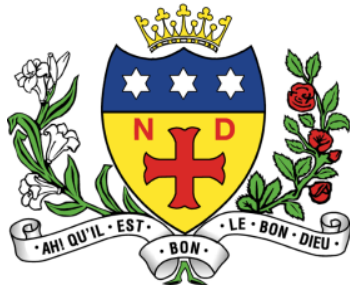


# Autumn Information Evening



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“If you have love for  
one another,  
everyone will know  
that you are my  
disciples”



# Opening prayer

Loving God,

We thank you for the gift of this new school year.

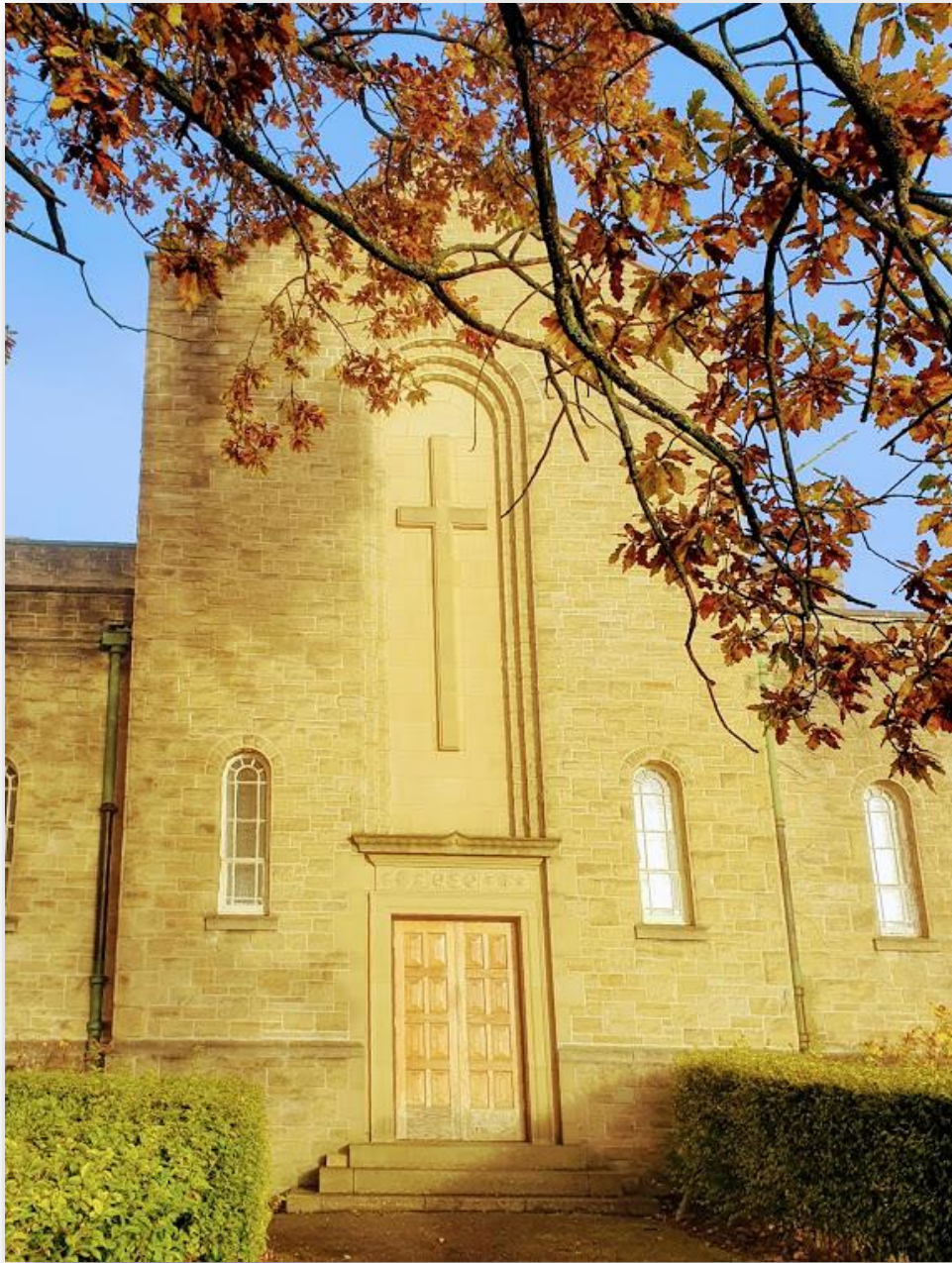
You made each and everyone of us different and special.

