffield. To book seats for the evening event please click on the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/54506>

Oxford Trip- 13th May

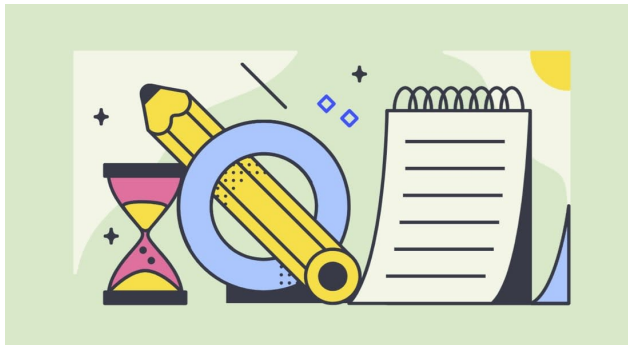
On Monday 13th May we will be taking a group of students to Magdalen College, Oxford. Students have emailed Mr Dransfield to register their interest and will be informed of their place shortly after Easter.

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Y12 Assessment Week May 2024 Timetable

All exams take place in the Sports Hall unless stated otherwise

MORNING START TIME: 9:00am	Paper Length	DATE	AFTERNOON START TIME: 1:00pm	Paper Length
Geography English Literature	1 hr 15 mins 2 hr 30 mins	Wednesday 1st May	History	2h (1h European, 1h British)
Psychology	1 hr 45 mins	Thursday 2nd May	Sociology Maths French (ICT room)	2 hrs 2 hrs 1 hr 45 mins
Physics Business Spanish	1 hr 30 mins 1 hr 30 mins 1 hr 45 mins (ICT room)	Friday 3rd May	Biology Computer Science	2 hours 2 hr 30 mins
English Language PE	1 hr 50 mins 2 hours	Tuesday 7th May	Chemistry DT	1 hr 30 mins 2 hr 0 mins
Government & Politics	2 hours	Wednesday 8th May	Economics Philosophy, Religion & Ethics - Christianity	1 hr 30 mins 2 hr



Y12 University Timeline

Date	Activity
7 June 2024	UCAS Fair at the Sheffield Arena
18 June 2024	UCAT (for Dentistry and Medicine applicants) registration opens – book your date to take the test (closing date 19th September)
June-July 2024	Students begin researching university options via UCAS, Unifrog and by attending Open days. The calendar of open days can be found at: Opendays.com - university and college open days - home page
8/9 July 2024	Enrichment days – Students will sign up to UCAS, have a visit to Sheffield Hallam University and complete sessions around personal statements, Gap Years and Degree Apprenticeships
July-August 2024	Students work on personal statements.
September-October 2024	University entrance tests– register with exams office in school.
September-November 2024	UCAS application form completed and personal statements finalised.
15 October 2024	UCAS Application DEADLINE for Oxbridge, Dentistry, Medicine and Veterinary applications.
Date TBC November 2024	Early Entry Admissions Test Date (taken at school)
30 November 2024	SCHOOL deadline for all UCAS applications
29 January 2025	UCAS EXTERNAL Deadline for All Applications
March–May 2025	Student Finance applications to be completed
May/June 2025	Deadline for students to accept firm and insurance choices





Post 18 progression



At the University of Sheffield, From March-June, there will be a number of free opportunities for your students to experience what it is like to study different subjects at the University of Sheffield.

Below are some opportunities for students to access taster sessions, which will give a good insight into their chosen subject or area of interest at university. Please ensure that interested students fill out the booking forms individually using the links below.

Subject	Title	Date	Time	Location
East Asian Studies	Visual Aesthetics in East Asia: The Rise of Cuteness	Tuesday 7 May	3.50pm - 5.15pm	Online
Spanish and Latin American Studies	How did we get to understand Brazil as the land of carnival?	Thursday 9 May	3.50pm - 5.15pm	Online
Russian	On the historical (dis)unity of the Russian and Ukrainian peoples	Tuesday 21 May	3.50pm - 5.15pm	Online
Geography	Electoral Geographies and Digital Technologies	Wednesday 17 April	4pm - 5.15pm	Online
Geography	Applying what we learn from Geography in dealing with natural disasters: Lessons learned from landslides in Nepal	Thursday 18 April	4pm - 5.15pm	Online
Politics, Philosophy and Economics	Misinformation, trust and online media - is online conspiracism damaging our politics?	Tuesday 23 April	4.30pm-5.50pm	Online
Economics	Environmental Economics: What is the right amount of pollution?	Wednesday 24 April	3.45pm - 5pm	Online
Journalism	Press conference and newswriting workshop	Thursday 25 April	4.30pm - 6pm	Online
Applied Social Sciences	Looking at Reality TV through a social science lens. Why does it matter and what should change?	Thursday 2 May	4.30pm - 5.50pm	Online
Politics and International Relations	The new 'crisis of masculinity' and the future of gender politics in Britain	Wednesday 8 May	4pm - 5.30pm	Online



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University of Sheffield Information and Links

On Campus Open Days

Save the dates! Our 2024 summer open days will be taking place on Saturday 22 June and Saturday 6 July. We'll be running academic talks, student-led tours, support sessions and much more, so students can explore our university and discover everything Sheffield has to offer. Bookings will open in Spring but students can register now for information and updates. [Book your on-campus undergraduate open day | Undergraduate study | The University of Sheffield](#)

Sheffield Live

We're running weekly online sessions offering information and advice to prospective students. Our Sheffield Live events will be held every Wednesday and will cover a range of topics about the application process and university life, from how to write a personal statement to choosing your accommodation. We'll also be hosting live student and alumni panels, discussing everything from societies and sports, to favourite places to eat in Sheffield.

