



## Parent Briefing – w/c: 19/03/2018



### **News from the Catholic Church in Jersey**

The annual **St Patrick's Day Mass** will be celebrated at St Mary's & St Peter's church on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Mass will commence at 11.00 a.m. and will include the Blessing and Distribution of Shamrock. If any parents wish their son to serve at this Mass, please ensure that they arrive at the altar servers sacristy at St Mary's & St Peter's church by 10:40am on the day.

An **Easter Family Fun** event will take place at St Thomas Church Hall on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. You are invited to come along to make Easter cards, Easter gardens and all kinds of other fun. Soup and hotdogs will be served. There will also be an Easter tombola, fun games and things to buy to bring Easter into your home. Please see the attached poster for full details

### **Youth news**

**To keep updated like us on Facebook - Jersey Association of Catholic Youth** – weekly plans for youth activities are posted on Facebook.

**Follow us on Twitter @JaCy2005**

**Catholic Youth website** Please visit us at [www.jacy.org.je](http://www.jacy.org.je) Lots of information on what is happening in Youth Ministry. View our spring term programme of exciting events coming up. Browse our archives and see the things that are on offer for Catholic Youth in our island parish.

**Friday evenings in the Youth Room** Fridays from 7pm-10pm. School year 7 and up, get to know other young Catholics in Jersey as well as sharing and developing your knowledge of your faith. Join us for themed faith based activities, followed by chill-out time with friends. The focus during Lent is on praying the Stations of the Cross. Tuck shop available. Come along with a willingness to get involved.

**Youth 2000** Thursdays from 6.30-8.30pm. Join us for Taize prayer focusing on Lent. Youth from school year 10 and up are invited to see how Jesus can help *you* to carry *your* cross this Lent.

**Musicians and singers** Are you interested in becoming part of a youth music group? We are interested in hearing from you. Contact Moyra on [m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je) or pop into the youth room on Friday evening to get more information.

**Art** We are looking for some youth with an interest in Art to help us with some art work that we want to prepare - banners etc. Please contact [m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je) for more information.

**Word Meeting of Families Coin Jar Collection** Please can you help support the youth and children representing our Jersey Catholic Parish at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August. We need to fundraise to make this possible. Consider taking a jar from the back of church and filling this with coins. These can be returned to any of the youth team at any of the Masses, dropped into CPS for the attention of Moyra or dropped into the Youth Room, the upper room at St Thomas's Hall on a Friday evening from 7pm. It is amazing how much the coins collected mount up. It will all go towards supporting the young members of our parish to represent us. Lots more fundraising events coming up.

# Chaplaincy News

Please join us in the following prayer next week, when we shall be praying for our Island walk charities; Make a Wish, Monte a l'Abbe and the Catherine Turner Bursary for Overseas Lasallian Students.

**Heavenly Father**, hear our prayer for all those who will benefit from our island walk and those who work with them. Bless their families, surround them with tender love from family, friend, and stranger. Grant them peace in their hearts, a secure home environment, and dignity in their lives. May each day bring a blessing, hope, and greater love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lent is a season in the Church's calendar when we're invited, for forty days, to find time for prayer and fasting. It's an opportunity for spiritual growth as we prepare to commemorate the suffering and death of Jesus Christ and the celebration of his resurrection at Easter. These six weeks mirror the amount of time that Jesus spent in the desert to fast and pray. The following link provides information and resources to accompany you on your Lenten journey <http://catholicnews.org.uk/lent>

You can use the following links to help prepare for Mass on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

[http://wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish\\_docs/520-B-Lent-5-2018.pdf](http://wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/520-B-Lent-5-2018.pdf)

<https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/sunday-bible-reflections/>

## Whole School Notices

### Snow - Yellow Warning

With potential adverse weather forecast for the weekend please listen to the local media for any information relating to school closures on Monday. The Director of Education will make the decision to close the States' Schools. The Director will have his decision broadcast through the local media and De La Salle College will follow that advice and close the school.

### School photo

Reminder: the whole panoramic school photo will be taken on Thursday 22 March. Please ensure that all students present themselves with their normal smart appearance.

**NB: Year 10 to come to school in School uniform but to bring their Games kit to change into after**

### Updating Pupil Information

It is very important that any information held on file for your son is current so please ensure that you inform us of any changes eg to contact details, home address, medical information etc. Please email [k.smyth@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:k.smyth@dls-jersey.co.uk) to make us aware of any changes.

# Whole School Notices Continued...

## End of Term

Please be reminded that school finishes at 12 noon on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## Primary Info Morning

Please be advised that we will be hosting a series of Primary Information Mornings for parents/guardians who might be considering De La Salle College from Reception. A poster has been attached to this briefing with more information but please be advised that the first of these mornings will take place next week on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

NB: Parents/Guardians of boys in our Pre-Reception will be invited to a meeting later this year which will outline the transition into Reception and outline our Primary provision.