We accept one another and welcome all into our Notre Dame  
Community.

Guide our hearts and minds so we can act  
with love, kindness and respect  
to all those we meet.







LET US SAY TOGETHER;  
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PRAY FOR US,  
PROTECT US,  
AND BLESS US.

AMEN.



# THIS EVENING



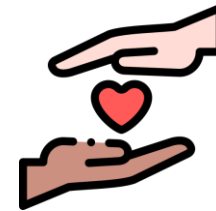
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3. Y9 ASSESSMENT
4. MONITORING
5. ATTENDANCE
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7. KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY







**Ready | Respectful | Safe**





Educate for Life



God is good

Dignity



Create Community



Justice, Peace, and  
Care for all Creation



Diversity



Community Service

**Our Mission:**  
**Sharing the Love and Goodness of God with Everyone.**



# **HALLMARK 7**

**WE DEVELOP  
HOLISTIC LEARNING  
COMMUNITIES  
WHICH EDUCATE  
FOR LIFE.**

# Our Culture



We honour the **dignity** and sacredness of each person.



We embrace the gift of **diversity**



We create **community** among those with whom we work and with those we serve.



We develop holistic learning communities which **educate for life**.



# Diversity | Inclusion | Belonging



*We serve a  
diverse cross  
section of our  
city*



# Diversity | Inclusion | Belonging

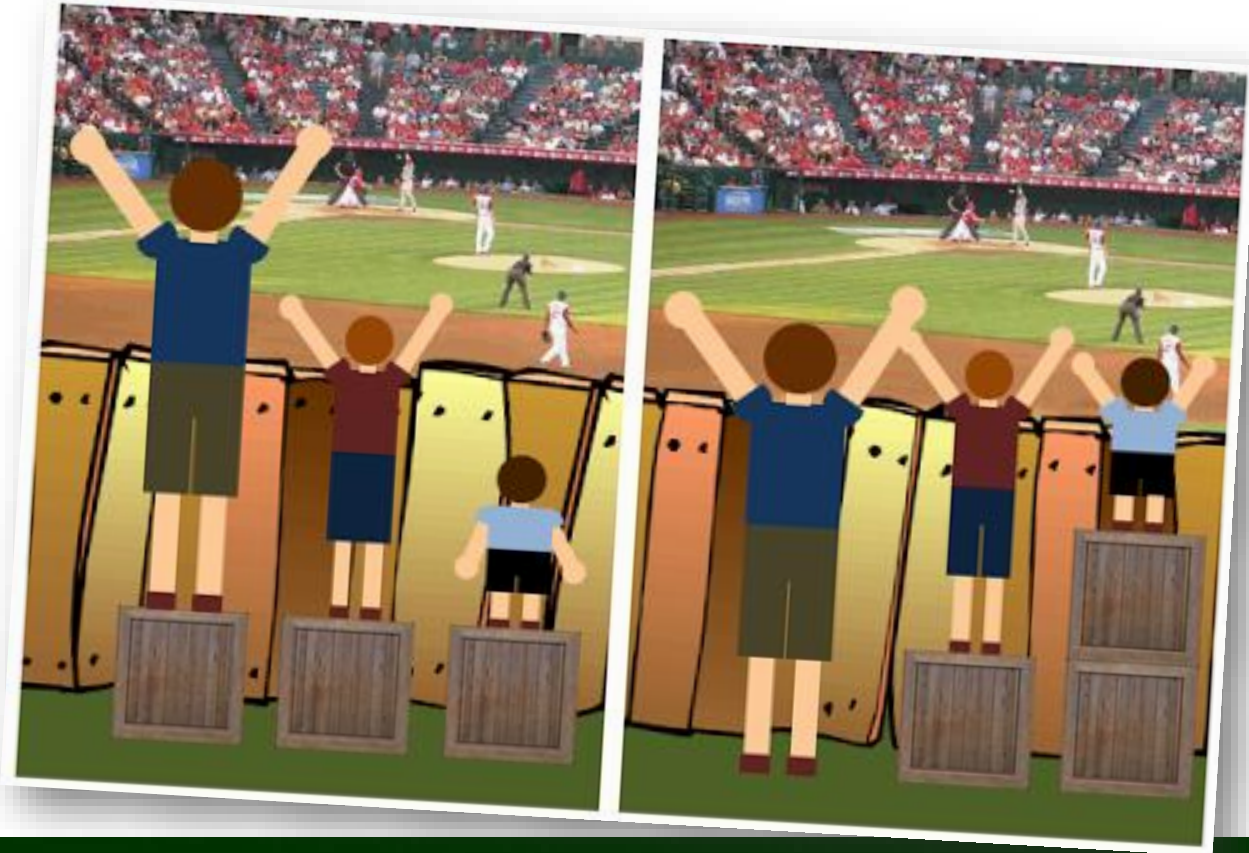
**Equality:** All get the same

**Equity:** Get amount they need

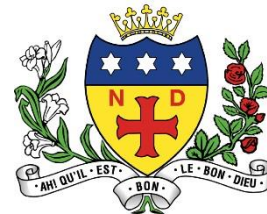


*Equity is our priority*

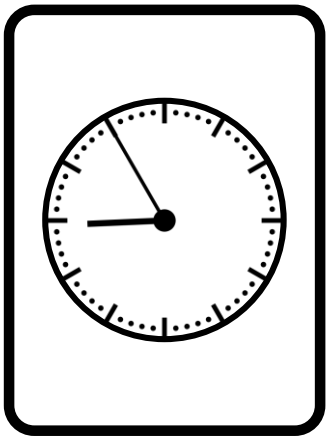
- ✓ Same Expectations
- ✓ Adapted approaches
- ✓ Adapted levels of support







# Y9 CURRICULUM



# Core subjects

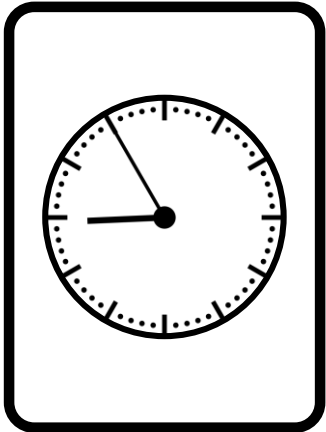
Every student will complete the following GCSE courses. These courses will start in Year 9 (September 2025) and be examined at the end of Year 11 (June 2028):

1. Maths
2. English (Language and Literature)
3. Science (2 GCSE qualifications)
4. RE
5. MFL (French or Spanish)

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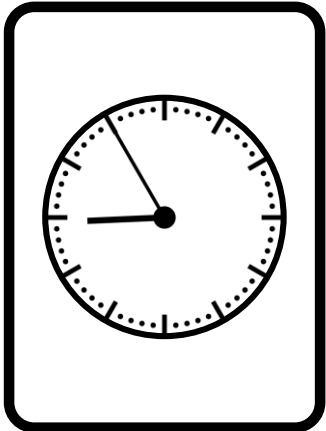
Form Time Curriculum Y9				
English	Maths	Science	French / Spanish	RE
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Mid-Size	Mid-Size	Science	Mid-Size	PE
Long thin 1	Long thin 1	Long Thin 2	Long Thin 2	PE

Form Time Curriculum Y10				
English	Maths	Science	French / Spanish	RE
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English	Maths	Science	Mid-Size	RE
English	Mid-Size	Science	Mid-Size	PE
Long thin 1	Long thin 1	Long Thin 2	Long Thin 2	PE