[Sheffield Live online events | Study at Sheffield | The University of Sheffield](#)

Cowrie Foundation Scholarship 2024

The Cowrie Scholarship Foundation and the University of Sheffield offer a scholarship for Black British undergraduate students starting in September 2024. It covers tuition fees and provides up to £8,000 annually for living expenses, subject to satisfactory progress. The Cowrie Scholarship Foundation (CSF) wants to fund 100 Black British students through UK universities in the next decade. More information on the Cowrie Scholarship Foundation can be found online here. The deadline to submit an application is 1.00pm on Thursday 25 April 2024.

[Cowrie Foundation Scholarship 2024 | Undergraduate study | The University of Sheffield](#)

Book a chat with our Access Officer for BAME students

Our Access Officer, Seetal Jutla, can provide information, advice and guidance to students who identify as being from a BAME (Black Asian and Minority Ethnic) background who want to find out more about what it's like to study at Sheffield. Bookings are flexible so students can pick a time to suit them:

[Talk to Sheffield | Undergraduate study | The University of Sheffield](#)

Opportunities from across the University

How do robots perform medical miracles?

When: Wednesday 3 July 2024

Time: 10am-3pm

Where: University of Sheffield, Diamond Building

The Department of Automatic Control and Systems Engineering (ACSE) at the University of Sheffield would like to invite you to join us for 'Women in Control: Robotics and Medical Miracles'. Spend the day with us and attend mini lectures, watch live demonstrations, meet our students and alumni, and visit our labs. This event is for girls in year 10 who want to find out more about careers in robotics.

[How do robots perform medical miracles? | ACSE | The University of Sheffield](#)

Sixth Form Attendance Policy

Notre Dame High School Sixth Form Attendance Intervention Policy

Attendance for all students will be reviewed as below.

Attendance Monitoring Review Points			
Cycle	Date	Y12	Y13
M1	October	13.10.23 to picked up w/c 30.10.23	13.10.23 to picked up w/c 30.10.23
Interim 1	November	21.11.23 to be picked up w/c 27.11.23	21.11.23 to be picked up w/c 27.11.23
M2	December	22.12.23 to be picked up w/c 15.01.24	22.12.23 to be picked up w/c 15.01.24
Interim 2	February	09.02.23 to be picked up w/c 19.02.23	09.02.23 to be picked up w/c 19.02.23
M3	March	21.03.23 to be picked up w/c 25.03.23	21.03.23 to be picked up w/c 25.03.23
Interim 3	May	17.05.23 to be picked up w/c 20.05.23	N/A
M4	July	12.07.23 to be picked up w/c 15.07.23	N/A
Stage	Intervention		
0	<p>Stage 0 is ongoing for all students 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.</p>		
1	<p>Attendance below 90% Student attends an attendance assembly with one of the sixth form team. Parent/carer receives correspondence home informing them that this meeting has taken place and that the student is on Stage 1. Attendance is reviewed at next monitoring review point If attendance improves and is above 90% the student will return to stage 0. If a student remains on stage 1 for two consecutive monitoring review points they will move to stage 2.</p>		
2	<p>Attendance below 80% or continued poor attendance Student is invited to a meeting with a member of the sixth form team where we will discuss attendance and agree targets and support actions to improve attendance. An Attendance Agreement will be put in place and signed by the student and a member of the sixth form team. Attendance is reviewed at next monitoring review point 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.</p>		
3	<p>Attendance below 70% or failure to meet the targets set by the Attendance Agreement. Parent/carer and student will be invited to a meeting with the Head or Assistant Head of Sixth Form. The Attendance Agreement will be re-issued and additional targets will be put in place.</p>		
4	<p>Attendance below 60% or failure to meet the targets set by the Attendance Agreement. Possible request to leave sixth form if the student is persistently absent from school or lessons and refuses to engage with intervention procedures.</p>		

Pastoral Links

- [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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

16-19 Bursary

The student bursary fund aims to help and support students enrolled in the school Sixth Form who face barriers to learning, and to ensure that students can fully participate in and benefit from the 16-19 curriculum. A student with a household income of less than £17005 a year or a student currently entitled to Free School Meals can apply for the Bursary. Any more information needed please click on the below link or contact Miss Vessey- evessey@notredame-high.co.uk.

[16 to 19 Bursary – Notre Dame High School \(notredame-high.co.uk\)](#)

Reporting Attendance

We understand there are times when you will need to miss lessons due to genuine illness, medical appointments, bereavements or university open days. Any absences that are known in advance MUST be discussed with your form tutors and subject teachers, as well as reporting the absence. A conversation is better than an email in this case.

You MUST report unplanned or unexpected absence before 8.00am each day to Miss Vessey by:

- Telephoning school on 0114 2302536 and selecting option 2. Leave a voicemail if necessary stating details of absence, name and form.

Parents (or other named carers) can also report absences on your behalf by:

- Sending a text to 0114 3039996. (This is our preferred method to report absence, please include the name and form of your child)
 - Emailing evessey@notredame-high.co.uk
 - Telephoning on 0114 2302536 (press 4).