



## Parent Briefing – w/c: 18/09/2017



### News from The Catholic Church in Jersey

Parents of all boys in Years 9 and 10 are asked to note that the **final opportunity for enrolment on the Sacrament of Confirmation programme** is this weekend, Sunday 17 September at 2pm in St Thomas' Hall. Each candidate needs to attend with at least one parent. The Confirmation programme will commence on 3 October.

The dates for the celebration of the Sacrament are either 16 or 17 June 2018.

Should you require any information please contact the College chaplain Deacon David Cahill: [d.cahill@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:d.cahill@dls-jersey.co.uk)

Youth 2000 has returned after its summer break. Join us Thursday evenings in the youth room (above St Thomas's Hall) from 18.30-20.30. This is aimed at school years 10 upwards. If you want an opportunity to explore, discuss and develop your faith in a friendly environment then please join us in the youth room above St Thomas's Hall. There is an opportunity to order takeaway.

School year 7 and upwards, the youth room will be open on Friday evenings for 'chill out' time with friends. Come along and have fun with other young Catholics from across the island schools. Come along and meet your youth stewards and hear about the planned activities available during the autumn term.

*Youth Pilgrimage opportunity 20-26 August 2018* We are planning a youth pilgrimage to Ireland, joining the youth programme at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. It is hoped that Pope Francis will be celebrating the closing Mass. If any youth are interested please contact Moyra. Parents if you want to know more about this and think your young person would be interested please contact Moyra. There will be an information meeting in the youth room at 7pm on Friday 6 October.

*Calling young musicians* - Are you interested in giving a small performance. We are planning a youth concert towards the end of November. If you have rehearsed a piece for the Jersey Eisteddfod why not think about performing it again for our Catholic parish. If you enjoy playing an instrument or singing for fun please think about taking part. More information to follow. In the meantime you can express interest to Moyra.



YSVP There are lots of opportunities available for youth to get involved in volunteering activities in order to give a service to our wider community. Learn, live love. Come along and find out more. We will be having a talk about YSVP during Friday evening 22 September in the youth room, and looking at how you can get involved.

Non-Catholic friends are very welcome to be involved in any of the above. The Youth co-ordinator, Moyra, can be contacted at [m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je)

# Chaplaincy News

Please join us in our prayer theme for the week, centenary of our school.

The prayer we shall be using is:

**Heavenly Father**, we give thanks for the 100 years of education provided at this school and we pray that people will continue to be inspired by the witness and example of Saint John Baptist de la Salle in order to continue providing education for the young. We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Please use the following link for an excellent resource to help prepare for Sunday Mass on Sunday 17th September 2017 – The Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[http://www.wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish\\_docs/494-A-Ord-24-2017.pdf](http://www.wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/494-A-Ord-24-2017.pdf)

## Whole School Notices

### Clarification of new crossing at the bottom of Wellington Hill

**Vehicles** have the right of way at these crossings and pedestrians and school pupils should cross at this point as they would any other 'uncontrolled' crossing, i.e. stop, look, listen and if there is a safe gap or the traffic stops to give way to them then cross, still looking and listening as they do. They should NOT use the crossing as a zebra crossing.

### School fees

These are now overdue. Unless otherwise advised to the School Bursar, please can you arrange settlement immediately.

If you expect a further delay with payment, please contact Andrew Videgrain on 754115 or email at [a.videgrain@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:a.videgrain@dls-jersey.co.uk)

If you're unable to locate your fees invoice, please contact the bursar on the above details.

### 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.

## Centenary Year

As you will be aware the start of term coincided with the launch of our centenary year.

- On the **22<sup>nd</sup> September** there is a celebration mass at St Thomas' Church at 10.30am. All boys in the secondary school will attend this service and will be dismissed from the church; any members of the public are also welcome to attend. **Any pupils who wish to return to school to be picked up from there will be returned on the school coach. If you require this facility could you please let Mr J. McCarthy know at [j.mccarthy@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:j.mccarthy@dls-jersey.co.uk).**

Any boy who wishes to be an altar server on this special occasion should contact J McCarthy so that arrangements can be made.