Form Time Curriculum Y11				
English	Maths	Science	French / Spanish	RE
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English	Maths	Long thin 1	Long thin 1	Long Thin 2

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Long Thin 1	Long Thin 2	Mid-size (Years 9 and 10 only)
Art	Business	Art
Drama	Health and Social Care	Business
Product Design	Computer Science	Dance
Food and Nutrition	Product Design	Geography
Photography	Food and Nutrition	Child Development
Triple Science	Geography	History
	History	Photography
	Music	Physical Education
	Physical Education	iMedia



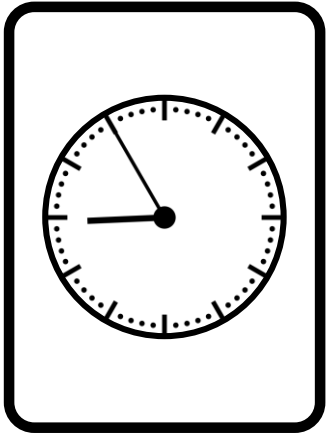
Number of lessons  
each week

	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Long Thin 1	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours Exam in Y11
Long Thin 2	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours Exam in Y11
Mid-size	3 hours	3 hours Exam in Y10	

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Long Thin 1

- Art
- Drama
- Product Design
- Food and Nutrition
- Photography
- Triple Science

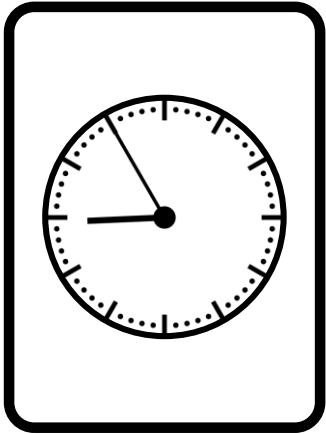


Number of lessons  
each week

	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Long Thin 1	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours Exam in Y11

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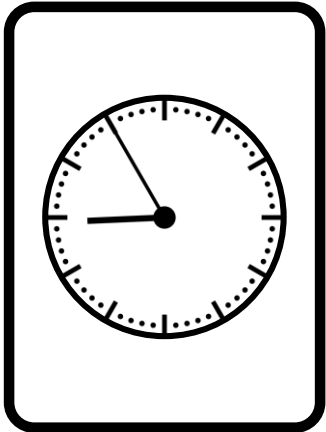
Long Thin 2
Business
Health and Social Care
Computer Science
Product Design
Food and Nutrition
Geography
History
Music
Physical Education

Number of lessons  
each week

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
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Long Thin 2	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours Exam in Y11
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Number of lessons  
each week

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
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Mid-size (Years 9 and 10 only)
Art
Business
Dance
Geography
Child Development
History
Photography
Physical Education
iMedia



Mid-size	3 hours	3 hours Exam in Y10	
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# Y9 ASSESSMENT



# FORMAL ASSESSMENT IN KS3



Students will be formally assessed at least twice a year in each subject

This happens in normal class time rather than during a set assessment week. This allows each departments to assess pupils when it is most relevant and ensures we do not overload our younger students.

Formal assessments are structured around the key strands of knowledge, skills and understanding that are necessary for success within that subject area.

Formal assessments also refer to content from previous units of learning to promote the long-term acquisition of knowledge and to ensure we assess your child's increasing overall knowledge of the subject.

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## FORMAL ASSESSMENT IN KS3



Your child will be given two weeks' notice of a formal assessment. Details about the content of the assessment, how to revise and the assessment date will be posted on Satchel One.

Your child will be given feedback after each formal assessment, which they will act on in lesson time.

If the teacher feels that your child's assessment result indicates that they are not making expected progress and this is not connected to concerns about their attitude to learning or their attendance (which will be reported regularly over the year), they will let you know.