## Contacting the School

Should you need to email the College about any matter, please email: [college.admin@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:college.admin@dls-jersey.co.uk) and your email will be forwarded onto the relevant member of staff. Please **do not** email an individual member of staff directly: should they be away from College for any reason your email will not be received until their return. By emailing the main College address, we will be able to forward your message to another member of staff who will be able to assist in their absence.

## Pupil Absence:

Reminder to all parents that any absences through medical/dental appointments must be preauthorised via our attendance officer: [absence@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:absence@dls-jersey.co.uk)

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. If leaving a message please let us know what is wrong with your son, please do not simply state 'sick' or 'unwell'.

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 pupil's parents are separated, we would appreciate that we receive a request from both parents to facilitate a more speedy response.

# Whole School Notices continued...

## Centenary Bingo

Sadly we have had to postpone this event, we will try to reschedule for another time.

## Advance notice

Centenary Memorabilia exhibition (Sports Hall)

Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>- 17.00-19.00- All are welcome

## Centenary Walk

**Last chance to sign up** - I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that we are now looking for willing volunteers to sign up for the **Centenary Walk on Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2018**. We hope to have 100 people and you will have the option of walking as far as you want or walking to the end of the five mile road. We want this to be a historic event and welcome Lasallians of all ages to participate.

Further details will soon be available and I would urge you to sign up via the web site or directly with myself. Please also pass this through to anyone you think might be interested!

Please contact me on [centenary@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:centenary@dls-jersey.co.uk)

## Commemorative Book

Ian Ronayne is now putting the finishing touches to the commemorative history of the College. It is not too late to make a contribution of an anecdote, or special memory, we are also pleased to inform you that a special page has been set up for those who would like to contribute to the costs of the book and acknowledge a family member or special friend connected with De La Salle.

For any further information about upcoming events please contact Leesa Sale at the addresses below.

[centenary@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:centenary@dls-jersey.co.uk)

or Leesa Sale  
Centenary Co Ordinator  
De La Salle College  
Wellington Road  
St Saviour  
Jersey  
JE2 7TH

## Centenary Ties

Owing to demand we have received an extra order of centenary ties in small, medium or adult sizes. These are available to purchase for £10 each. To order yours, please email Mr McCarthy on [j.mccarthy@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:j.mccarthy@dls-jersey.co.uk), please remember to specify which size you would prefer.

## **Founders Day Concert**

May 15 at Arts Centre. Any old boys who would be willing to participate in this special concert would you please contact Kevin Pallot at [k.pallot@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:k.pallot@dls-jersey.co.uk)

## **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)

## **JT Directory Recycling**

Once again, the Primary School will be participating in this year's JT Directory Recycling campaign, from 16th April – 25th May. JT are offering the school a tablet computer for every 150 directories collected. Please bring in your old directories to either Beeches House or the Brother Edward Building.

## **Summer Camp Booking Form - Years 5 to 9**

We are now taking bookings for our Summer Camp. If your son is in Year 5 to 9 and he would like to book a place, please find the booking form attached.

## **E-safety**

For the latest news regarding e-safety please go to the news section on the homepage of our website. This is updated on a daily basis.

# **Primary School Notices**

## **Key Primary School dates**

Please find a list of key Primary School dates attached

## **Junior Chess Championships**

The 2018 junior blitz championships open to all primary school children under 11 years of age at 1 January 2018 will take place on Sunday 18 March 2018.

Please see the attached flier for further information.

## Years 5 and 6

### **De La Salle Secondary: Maths Information Evening**

You are warmly invited to attend an informative and entertaining evening with Mr Silvester focused on teaching and learning at Key Stage 3, and the successful teaching pedagogy that has secured outstanding attainment at GCSE and A Level Mathematics. The evening is open to parents of current Key Stage 3 parents, and parents of all students in Years 5 and 6.

For parents of our boys in Years 5 and 6; we would love you to share this event with other parents that you know who may be interested in considering De La Salle as the secondary choice for their sons. Please do bring a friend (or two!)

Please email Lucy at [l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk) if you would like to attend and let us know how many seats you would like to reserve.

## **Secondary School Notices**

### Island Walk

An assembly will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March with guest speakers from our two headline charities. At the assembly I will emphasise the important information and health and safety considerations for the walk. The importance of being sensible and safe whilst walking on the island's roads will be stressed by the island road safety officer Mr Blake.

I would appreciate it if all parents could familiarise themselves with the attached island walk booklet. Please reiterate to your son the need for sensible behaviour, wearing the high visibility vest provided, following the Highway Code and ensuring litter is placed in the bins at each checkpoint. It is especially important that participants are not listening to music whilst walking on roads and should use the footpaths whenever they are available. If your son is in year 7 or 8 and is likely to be still walking after 17:00 as dusk approaches we would appreciate your help in providing supervision as they continue. If students are unsupervised, moving slowly or do not make checkpoints by certain times they may be stopped from continuing. This is to ensure we do not have student walking on roads as it starts to get dark.

Your son will bring home a copy of this booklet, along with his unique walk number and password for the tracking system on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is important that your son knows his walk number and provides you with the walk tracking information and password.