Reminder to Primary that school finishes at 1300. No lunches will be needed as a celebratory picnic has been organised and there will be no buses or Tamiriki Club on that day. Further details to follow early next week.

In the evening we will be celebrating with a Centenary ball. There are very limited tickets still available, please contact Leesa Sale at [l.sale@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:l.sale@dls-jersey.co.uk) if you are interested.

**Centenary Raffle** If anyone is willing to donate a raffle prize please also contact Leesa. Please return money, counterfoils or unsold tickets by 15<sup>th</sup> September.

- The following week on the **29<sup>th</sup> September** there will be a special football match between the staff team and Old Boys team. The match is at Springfield stadium and kicks off at 6.15pm. Admission is free but donations will be gratefully received at the event. Any Old Boys who wish to play should contact Paul Livesey at [p.livesey@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:p.livesey@dls-jersey.co.uk) or look for the information on the College website. We are hoping for a large crowd at what should be a fun event.

## Bamenda Ball

Please find details attached and below from Deacon Iain MacFirbhisigh regarding the Bamenda Ball (which the Jersey Catenian Circle are hosting):

'We plan to make this into a special Island Parish Event to celebrate the launch of our Island Bamenda Project, which will be headed up locally by Deacon Christopher Walters. Please do all you can to support and promote the event, invite your friends, help us create awareness and support for this exciting Project and at the same time encourage some *esprit de corps* among the Catholic Parish in Jersey. We need you and, by the way, we need exciting RAFFLE PRIZES!!

... we are to be honoured by the presence of the newly consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Bamenda + Michael Miabesue – he will be accompanied by Fr Bernadine – a Bamendan Priest currently ministering in our Diocese, hopefully by Fr Peter Codd who served in Bamenda for many years with our own much loved and now deceased Fr Francis Isherwood and by Colm and Marroussia Lennon – the Diocesan Bamenda Coordinators.'

# Whole School Notices Continued...

## Jersey Online Directory

Please find attached a Poster asking for Children and Young People's views about the Jersey Online Directory.

One outcome of the Care Inquiry that was published in July was for Education to investigate how children in Jersey access online information and support. The results of this survey will go on to shape further work to be carried out, so it is important to receive as many responses as possible.

If you would like to speak further about this please feel free to contact either Michelle Vaughan or Jo Donocik from the Psychology and Well-being Service.

## Primary Notices

### Medication in School

Teachers cannot administer medication in school. If a pupil is fit to be in school but, in the view of the doctor, requires medication, please endeavour to time the doses out of school hours. No medicines should be brought into school by pupils. Approved inhalers and Epipens are, of course, permitted in school but are subject to the rules of the College applying to medicines. If in doubt, please contact the school.

### PE Days

On PE/Games days It is **VERY** important, that all boys bring in a change of clothes so that if they get wet at the field, they have dry clothes to change into, especially if walking home or getting the bus.

We recognise that bringing in their full uniform with shoes and blazer is very heavy in what can be rather full bags.

The boys **MUST** bring in their White P.E. kit, under clothes and towel. Plus a coat/waterproof to wear over the top.

### End of Day Routine

If any boys "End of Day" routines have changed please can parents let Primary know in writing or email to [primary.secretary@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:primary.secretary@dls-jersey.co.uk)

### PTA Calendar

Please find a PTA calendar of events attached to this briefing

# **Secondary School Notices**

## **Extracurricular sports timetable**

A copy of this timetable has been attached to this briefing.

## **Trip to Spain - Activities week 2018**

Mrs Napton has already started planning next year's Spanish trip. She has taken the decision to visit Toledo instead of Granada next year. Please find a letter attached with full information, including guideline costs and details of how to reserve a place on the trip.

## **De La Salle Ski Trip 2018 – Verbier**

There are a few places remaining on this year's upcoming trip, please download the letter details and application form here: <http://dls-jersey.co.uk/?p=2399>

## **Merit winners Years 7 to 9**

Merit Winners non uniform day and bowling after school Thursday 21st September.

