

### Start of term

Having come to Notre Dame from another school, I was worried at first about settling in. During the first week, it didn't take me long to meet new people and feel part of the school. The activities arranged on the first few days were really good fun and it was a great way for everyone to get to know each other. After being put into form groups, we made a mascot and a poster together, then played games outside against other forms. I definitely remember the wheel barrow race, it was great fun! The next day everyone went bowling which was another good opportunity to make friends. And beating the boys in my form was pretty good too, I haven't let that drop yet :) After settling down, each form was asked to choose a charity to support and raise money for throughout the year. This involved preparing and presenting an assembly for the rest of the year group and coming up with events to raise money. We were also asked to choose an enrichment activity to take part in each week. There were some really interesting options, from learning Italian to being taught first aid, and it was a good chance to do something in different in school.

### Autumn/Winter

In October, we had a charity football match in which a group of boys played against local team Millhouses B. It was a very entertaining day, especially as people were wearing fancy dress too! In November, we had the opportunity to test our business skills with a day organised by teachers, called 'The Company'. In small groups we were given a task to do, which involved making a presentation and a display. It was quite stressful at times but enjoyable! Live Simply week took place in December, in which school promoted living a more simple life. Throughout the week there were activities and stalls, and the opportunity to make a video pledge. The run up to Christmas was very busy with activities, and preparing for January exams :( Yet more fancy dress though, this time of course Christmas themed. In the last week of term, Millhouses B returned, this time to try to beat the girls at netball in a charity match, and they were unfortunately successful! The karaoke was also very amusing, and a really good way to finish for the Christmas holidays. As was the Christmas party at The Boardwalk, a very fun night!

### Spring/Summer

On Red Nose Day, the Head Boy Girl team recorded a rap to raise money for charity, which was amusing to say the least! Along with other events from the day, over £200 was raised. For three days in July, we had alternative curriculum days, where we had a choice of activities to take part in. Options included sailing, climbing and dancing, and everyone had a really good time. During the last week of term, the teachers arranged the traditional 'Superhero Challenge'. Over two days the forms put together teams to play each other at different sports including football, netball and tennis, with the aim of winning points. Everyone had a good time and it got quite competitive towards the end! To finish off, the Sister Concepta's Dash took place, in which a representative from each form ran on a track laid out around school. All in all, it was a very busy year, but lots of fun!