



Parent Briefing – w/c: 26/03/2018



News from the Catholic Church in Jersey

An **Easter Family Fun** event will take place at St Thomas Church Hall on Saturday March 24th 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 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. Closed Good Friday.

Youth 2000 Thursdays from 6.30-8.30pm. Now closed for Easter. We will reopen with some exiting new plans in the summer term. Watch this space.

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 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 for more information.

Spirit on the Rock This is an exciting youth event open to all youth from year 7 upwards. More information to follow. Keep the weekend 21 and 22 April free. More information to follow

Chaplaincy News

Please join us in the following prayer next week, when our theme will be the great Christian celebration of Easter

Heavenly Father, you gave our saviour the command to become man and undergo the cross, as an example of humility for all people to follow, we have the lessons of his sufferings: May we also share in the joy of his resurrection. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

You can use the following links to help prepare for Mass on Sunday 25th March 2018 – Palm Sunday

http://www.wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/521-B-Passion-2018.pdf

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

Whole School Notices

End of Term

Please be reminded that school finishes at 12 noon on Wednesday 28th March.

Summer Term commences on 17th April.

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 next of these mornings will take place on Friday 11th May.

Please do encourage anyone you know who may be considering De La Salle Primary School to contact Lucy Fosse (754114 or email: l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk) and reserve a space at one of these mornings.

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 our Primary provision.

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 to make us aware of any changes.

Whole School Notices Continued...

Contacting the School

Should you need to email the College about any matter, please email: 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

In the event of your child being unwell please contact the college via email, 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.

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

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.

Whole School Notices continued...

Advance notice

Centenary Memorabilia exhibition (Sports Hall)
Thursday April 26th- 17.00-19.00- All are welcome

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

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, 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

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.

Primary School Notices

Key Primary School dates

Please find a list of key Primary School dates attached

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 if you would like to attend and let us know how many seats you would like to reserve.

Secondary School Notices

Stanley House Fundraising in aid of FOJO

This year, Stanley house has raised over £2000 for Friends of Jersey Oncology (FOJO). A fabulous and worthwhile donation to a charity that makes such a valuable contribution to our Island community.

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to our fundraising efforts. Whether you bought a raffle ticket, baked some cakes or encouraged your son to get involved. We appreciate the efforts of all.

Secondary School Notices

Island Walk

An assembly was held today (Friday 23rd March) with guest speakers from our two headline charities. It was also an opportunity to 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 was emphasised 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. 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. Mr Turner has kindly designated this day as a non-uniform day in recognition of the boys efforts. **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 .**

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

*****Final Plea - Island Walk Parent Helpers Needed*****

As we speak we require an additional 7 parents at various checkpoints. If parents are available to assist, even if only for a short period of time, then please contact Mr McCarthy on j.mccarthy@dls-jersey.co.uk. You will find a list of the checkpoints and timings attached to this briefing.

Years 7 and 8

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Year 9 and 10 RE

Dear Parent

As you are aware all students in 9 Astra, 9 Alpha and 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 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. Both revision guides, 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 9

Activity Week

Year 9 Activity Week Choices are now available. Please find a letter attached to this briefing: your son will already have been given a copy. Completed forms should be returned to the school office as soon as possible. We will also accept scanned copies, with online payments.

Year 10

English IGCSE

Dear Parent,

As part of the IGCSE English preparation, students will be sitting a mock Reading paper on Thursday 19th April during their usual Games lesson (periods 5 and 6). In order to prepare, students should be revising the tips and strategies that they have been taught in lessons. Practice papers will be available on the student shared area and revision tasks are listed at the back of the Student Guide which all boys have received in lessons. If your son completes a paper he can give this to his English teacher to mark.

Laura Young
Head of English

PE Department

There are no fixtures next week or over the Easter period.



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@DLSjsyPE