## **Maths Club for Years 7 to 13**

Please be reminded that Maths Club is available from 08:00 to 08:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, and from 15:30 to 16:30 on Tuesday and Thursday after school.

The clubs are available so that students can receive additional support for class work or home tasks that have been set. All students should attend with work (homework tasks or a worksheet provided by their class teacher) as the member of staff on duty in the Maths Club will not be able to provide worksheets. The students who attend these clubs regularly have been proven to make excellent progress with their understanding; all independent study counts as revision towards the examination windows and it is highly recommended that students take advantage of these 4 hours of additional support!

# **Year 7**

## **Revision and Assessment Windows**

During assemblies this week, we have been talking to students about the revision and assessment windows. Our Autumn term assessments provide the first opportunity that Year 7 students have with us to develop and practice their revision skills and exam skills. The assessment weeks take place in the last week of this half term and the first week of the next half term (weeks commencing Monday 16 October and Monday 30 October.)

Our revision window opens on Monday 18 September. The first week of the revision window is designated as a 'Memorisation' phase, and the three remaining weeks as 'Practice' phases. Our attachments this week include 'revision windows guidance' which provides more detail about how to use these weeks productively and in a stress-free manner!

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We also attach a document which summarises how to develop 'good study habits' for parents to have as information. Over the course of your son's time with us, we will continue to support the development of these study habits and skills. The second page of that document provides a framework for you to discuss with your son should you choose to do so; this framework can encourage your son to talk to you about his own revision and study habits and ways that he can improve.

Our advice is to follow the guidance and use the tasks set by departments over the revision phase, and plan to relax and not work during the half-term holiday! The assessments in each of our windows are 'summative' and can test anything that students have learnt to that date (including some of the skills, knowledge and understanding from Key Stage 2.) One of the key changes to the new GCSE and A level specifications is an increased emphasis on the need to respond to unseen contexts. Exam technique tends to have a greater impact on final results than knowledge, hence our emphasis on 1 week 'memorisation' and 3 weeks 'practice'.

Departments also have additional resources that any students who wish to complete further independent study can refer to. Subject teachers will talk to students about what is available and how to access these resources.

### Year 7 meet and greet



### **Year 10**

Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip for Option groups 2 and 5 has been rescheduled to **MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Year 11**

#### Curriculum evening

Wednesday 20th September in the Sports hall from 1800

# **De La Salle PE Department**

## ***Clubs and Activities in School***

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 9 Football – Games Hall – Lunch time

All years Trampoline club - Gym– 15:45 – 16:45

All years Cricket Nets – Sports Hall – 15:45 – 16:45

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

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 10 Football – Games Hall – Lunch

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

All years Badminton club - Gym– 15:45 – 16:45

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 11 Football – Games Hall – Lunch

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

All years Touch Rugby – Sports Hall – 15:45 – 16:45

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Year 7 Football – Games Hall – Lunch

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

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Year 8 Football – Games Hall – Lunch time

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

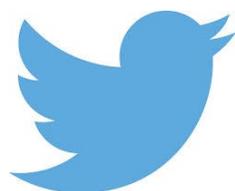
Fixtures Overleaf...

## Fixtures

Day	Date	Year group	level	school		school	time	venue
Monday	18-Sep	8	a	HV		DLS	10:15	Haute Vallee
Tuesday	19-Sep	10		DLS		LR	15:45	FB
Thursday	21-Sep	9	a	DLS		LR	15:45	Le Rocquier
Thursday	21-Sep	9	b	DLS		LR	15:45	Le Rocquier
Thursday	21-Sep	11		DLS		LR	15:45	FB
Saturday	23-Sep	7	a	DLS		VC	09:00	TBC
Saturday	23-Sep	7	b	DLS		VC	10:15	TBC
Saturday	23-Sep	7	c	DLS		VC	10:15	TBC

***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**