



Parent Briefing – w/c: 21/11/2016

News from The Catholic Church in Jersey

THE SYCAMORE PROGRAMME - A COMMUNITY EFFORT

Our Sycamore programme is being launched this January. This programme is for all those who want to deepen their faith as well as for those who are new to the Catholic Faith.

You are all invited to come along and why not invite someone you know to come - perhaps someone of no faith? Fr Benjamin and his team will be there to welcome and host the evenings. This programme will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 7pm to 9.15pm

17 January - The search for Happiness

24 January - Does God Exist?

31 January - Who is Jesus Christ?

7 February - The Holy Spirit in our Lives

14 February - Why do we need the Church?

28 February - Can we Trust the Bible and the Christian Tradition

7 March - The Gift of Faith

14 March - The Power of Prayer

21 March - The Meaning of Love

28 March - How do I discover the purpose of my life?

All sessions will be held at St Mary & St Peter's Church except for the session on 14 February which will be held at St Thomas' Church. Whilst it would be ideal to come to all the sessions they are designed 'to stand alone'.

For further information about this new programme please contact Fr Benjamin e:mail:

btheobald@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or the College Chaplain, Deacon David, at d.cahill@dls-jersey.co.uk

Chaplaincy News

Please join us in the week ahead when the focus of our prayer will be **Advent** in the lead up to The First Sunday of Advent on November 27th. We shall be using the following prayer;

Heavenly Father, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the forthcoming weeks of Advent, as we wait and prepare for his coming. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Further resources on Advent are available at

www.catholic.org/advent/

<http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Advent.htm>



Parent Briefing – w/c: 14/11/2016

Whole School Notices

Pupil Absence:

In the event of your child being unwell please contact the college via email, absence@dls-jersey.co.uk or telephone on 754103. Please do this each day until your son returns to school. We will not assume that if he was ill on Monday that is the reason he is absent on Tuesday unless you have previously informed us.

In the event your son becomes unwell at school and needs to go home, he should find the nearest teacher to inform them he has to go to sick bay. He should then go directly to sick bay and inform the admin team that he is unwell. The admin team will assist him and contact you, when necessary, to collect your son. Students should not contact parents in advance of going to the sick bay.

Holiday Requests:

Absences for term time holidays and absences not due to illness must be approved by the head teacher. To facilitate this please put any requests in writing via the email address above or as a letter handed in to reception. Requests should be made prior to making any bookings. If a pupils parents are separated, we would appreciate that we receive a request from both parents to facilitate a more speedy response.

John Sankey Memorial Mass

The memorial mass for Mr John Sankey is taking place today, **Friday 18th November**. People who wish to pay their respects are invited to attend the mass at St Thomas' Church at 7.30pm

Celebrating Achievements

It is important to us that we are able to celebrate your son's achievements with him and so we would be very grateful if you could please keep us informed of anything your son has done/achieved outside school. Please email any details and/or photos to l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk

Santa Fun run

In support of Variety and The Women's Refuge. Takes place on **4th December**. A poster and entry form have been attached for your ease.

Primary School Notices

- **De Putron Challenge**

Congratulations to team 'The Lasallians', who represented De La Salle in the Year 6 De Putron Challenge yesterday, **and won!!** They will now go on to compete in the inter-island final against Castel Primary school, Guernsey.

- **APPROPRIATE CLOTHING**

Now that the weather is deteriorating, please could you make sure that your son is sent to school with appropriate clothing. We aim to give the boys outside breaks whenever possible, and will take them outside if it is cold or drizzly. There are also times when they may need to move between buildings even when it is raining hard. It is therefore vital that they have some sort of raincoat. Raincoats should be dark blue or black (with reflective strips, if appropriate) and be named. Boys may also wear school woolly hats (available from the Uniform Shop or Primary Office). Games lessons also will happen in drizzly weather, so it is important that boys bring a change of uniform and a towel on Games days.

- **Decorations Morning**

Thursday 1 December. You are invited to come in to school to help your son and his class make Christmas decorations. We will contact you nearer the time with further details.