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## MID-SIZE ASSESSMENT



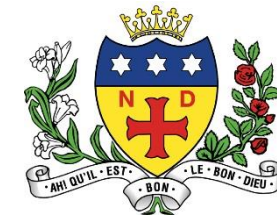
As your child is completing a condensed GCSE that is finished at the end of Year 10, they will sit a formal mock assessment in this subject at the end of Year 9.

This will take place within classrooms and will be typically made up of GCSE exam style questions.

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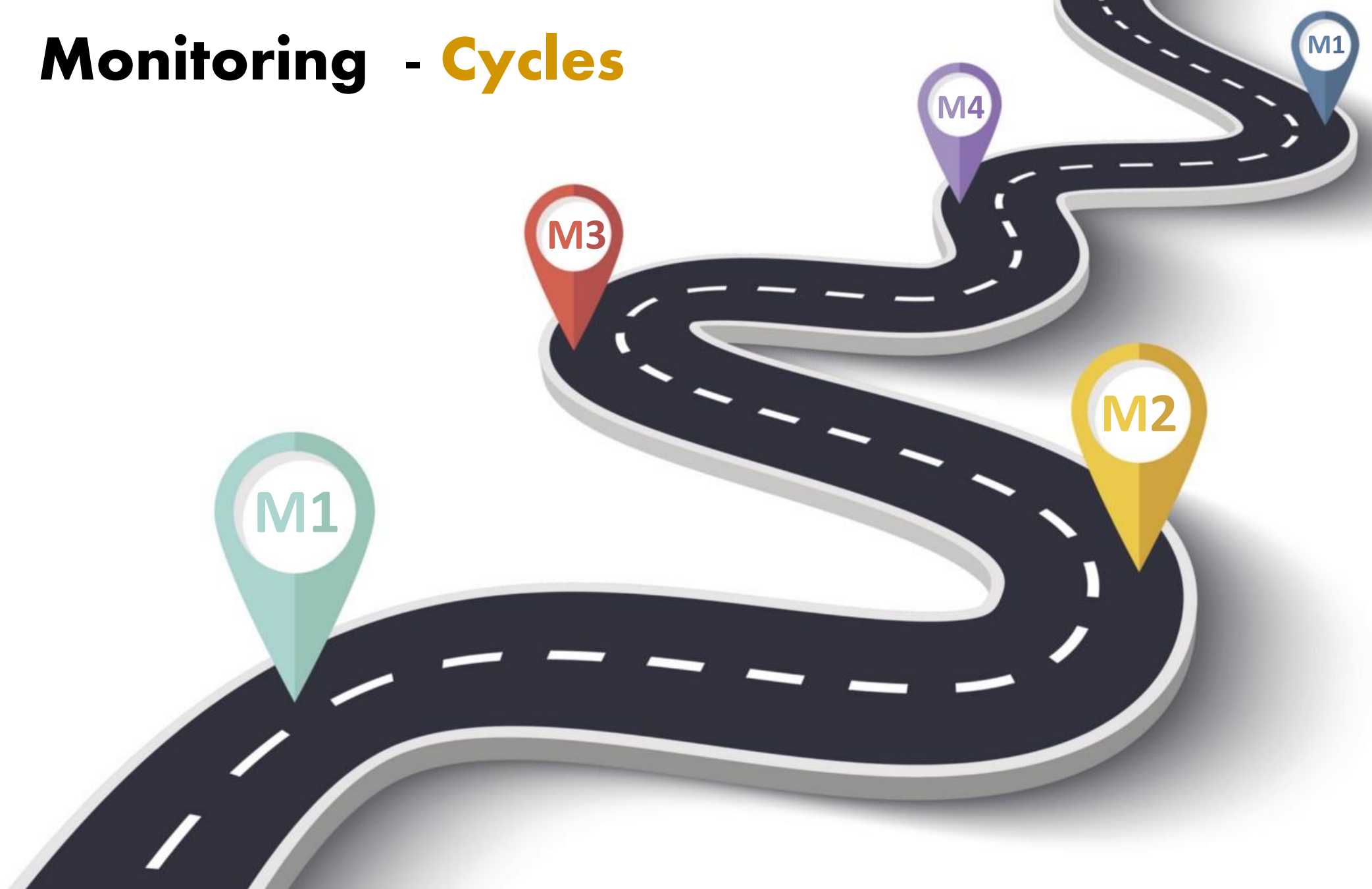
MONITORING



