



# Parent Briefing – w/c: 09/01/2017



## News from The Catholic Church in Jersey

### SYCAMORE PROGRAMME

Thank you to all those who have signed up to take part in this programme. This week you will find fliers in the churches advertising the programme. Please feel free to invite someone to attend with you.

For more information please contact Fr Benjamin: email [btheobald@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:btheobald@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or telephone: 720235.

The programme begins on Tuesday 17 January and will continue on the following dates from 7pm to 9.15pm at St Mary & St Peter's Church ( except for 14 February which will be held at St Thomas' ).

- 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? 2
- 8 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

Whilst it would be useful to attend all sessions, each topic can stand alone so come to whatever you can.

### Chaplaincy News

Please join us in our opening prayer for the new year when the prayer theme will be peace in our world. We shall be using the following prayer;

Heavenly Father, Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth, lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust, lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. May peace fill our hearts, our world, and our universe. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Whole School Notices**

Welcome back to all our students, and welcome to those who have joined our community this term.

We hope you have all enjoyed a Happy and restful Christmas period and that you have returned to College ready and eager to learn!

## **John Walmesley**

College was saddened by the recent bereavement of John Walmesley, a previous bursar here with us.

## **Pupil Absence:**

In the event of your child being unwell please contact the college via email, [absence@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto: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.

## **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 Mrs Lucy Fosse [l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk)

## **Twitter**

We now have a separate Twitter account dedicated to De La Salle College PE. Please follow [@DLSjsyPE](https://twitter.com/DLSjsyPE) to receive all future sports updates.

## Tables & Chairs for sale

All profits go to RNLI (Stanley House Charity)

Solid Hardwood top, 1200 x 600 x 850mm High £35 each

Chairs telescopic 500 ~660mm high £5



Please contact Mr Parslow via School office to arrange collection and payment.

## Primary School Notices

### **UPDATING STUDENT RECORDS**

In assisting us with the maintenance and updating of our students' records, we would ask that you advise us of any recent changes in your contacts details i.e. address/telephone numbers – home, work and or mobile/ email addresses.

Please respond accordingly to this request via email to [s.hirst@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:s.hirst@dls-jersey.co.uk)

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

### **UPDATING END OF DAY PERMISSIONS**

**If the end-of-day arrangements for your son have changed this term (starting Tamariki After-School club, taking the school bus, walking from school) please could you write a note to Mr Coutanche so that the school is aware of the arrangements you have made for your son. The note can be given to your son's class teacher.**

**Thank you.**

## Year 5 and 6

### **Maths pedagogy**

Mr Silvester, Assistant Headteacher at the College and one of our Maths specialist teachers, is hosting a Mathematics evening on Tuesday 17 January from 18:00 to 19:30 in the College Sports Hall.

The talk will be focused on the Maths teaching approach that has led to outstanding student progress and consistently high attainment at GCSE and A level. All parents of students in current Years 5 and 6 are warmly invited to join Mr Silvester and parents of Key Stage 3 students for an informative and entertaining evening explaining how Mathematics is taught by the department, and how De La Salle will continue to support your son to achieve his potential.

The evening is also open to all prospective parents of boys in Years 5 and 6; we would therefore be delighted if you would 'tell a friend' and invite anyone who you feel may be interested in considering De La Salle College as the secondary choice for their son's education. If you would like to attend, please email Lucy at [l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk) with the number of individuals attending. Further information is provided as part of this week's attachments.

## Secondary School Notices

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.

Thanks to the fantastic effort made by pupils and the outstanding generosity and support received last year, the 2016 Walk raised almost £16,000. It would be a magnificent achievement if we could exceed last year's total. This will be more likely if **all students participate** and make a concerted effort during the coming term to gain sponsorship and improve their walking fitness.

As in previous years, it is necessary for your son to have your consent to participate in the Island Walk, or not, as the case may be. **I appreciate your help in encouraging your son to participate in our college community's main fundraising event of the year.** Photographs will be taken of the Walk and put onto the school website. Should you wish your son's photograph not to be put on the site please contact the college.

**Please COMPLETE CAREFULLY and sign the form attached, returning it by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January to your son's house tutor.** A sponsorship form will then be issued in due course which must be returned with any sponsorship raised after the walk.

## Year 7 and 8

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## Year 9

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## Year 10

Nothing to report

## Year 11

- Please be reminded that Year 11 have an exam on the afternoon of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.

### **ICT GCSE Examination for UNIT 1 ~ Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 1:30pm**

The boys must be in school by 1:00 on the day with a black pen.

There are several attachments provided with this briefing to support you and your son in preparing for the external examination worth 20% of the overall GCSE during the festive period.

#### Attachments

A past examination paper ~ Unit\_1\_May\_2016. It would be advisable to arrange for your son to sit this paper under examination conditions (90 minutes), as realistic as possible to the environment he will be facing on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Interactive revision using Quizlet (online and App version). This also contains revision tips and other internet-based resources.

A revision list outlining the topics for Unit 1.

- Geography Revision Club for Year 11 Thursday 3:30-4:00 with Mr Mckenna

## Year 12

- **Human Geography Field Trip**

## Year 13

Nothing to report

## Clubs and Activities in School

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Year 9 Football – 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 10<sup>th</sup> January

Year 10 Football – 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 11<sup>th</sup> January

Year 11 Football – 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 12<sup>th</sup> January

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 13<sup>th</sup> January

Year 8 Football – Games Hall – Lunch time

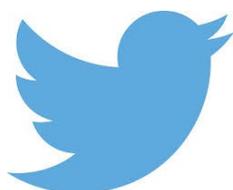
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## Fixtures

Day/Date	KO	Venue	Age	Home		Away
Wednesday 11th	16:00	GR	U14	GR	v	DLS
Thursday 12th	16:00	GR	U16	DLS	v	HV
Thursday 12th	16:00	LR	U12	LR	v	DLS
Saturday 14th	09:00	ST M	U13	St M	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.**



Please remember to follow us on Twitter for regular updates and information:  
**@DeLaSalleJersey**

For College sports updates:  
**@DLSjsyPE**