



Parent Briefing – w/c: 06/03/2017



Whole school notices

E-Safety Update

Detective Inspector Mark Hafey from the Public Protection Unit has asked us to make parents aware of the following:

Concern Raised by a local primary school:

“I would like to draw your attention to concerns expressed by a mother of one of my students about a new social media app called "Whisper". She told me that her daughter had uploaded it onto her phone and she had 5 contacts, all from older men. Mum admitted that the girl is naïve and had told them her age and where she lived. All the men sent messages asking for pictures of her in a bikini or less.”

So what is Whisper?

Whisper is an anonymous social network that allows people to express themselves. If you have ever had something too intimate to share on traditional social networks, simply share it on Whisper! Connect with others with FREE private messaging and respond to other Whispers with your own anonymous Whispers. Discover Whispers from around the world and browse Whispers on topics that interest you most.

Safety tip: This app is scary since it promotes open sharing of secrets and then people can contact you to meet up. Be careful if your students have this app. The recommended age is 17.

This is an American site but the video is very good at explaining what Whisper is all about
<https://safesmartsocial.com/whisper-app-parents-guide-video/>

This is also another one that is on our radar

ICQ – A New App for free video call, chat and voice.

This is a new app with an age rating as low as 4 where young people can connect with almost anyone. The app boasts its ‘very friendly video chat interface’ and ‘unlimited international chat rooms and channels.’ While this app claims to have a secure network and manageable privacy features it also comes with its risks. You can video call using ‘masks’ where what you’re seeing may not be who you’re talking too, also the fact anyone from anywhere in the world could use this app to connect with your nearest and dearest and not always for the nicest of reasons.

Primary School Notices

Fort for All Day:

The boys were delighted to meet Humfrey, the Fort Regent mascot, on the last day of the half-term. Humfrey was in school publicising the Fort For All Day on Sunday 19 March: <http://www.fortregent.je/fort-regent/concerts-events/fort-for-all-day-2017>

A colouring competition is also being held and Humfrey invited all of the boys to take part, if they wished. The competition details are attached and available via the website. Completed pictures should be sent directly to Fort Regent, not via school.

Primary Dates for the Diary:

- **Monday 6 March 1300 – 1500:** House Football at Bagatelle Field for Year 5 and Year 6.
CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS
Looking to be rescheduled to: Monday 27 March 1pm to 3pm
- **Wednesday 8 March 1300 – 1500:** House Football at Bagatelle Field for Year 3 and Year 4.
CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS
Looking to be rescheduled to: Wednesday 29 March 1pm to 3pm
- The Spring PTA Bingo night will be on **Friday 17th March**
- **Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 March:** Parent consultations with class teachers for all primary (except Pre-Reception and Year 6).
- **Red Nose Day is on Friday 24th March.** As usual the Primary School will be involved in Comic Relief. All boys will be invited to come to school wearing **“Silly Socks”** (with their normal Friday uniform) in return for a minimum £1 donation to Comic Relief. We are also planning a class dance-off and joke telling marathons – details to follow!
- **EARLY NOTICE: Primary Walk will be on Friday 28 April.**

Secondary School Notices

Ms Harte and Mr Grace

Ms Harte and Mr Grace are recovering in hospital in France after their accident. They hope to be transferred to the UK to be nearer their families after the weekend.

Island Walk

As you are no doubt aware, De La Salle holds a sponsored Walk at the end of the Spring Term. The Walk involves a distance of up to 36 miles around the coast and this year will be held on **Thursday 30th March**. Monies raised are used to support local, national and international charities; and to fund activities both on and off the Island.

Although the full distance is 36 miles, not all pupils will be able to complete the Walk. For many pupils, including Year 7, the Walk is very demanding and therefore the challenge is to complete **as much as possible**. Checkpoints after the first 6 miles are spaced at approximately 3 mile intervals and pupils may finish at these points if necessary. A full list of instructions and route map is given to every walker prior to the Walk and explained during a school assembly.

Sponsorship forms have been given out to participants this week. Please check that your son has brought one home and encourage him to politely ask people to sponsor him. If he loses his form please send a note explaining this to his Head of House who will be able to give him a replacement.

Sixth form students who are not walking have a very important role in assisting with the marshalling of the walk. **Please ask your son what his role is on the day and encourage him to arrive promptly at his station.** Students from year 7 to 11 who are not walking may study at home.

If parents are available to assist at checkpoints throughout the day, even if only for a short period of time, then please contact Mr McCarthy on j.mccarthy@dls-jersey.co.uk

Peary House Charities Week

Next week is Peary Charities week, during which our students will be running fundraising activities in aid of Jersey Hospice.

- **Friday 10th of March** will be a non-uniform day.
- We are going to postpone our cake sale until after the Easter Holidays and hold it on **Friday 28th April**
- On the **16th of May** we will also be holding a bag pack at Grande Marche, more details will be released closer to the time. Any support would be gratefully received.

Year 7 and 8

Spring Assessment Week

The Spring assessment week for Years 7 and 8 commences on Monday 6 March (2nd week after half term). The exams will be sat during normal timetabled lessons, in the normal classrooms, unless specified otherwise.

There has been a technical issue regarding access to revision files in the pupils shared area. The following link can be used instead: <http://www.dls-departments.co.uk/revision/>
Please contact Mr McGinty on k.mcginty@dls-jersey.co.uk if you have any issues

- An **Education update leaflet** will have been given to your son today - please also find a digital version attached to this briefing.