# Monitoring - Cycles



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# Monitoring - When

Each year we will review and report **your Approach to Learning** and **Academic Progress** as part of our monitoring cycles

	Approach to Learning	Progress
Sept	All year groups	
Nov		Y9-13
Mar		Y9-13
July		Y7-10 and Y12





# Monitoring

## Approach to Learning Grade Descriptors

**Outstanding:** you are a role model to others

**Good:** you are meeting our expectations

**Needs to improve:** your approach to learning is inconsistent

**Serious Concern:** rapid and significant improvements need to be made



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# Monitoring

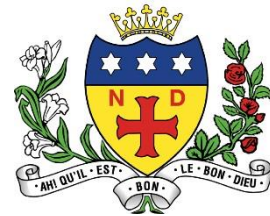
## Progress

- Each teacher will report the grade your child is currently on track to achieve at the end of GCSE.
- This is a professional judgement, based on all the work they have seen to date, including classwork and more formal assessments.
- If your child is working at a level that is below expected, a reason will be given.

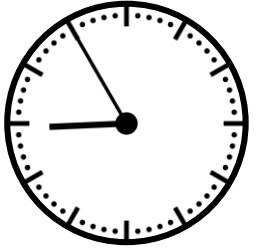
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ATTENDANCE



# In school

## Why does attendance matter?

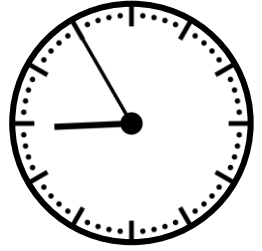
- You fall behind in work and lessons.
- You have lower motivation to be here at all.
- Your enjoyment of learning is less.
- You have less chance of achieving GCSEs.
- You're more likely to show poor behaviour
- You miss out on the social life of school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences.
- It effects your ability to have or keep friendships.



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# Year 10 Mid Size GCSE results



Of the students who sat exams this summer:

On average, students with **95% attendance and above** achieved close to a grade higher than their target **+0.95**

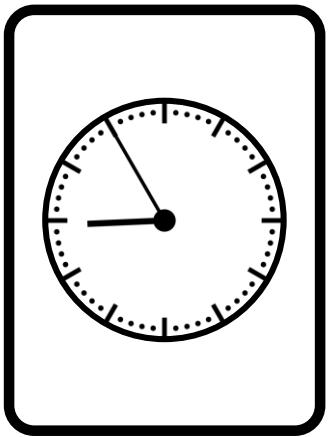
On average, students with attendance between **86-95% attendance** got results that were below their target at **-0.32**

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On average students with attendance **less than 86%** got results that were over a grade lower than their target at **-1.12**





# In school



- **Absences through illness**

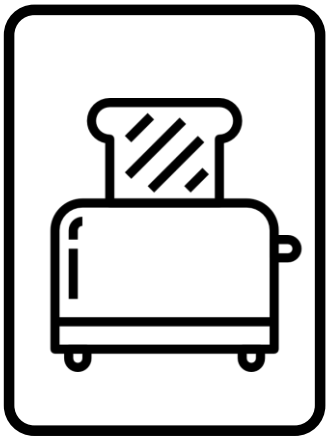
Parents/carers should inform the school of illness (0114 2302536) every day of absence either by the MCAS app, phone or email

[attendance@notredame-high.co.uk](mailto:attendance@notredame-high.co.uk)

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**Failure by parents to ensure regular attendance at school is an offence punishable by law (*Education Act 1996 Section 444*)**