- **BRAZILIAN SOCCER SCHOOL at De La Salle**

Brazilian Soccer Schools run two sessions for pupils at De La Salle Primary. If you are interested in your son (Years 1, 2, 3, 4) taking part in Brazilian Soccer Schools please see the information below:

Learn to play the "Brazilian Way" with Brazilian Soccer Schools

Our philosophy : Put simply it is for players to become technically competent with the ball. Whatever your position BSS will give you the core skills, balance and flair to become a better player!

You can join anytime of the term - Book your FREE taster session by emailing jerseyoffice@braziliansoccerschools.co.uk

Sessions are held in De La Salle College Indoor 3G or Gym depending on availability

Year 1 & 2: Mondays 3:15pm-4:45pm

Year 3 & 4: Fridays 3:15pm-5pm

- **Wish Jars**—remember to bring your filled wish jar in by the 9th December!
- **Junior Carol Concert**—Monday 12 December at St Mary's and St Peter's Church at 7pm.

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- **Infant Nativity** — Tuesday 13 December in the Sports Hall at 2.30pm
- **PTA Christmas Fayre**—Wednesday 14 December in the Sports Hall. Open to parents from 2.45 to 4.00pm
- **CANTEEN HOT LUNCHES** - Hot lunches at the canteen are available for Primary boys in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The canteen is run by Capsicum Catering and meals are paid for in advance through the Capsicum website. Please see the attached letter for details about the canteen and information about how to book and pay for hot lunches.
- **PTA Christmas Movie night** - The PTA will be running a movie night for all boys (apart from Pre-Reception) on **Thursday 8th December between 5.30 – 7.30pm**. This is a “late night shopping” evening in town, so hopefully this will allow you to enjoy a little extra shopping without your boys! Further details to follow from the PTA.
- **School Closes** - Thursday 15 December: at 12pm
- **School reopens**—Thursday 5 January 2017

Secondary School Notices

Mathematics—A message from Mr Silvester, Head of Mathematics

I should like to congratulate our students on some excellent results in the recent Autumn assessment window.

Please be reminded that students are encouraged to correct their test papers and we are pleased that so many have already opted to do so. The Maths department welcomes any further students who would like to take advantage of the opportunity to sit their papers again.

The assessment window allows us to celebrate the progress our boys are making, and to highlight areas that we can target for improvement. Please encourage your son to attend Maths club, available on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 08:00 to 08:30, and on Tuesday and Thursday after school from 15:30 to 16:15.

Year 7

Year 7 Parents Evening

Tuesday 22nd November – Peary / Rhodes Parent Evening

Wednesday 23rd November – Scott / Stanley Parent Evening

Year 8

- **Jeanne Jugan Residence Christmas Party and Concert— 13th December.** please find a letter regarding this event attached. A copy of this letter will also be sent home.
We are looking for volunteers who can perform for the residents e.g. Singers, jugglers, comedians etc...
Could anyone who is interested please speak to Miss Quinn or Mr Pallot as soon as possible.
- **Year 8 Football Tour—** This unfortunately may not go ahead due to inclement weather forecast. Condor will confirm on Sunday whether or not the boats will be cancelled and parents will be updated as soon as we know their decision.

Year 9

- **Annual prize giving event** - Please be reminded that the prize giving event for end of KS3 Summer results, Year 10 Summer results and our top GCSE attainers from the Summer of 2016 is now scheduled for **Thursday 15 December** from **09:30 to 10:30**.

Parents of students who have received prizes are warmly invited to attend, and please contact l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk with details of how many seats you would like to reserve should you be able to join us. We would appreciate replies by **Friday 25 November**.

