



Notre Dame

CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

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October 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that everyone is settling in well at Notre Dame and enjoying their first half term.

I am writing to advise you of some important dates and events taking place at Notre Dame and I would also like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. I joined Notre Dame as the College's new Principal in April after working for many years as a Vice Principal at another outstanding Catholic Sixth Form College. I am committed to continuing the outstanding provision at Notre Dame, building on the excellent work that takes place here in order to provide the best learning experience and support for every student. As a Catholic College, I believe that we offer something very special for our students and staff, this is at the heart of everything we do.

Future dates and events will be communicated to parents and carers by means of email, Facebook, Twitter, text messaging and via the College website (www.notredamecoll.ac.uk). Please make sure you regularly 'check in' so that you do not miss reminders of key dates and events. I would also kindly request that you inform us immediately of any changes to your email address or mobile phone number.

The College will be closed for the half term break from the week beginning **Monday 29 October 2018** and will re-open on **Monday 5 November 2018**.

We will be holding our **Parents' Consultation meetings** for students in **Lower Sixth** on Wednesday 7 November 2018. The Parents' Consultation meetings for students in **Upper Sixth** will take place on Wednesday 13 February 2019. Details will be published on the College website nearer the time. Each student has to book an appointment with each subject teacher for specific times and this information should be passed on to you. These are very important meetings where subject by subject progress can be discussed, including how to maximise pastoral and curriculum support. Senior staff, Learning Support staff and a Careers Adviser will also be present if you wish to speak to them.

Other key events:

The Drama Enrichment production of "**Neverland - The Story of Wendy and Peter Pan**" will run from Tuesday 18 December 2018 to Thursday 20 December 2018, starting at 7.30 pm. (Tickets available from the Theatre Box Office and members of the cast - £8.00 adults / £5.00 students).

Important dates to celebrate our ethos will be announced throughout the year.

Unfortunately, there is very little on-site parking available for any College events (e.g. Parents' Consultation meetings, etc.). Parking is available on the streets near College (not St Mark's Avenue), at Woodhouse Lane Arena Car Park, and Woodhouse Moor, approximately ¼ mile from College. If you are a disabled blue badge holder, please let us know in advance so that we can arrange on-site parking for you.

For your information, the full dates of College opening times for this academic year, together with the dates of some important future events are overleaf.

Yours faithfully,

Justine Barlow
PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS 2018-2019

Autumn Term:

- Monday 5 November 2018 to Monday 12 November 2018 - **November Exams** (Re-sits for GCSE Maths and English)
- Wednesday 7 November 2018 - **Parents' Consultation Meetings** for students in **Lower Sixth**
- w/c Monday 3 December 2018 - **Advent**
- w/c Monday 3 December 2018 - **Work Experience for Employment Tutor Groups** (Upper Sixth)
- Saturday 8 December 2018 - **Notre Dame Feast Day** (celebrated from Monday 3 December 2018)
- Tuesday 18 December 2018 to Thursday 20 December 2018 - "**Neverland - The Story of Wendy and Peter Pan**" **Drama Enrichment Production**
- Wednesday 13 February 2019 - **Parents' Consultation Meetings** for students in **Upper Sixth**

Spring Term:

- Thursday 7 February 2019 - **Careers Fair**
- w/c Monday 11 March 2019 - **Work Experience for Level 2 Students** (compulsory all Level 2)
- Thursday 28 March 2019 - **HE Day** (compulsory all Lower Sixth)

Summer Term:

- Thursday 4 April 2019 – **L6 / U6 Parents' Consultation Meetings**
- Thursday 25 April 2019 - **Higher Education Information Evening** for parents of Lower Sixth
- Monday 13 May 2019 - **written examinations** begin (ending on Friday 28 June 2019)
PLEASE AVOID TAKING HOLIDAYS DURING THIS PERIOD AS EXAMS CANNOT BE MOVED
- Wednesday 22 May 2018 - **Product Design Exhibition**
- Monday 1 July 2019 to Friday 5 July 2019 - **Enrichment Week**
- Thursday 15 August 2019 - **examination results** (A level, Level 3)
- Thursday 22 August 2019 - **examination results** (GCSE, Level 2)

TERM DATES 2018-2019

Autumn Term:

- Tuesday 4 September 2018 to Friday 26 October 2018
Monday 29 October 2018 to Friday 2 November 2018 - Closed for half term
- Monday 5 November 2018 to Friday 21 December 2018
Monday 24 December 2018 to Friday 4 January 2019 - Closed for Christmas

Spring Term:

- Monday 7 January 2019 to Thursday 14 February 2019
Friday 15 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019 - Closed for half term
- Monday 25 February 2019 to Friday 5 April 2019
Monday 8 April 2019 to Monday 22 April 2019 - Closed for Easter Holiday

Summer Term:

- Tuesday 23 April 2019 to Friday 24 May 2019
Monday 6 May 2019 - Closed for May Bank Holiday
Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019 - Closed for half term
- Monday 3 June 2019 to Friday 12 July 2019