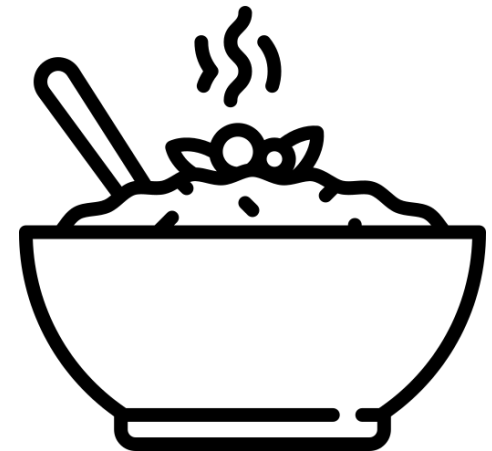
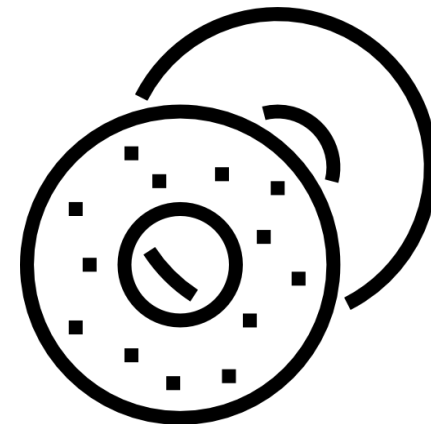
# On Time

**School attendance is really important.** Missing time in school has an impact on your academic progress and friendships

Free breakfast will be served from **8:10AM to 8:45AM** every day

The free breakfast offer options are :

- Toast
- Toast with jam
- Porridge with Honey
- Half a toasted teacake



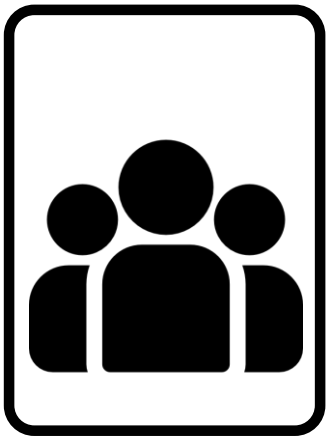
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# SAFEGUARDING + WELL-BEING





# Care and Support

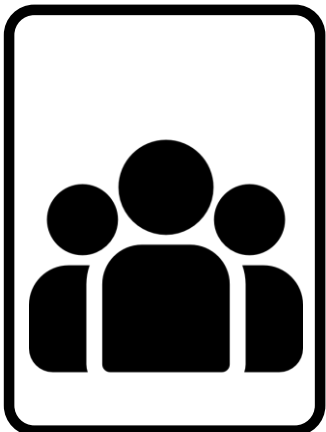
## Key People

- Form Tutor
- Head of Year
- Head of Pastoral Care
- Pastoral Manager
- Mrs Birkinshaw
- Mrs Taylor
- Chaplain
- DSL Team
- External Services



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# Pastoral & Safeguarding Team

**KS3  
Pastoral Manager**



**Mrs Bower**

**Head of KS3  
Pastoral Care**



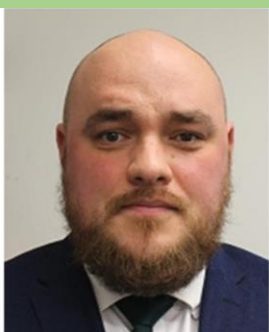
**Mrs Allen**

**KS4  
Pastoral Manager**



**Mrs Townsley**

**Head of KS4  
Pastoral Care**



**Mr Grant**

**YEAR 7  
Head of Year**



**Mrs Wragg**

**YEAR 8  
Head of Year**



**Mrs Brookes**

**YEAR 9  
Head of Year**



**Dr Williams**

**YEAR 10  
Head of Year**



**Mrs Shields**

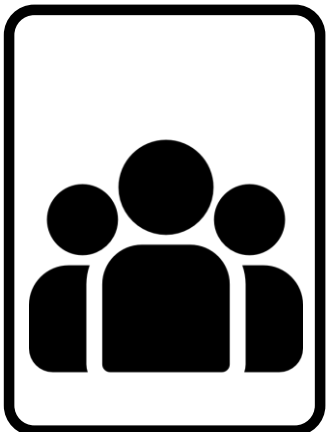
**YEAR 11  
Head of Year**



**Mr Saunders**

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# Pastoral & Safeguarding Team