- **Geography revision club** - Tuesday and Thursday 3:30pm -4:00pm
Tuesday—Mr McKenna (Rhodes 6)
Thursday—Mr Roberts (Rhodes 5)

Year 10

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- **Geography revision club** - Tuesday and Thursday 3:30pm -4:00pm
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Thursday—Mr Roberts (Rhodes 5)

Year 11

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Thursday—Mr Roberts (Rhodes 5)
- **Important dates for Year 11 music students**
9th December— Deadline for Unit 2 composition and completed written appraisal.
- **World Challenge**—For those who have opted to attend, the World Challenge parent briefing will take place in the Junior School Hall at 18:00 on Wednesday 23/11/2016, it will last approximately one hour. Please park in the lower car park through the bottom gate, make your way up the hill and up the metal spiral staircase which leads directly into the hall. Please see the attached ‘World Challenge Briefing Map.pdf’ for directions.

Year 12

- **Annual prize giving event** - Please be reminded that the prize giving event for end of KS3 Summer results, Year 10 Summer results and our top GCSE attainers from the Summer of 2016 is now scheduled for **Thursday 15 December** from **09:30 to 10:30**.

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While we had planned to distribute exam certificates as part of our annual prize giving, our rescheduling of the event to the end of the Autumn term has necessitated earlier distribution of the certificates.

GCSE Certificates will therefore be distributed to students via their form tutors next week. As you will appreciate, students must acknowledge receipt of these certificates by signing for them on the form accompanying their certificates. These forms must then be returned by the student to Mrs D McGuigan in the school office.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our Year 12 students who excelled once again and produced an exceptional set of GCSE results.

Year 12 continued

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Year 12 and 13

- **Parents Evening— 1st December 1600-1800.** You will have received a letter with login details for our online parent evening booking system.

The booking system opened on **Thursday 17th November** and closes on **Thursday 24th November at 19:00**. Times are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please be advised that every individual parent receives separate login details. This allows either parent to make the booking using his or her personal login, but it does not imply that each family needs to book more than once! Full details are contained within the letter.

If you have any concerns or queries, or if your son's letter has failed to reach you, please contact the school at college.admin@dls-jersey.co.uk and mark your email for Mr Silvester's attention.

- **Geography revision club** - Tuesday and Thursday 3:30pm -4:00pm
Tuesday—Mr McKenna (Rhodes 6)
Thursday—Mr Roberts (Rhodes 5)
- **Study options reminder**— for students who are considering university in Australia or New Zealand. Sarah from Study Options and Hayley Nicholson (University of Otago) will be with us next week on **Tuesday 22nd November from 10.30-11.00**. Sarah and Hayley will also be giving a talk at Hautlieu School aimed at parents (although students are welcome too) from **6pm** (the talk will last around an hour).

Sport Fixtures

Monday 21st November

Year 7 & 8 Rugby Skills – Games Hall – 15:30-16:30

Year 9 Football – Games Hall – Lunch time

All Years – Badminton Club – Sports Hall – 15:45 – 16:45

Years 12 & 13 – Fitness Club – Fitness Suite – 15:45 – 16:45

Year 8 Football Tour to Guernsey

Tuesday 22nd November

Year 10 Football – Games Hall – Lunch time

Years 12 & 13 – Fitness Club – Fitness Suite – 15:45 – 16:45

Wednesday 23rd November

Year 11 Football – Games Hall – Lunch time

Years 10 & 11 – Fitness Club – Fitness Suite – 15:45 – 16:45

Thursday 24th November

Year 7 Football – Games Hall – Lunch time

All Years – Trampoline Club – Gym – 15:45 – 16:45

Years 10 & 11 – Fitness Club – Fitness Suite – 15:45 – 16:45

Friday 25th November

Year 8 Football – Games Hall – Lunch time

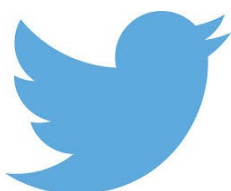
Year 11 Football Match V's Haute Vallee @ FB – 15:20 Kick off – 16:45 Collection or bus return to school

Saturday 26th November

Year 8A Tournament @ Grainville – Meet 8:50 - 09:30 Kick off – 11:00 collection

Please note: fixtures are as per the island fixture calendar but may be subject to mid-week changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

Your son will be kept informed of any changes.



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