Years 9 and 10

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Year 11

Spring Assessment Week

The final Y11 Mocks will take place during the week beginning 6th of March, examinations will take place in the sports hall under strict exam conditions.

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- **Support timetable**
Please find an exam support timetable attached to this briefing
- **Prepare Revision Academy**
Please find a flyer attached to this briefing for an Easter Holiday Revision Academy. The Academy is available to any student studying GCSEs/A Levels in Jersey
- An **Education update leaflet** will have been given to your son today - please also find a digital version attached to this briefing
- **Geography Revision Club** for Year 11 Thursday 3:30-4:00 with Mr Mckenna .

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- **Year 11 Music support sessions after school** with Mr. Pallot

Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm

Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm

Year 11 Music support sessions at lunchtime with Mr. Woods. 1.00 – 1.30pm

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Year 12

- **Consortium students:** Should have informed consortium teachers of any absences during mock week (only due to sitting a mock here). You must attend your consortium lessons as normal, unless they clash with a mock exam here.

- **Mock examination week next week (W/B Monday 6th March):**

BTEC Sport: timetable to run as normal (including supervised studies)

IT and Business BTEC: lessons run as normal

A-level only: Next week runs like Study Leave, i.e. your son can chose to revise at home or in school. If in school, students should revise in normal timetables lessons. If you arrive after period 1 registration, your son must sign-in at the office; likewise, please sign-out at the office if leaving early

Photography, Art and DT: with looming coursework deadlines, students should attend normal scheduled lessons where possible during mock exam week

- **Australian and New Zealand University Open Days in March**

On **Friday March 17** and **Saturday March 18**, Study Options will be holding Australian and New Zealand University Open Days in Birmingham and London. These are free information events aimed at students who would like to find out more about university options in Australia and New Zealand.

Study Options' Open Days are held twice a year, in March and November, and are a great opportunity for students to get more information and talk to representatives from the universities face-to-face. There is lots more information available at www.studyoptionsopendays.com regarding venues, opening times and how to register.

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- **Activity Week:** If your son is completing independent work experience during this week (Monday 26th Jun onwards), parents/guardians must email Year 12 tutors to confirm place for work. Mr Wanrooij is tutor for 12 Scott and Stanley; likewise, Mr Martin is tutor for 12 Rhodes and 12 Peary
- **Prep session for Year 12 work schemes (Institute of Directors, Marketing or Construction):** Students received talks on these work shadowing/experience schemes during the afternoon of Year 12 Induction. There will be an Interview and CV workshop at Hautlieu on **Monday 4th March at 4pm**
- **External examination timetables for summer 2017:** These will be distributed on Monday 13th March

Year 12 and 13

Spring Assessment Week

The final Y12 & Y13 mocks will take place during the week beginning 6th of March, examinations will take place in the sports hall under strict exam conditions.

Copies of mock exam timetables have been distributed to Sixth Form students and spare copies are also available in the Sixth Form Area.

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‘Organics Day’

On **Tuesday 7th March** the Year 12 AS Chemistry students are taking part in an ‘Organics Day’. The students will be with Miss Devine all day synthesising an organic liquid.

The Year 13 A2 Chemistry students will be taking part in their ‘Organics Day’ on **Thursday 9th March**.

Students will not miss any mock exams due to these Organic Days

Year 13

- **Consortium students:** Should have informed consortium teachers of any absences during mock week (only due to sitting a mock here). Students must attend your consortium lessons as normal, unless they clash with a mock exam here.

- **Mock examination week next week:**
 - BTEC Sport:** timetable to run as normal (including supervised studies)
 - A-level only:** Next week runs like Study Leave, i.e. your son can chose to revise at home or in school. If in school, students should revise in normal timetables lessons. If you arrive after period 1 registration, your son must sign-in at the office; likewise, please sign-out at the office if leaving early
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- **Important UCAS dates**

Please looked at the following link for important UCAS dates:
<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/cycle/2017/scheme/undergraduate/type/key-date>

- **Confirmation of Firm/Insurance choices** (for applications that adhered to the January 15th deadlines and for undergraduate courses starting in September 2017):
 - If you receive all your university decisions by 31 March 2017, you must reply to any offers by Thursday 4th May
 - If you receive all your university decisions by 5th May 2017, you must reply to any offers by Thursday 8th June

- **Year 13 Leavers' Service** will be on Monday 3rd July, due to begin at 4.30pm

Clubs and Activities in School

Monday 6th March

Peary Charity Event – Games Hall – Lunch time

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

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

Tuesday 7th March

Peary Charity Event – Games Hall – Lunch time

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

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

Wednesday 8th March

Peary Charity Event – Games Hall – Lunch time

Years 10 & 11 – Fitness Club – Fitness Suite – 15:30 – 16:30

All years – Table Tennis Club – Gym - 15:45 – 16:45

Thursday 9th March

Year 7 Football – Games Hall – Lunch time

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

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

Friday 10th March

Year 8 Football – Games Hall – Lunch time

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

Fixtures

Day/Date	KO	Venue	Age	Home		Away
Tuesday 7 th	16:00	GR	U13	GR	v	DLS
Wednesday 8 th	16:00	LQ	U14	LQ	v	DLS
Saturday 11 th	TBC	ST M	U13	English Select	v	DLS

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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