Headteacher



Mrs Cleary

Director of Inclusion



Mr Marsden

SENCO



Mr Owczarek

SEND Leader



Mrs Rauf

Safeguarding Lead



Mr Scriven

Behaviour  
Intervention Manager



Mr Stubbs

The Lodge Teacher



Miss Smith

Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form | Pastoral Manager



Mr Birch



Mrs Deeney

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# safe@notredame-high.co.uk

If you have any concerns in relation to yourself or anyone else in our community you can email [safe@notredame-high.co.uk](mailto:safe@notredame-high.co.uk)

**This email address is monitored by members of our safeguarding team.**

**If you wish to pass on information, but do not wish to be spoken with directly then you can use this email address.**

**It is everyone's responsibility to keep our community SAFE.**

**Safe**



Help us  
Help you

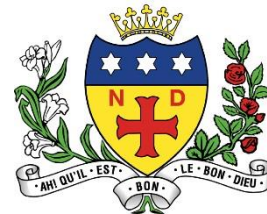


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## Contact Us **Change this slide with your year team info**

If you need to contact school in regards to a concern or query, email is often the best form of communication. Please find below a list of relevant Y9 staff. If your query is subject specific please contact the teacher or **Head of Department** (details in the journal) directly.

Dr M Williams	<a href="mailto:mwilliams@notredame-high.co.uk">mwilliams@notredame-high.co.uk</a>	Head of Year 9
Mrs M Allen	<a href="mailto:mallen@notredame-high.co.uk">mallen@notredame-high.co.uk</a>	KS3 Head of Pastoral Care
Mr Owczarek Mrs C Rauf	<a href="mailto:send@notredame-high.co.uk">send@notredame-high.co.uk</a>	SEND
Mrs K Birkinshaw	<a href="mailto:attendance@notredame-high.co.uk">attendance@notredame-high.co.uk</a>	Attendance Officer
Mr Chambers	<a href="mailto:dchambers@notredame-high.co.uk">dchambers@notredame-high.co.uk</a>	9DCH Form tutor
Mr Morley	<a href="mailto:dmorley@notredame-high.co.uk">dmorley@notredame-high.co.uk</a>	9DMO Form tutor
Mrs Cramphorn	<a href="mailto:icramphorn@notredame-high.co.uk">icramphorn@notredame-high.co.uk</a>	9IC Form tutor
Mrs Marchant	<a href="mailto:bmarchant@notredame-high.co.uk">bmarchant@notredame-high.co.uk</a>	9MOS Form tutor
Mrs Drage	<a href="mailto:sdrage@notredame-high.co.uk">sdrage@notredame-high.co.uk</a>	9SD Form tutor
Miss Russell	<a href="mailto:rrussell@notredame-high.co.uk">rrussell@notredame-high.co.uk</a>	9RR Form tutor
Mr Egurrola	<a href="mailto:wegurrola@notredame-high.co.uk">wegurrola@notredame-high.co.uk</a>	9WE Form tutor
Miss Isaac	<a href="mailto:zisaac@notredame-high.co.uk">zisaac@notredame-high.co.uk</a>	9ZI Form tutor



# KEY DATES



# Y9 Key Dates

23/09/25	Y9 & Y10 Parents Information Evening
14/11/25	Inset day 3
01/12/25	Flu vaccinations Y7-11
16/12/25	Advent Carol Service
28/01/26	School Production – Chicago
- 31/01/26	
23/02/26	Inset day 4
18/03/26	SEND Information Evening
18/06/26	Y9 Parents Evening
25/06/26	Summer Festival
10/07/26	Sports Day





Thank you for your ongoing support.

It is appreciated by all the staff at Notre Dame.