The morning after the walk is the final day of the Spring term and students should be in school as normal. It is an excellent opportunity in school to share stories of the previous day and compare sore feet and aching limbs. If your son is unable to attend school on this day please ensure you have informed the college by emailing [absence@dls-jersey.co.uk](mailto:absence@dls-jersey.co.uk).

After the walk, any sponsorship monies raised should be returned to the college in the envelope that was provided. The amount raised should be written on the front and signed by a parent or guardian.

Thank you in advance for all your help and support in our major community charity event of the year. I hope the participants are blessed with fine weather and look forward to seeing them throughout the day.

Mr Sharrock

### **\*\*\*Urgent - Island Walk Parent Helpers Needed\*\*\***

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](mailto:j.mccarthy@dls-jersey.co.uk). You will find a list of the checkpoints and timings attached to this briefing.

## Years 7 and 8

### **De La Salle Secondary: Maths Information Evening**

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## Year 9

Dear Parent

As you are aware all students in 9 Astra and 9 Alpha have been entered for two external RS examinations this year. Each exam constitutes fifty percent of their final grade in the RS GCSE Short Course. The dates are as follows:

- Christianity - Monday 14th May
- Judaism – Wednesday 16th May

With these final examinations only weeks away, it is essential that your son invests considerable time over the Easter holiday, and the following weeks, in preparing for them. All students have been issued with hard copies of the RS Revision Workbooks (one for their Christianity exam and one for their Judaism exam), which they must complete by the end of the Easter holiday. These guides essentially require students to plan responses to exam type questions. Once these are complete, students should learn the information and test themselves on it. Once they feel that their knowledge is secure, they can answer some of the questions in the revision workbooks in full. I have attached copies of the revision guides but both of them, together with the resources listed below, can be found on OneNote by following this link: [OneNote link](#). I have also attached a copy of the Revision Schedule and the Holiday Work Overview which give further revision advice.

The link above will take you to the following resources:

Christianity Revision Workbook

Judaism Revision Workbook

All the lesson PowerPoints for the course as well as any hand-outs

Assessment homeworks (A homework) exam part D questions

Knowledge homeworks (K homework) self-marking multiple choice revision questions

A generic mark scheme which can be used to mark the exam type questions

Any other revision materials which may be added over the next few weeks

Your son should be fully aware of how to find and use all the resources and will also have a copy of the text book. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A.Martin

## **Year 10**

Dear Parent

As you are aware all students in Year 10 have been entered for two external RS examinations this year. Each exam constitutes fifty percent of their final grade in the RS GCSE. The dates are as follows:

- Christianity - Monday 14th May
- Judaism – Wednesday 16th May

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Kind regards,

A.Martin

## **GCSE / GCE Examinations – Year 9,10,11,12 and 13**

Your son will have brought home an envelope containing a letter/reply slip, an examination guidance document, a copy of his provisional timetable and his statement of entries for the various exam boards.

Please check that all personal details, spelling of 'legal' name, date of birth, and levels of entry are correct on the printout. (Exam board certificates will be printed according to the name on the timetable so it is important this information is correct). If necessary, please amend the printout and return along with the reply slip.

Please sign the slip and ask your child to return it to the exams officer via their House tutor by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. The examination guidance material has also been included in the parent briefing attachments.



## **Year 11**

### **Parents Evening**

Peary/Rhodes Parents Evening Tuesday 20/03/2018 1600-1800

Scott/Stanley Parents Evening Wednesday 21/03/2018 1600-1800

### **English**

Attached are details of support clinics that the English Department will be offering until May (Year 11)

### **Music**

Support sessions for year 11 Music students will continue this term:

**Every morning 8.00am – 8.30am**

**Monday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. 1.00 -1.30pm**

**Tuesday - 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

**Thursday - 3.30pm – 4.30pm**

### **Prepare Revision Academy**

Taking place at JCG over the Easter Holidays. Open to ALL Jersey students sitting GCSE/A LEVELS this year. Bursaries available. Please find two Jpgs attached with further information.

## Years 11, 12 and 13

Dear Parents

Please may I take this opportunity to make you aware that next week is the Jersey Higher Education Fair. It commences at 5pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March with a number of university course presentations. This will take place at Highlands College and is free to attend.

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 130pm-6pm at the Hotel De France The Higher Education Fair will commence and give you the opportunity to talk to exhibitors on over 60 stands. Exhibitors include:

universities

training providers

gap year specialists

Skills Jersey who can advise about alternative options

Student Finance

On the Thursday the boys have been informed that they are able to attend from 330pm unless they do not have a lesson. I have attached a link below which will direct you to the program of events so you are able to see which and when the talks will take place.

On top of this next week there will be three speakers in school discussing careers, UK university's and American College and University's.

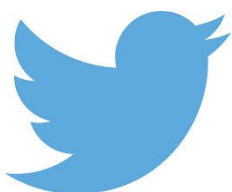
Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

<https://www.gov.je/highereducationfair>

Mr S. Barrett

## PE Department

Please find a full PE department programme attached for the week commencing 19th March



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

**@DeLaSalleJersey**

For College sports updates:

**@DLSjsyPE**