



Parent Briefing – w/c: 01/10/2018



News from The Catholic Church in Jersey

INAUGURATION OF CANON DOMINIC GOLDING AS CATHOLIC DEAN IN JERSEY

This will take place in St Thomas' Church on Monday 1 October at 7pm followed by a reception in the Hall. Sir Stephen Dalton, the Lieutenant Governor, will be attending this special occasion. Everyone is most welcome to come and pray for Canon Dominic as he begins his new ministry in leading the Catholic Church in Jersey.

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMME

Fridays 7-10pm year 7+ are welcome to join us for fun friendship and faith. Food available.

'Together on Tuesdays' is our new youth initiative. 6.30pm - 8.30pm in the Youth Upper Room. Hot dogs and pizza will be available.

Tuesday 2 October - **Taize Group** - What is Taize? Experience reflection with scripture through discussion music and prayer.

2nd Tuesday - **Youth St Vincent de Paul** - putting Faith into Action in works of service. Come and find out more.

3rd Tuesday - **'Love & Life'** – Looking at the rich teachings regarding Social Justice, Love, Relationships and the Sanctity of Life. We are starting with healthy dating skills!

4th Tuesday - **'Life in Christ'** – Explore the Faith. Go deeper with why we believe what we believe.

Chaplaincy News

Please join us in the following prayer next week, when our theme will be for CAFOD, the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development.

Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless the work of CAFOD as they seek to plant the seeds that one day will grow, knowing that they hold future promise. Through their work may they lay foundations that will need further development. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

You can find out more about CAFOD at the following website <http://cafod.org.uk/>

You can use the following links to help prepare for Mass on Sunday 23rd September 2018 – The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

http://wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/548-B-Ord26-2018.pdf

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



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Whole School Notices

Football Match - Staff versus Old Boys

On Friday October 5th, Springfield will see the return of the Staff versus Old Boys football match. Kick-off is at 6.15 and all are welcome, no tickets needed, donations at the gate.

Sibling Registrations

Any parents of current pupils who wish siblings to be considered for entry to the College, whether into Primary or Secondary, MUST make sure that the child is registered with us. We will not assume that you wish younger brothers to join us, and without being registered we will not make contact to begin the admission process.

Please note that the admission process for Year 7 commences in the January that applicants are in Year 5, and the admission processes for Primary Year groups commence in the year prior to entry, at various points from September onwards.

If your son is in De La Salle Primary, you do not need to register him for Secondary with us.

To find out how to register your son, please contact Mrs Lucy Fosse at: l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk or telephone 754114.

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.

College Website

Please check the College website regularly, particularly the calendar section for upcoming events and for the latest news regarding e-safety. The e-safety section is found in the news section on the homepage and is updated on a daily basis.

Whole School Notices continued

Pupil Absence

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

Primary Notices

Medication in School

Teachers cannot administer medication in school, except in very exceptional agreed circumstances. 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 without prior authorisation. 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. Our First Aid policy, which includes a section on medications in school, is available on the College website.

Games Kit

Boys are now fully aware of their timetables and the kit they require. If they do not have the required kit they may be unable to participate fully in the lesson. Please help your son to be organised in having his kit, as staff will not phone you to chase forgotten boots etc! Spare uniform on Games days (just PE whites is fine) should be brought in to school as boys may get wet and muddy on the field.

Primary Notices Continued

Pre Reception St Catherine's Woods Trip - Friday 5 October, 9am-12pm

Year 5 Le Moulin de Quétivel - Thursday 4 October, 9am-12pm

Years 5 & 6

Parents of boys in Years 5 and 6, are warmly invited to our "Maths Curriculum Evening" on **Wednesday 3 October from 18:00 to 19:30 in the Sports Hall.**

As explained in the attached flier, the evening will provide parents with an insight into our powerful and effective teaching pedagogy and the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about how Maths learning is supported and guided at De La Salle College. If you would like to attend, please email Mrs Lucy Fosse at l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk and notify us of how many people will be attending.

De La Salle College Choir - from Year 6

Choir practice will now be held on Tuesdays after school in the Secondary music room from 3.30 - 4.30. All boys from year 6 + are welcome to attend. All styles of music covered, from classical to pop/rock with plenty of performance opportunities coming up, in and outside of school.

Secondary Notices

Letters from Heads of Houses

Each student will be bringing home a letter today from their Head of House welcoming them back, introducing new staff and informing them of House Charities.

Brightline

Brightline is a Christian band supported by The Message Trust. They came into De La Salle on Wednesday to see Years 7-10 and to talk about self-esteem. They are having a gig on **Friday 28 September at 19:30 at Hautlieu School.**

Please see the attached flyer and letter for further details. Some of the boys were given free tickets (as prizes) and further free tickets are available on the door from 19:00 (first come first served).

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Secondary Notices

School Counselling Service

De La Salle's new school counsellor, Mrs Halliwell, introduced herself to the students at the achievements assembly this term, and to some parents at curriculum evenings. This is an exciting new role which has been created for us to help to support our boys as much as possible.

We all know the extent to which life events can have an impact on us, and we want to help the boys through those events and to help ease any concerns that they may have. Emotional wellbeing is incredibly important to the development of healthy young men and is something that young men often overlook as a priority. However, having access to a school counsellor gives our boys the opportunity to expand and embrace their emotional development as they mature, enabling them to be more rounded.

We have designed our bespoke school counselling services to provide holistic, flexible and tailored support to individuals with a service that is sustainable for the short or longer term. Our school-based service provides: Individual counselling for students, and group sessions for students who may be struggling with the same types of issues, for example, bereavement or exam pressures.

Our school counsellor is in school on Wednesdays and Thursdays and is available to talk about any matters which might concern students whether related to school life, home life or friendships. Students can make appointments with our counsellor by internally emailing her directly, by asking their Head of House or by asking a teacher to make a referral on their behalf. If you have any concerns regarding your son, and think counselling may be useful please contact his Head of House.

If the student is under 16, they will be given a parental consent slip to take home for consent to future work with the counsellor, however, the nature of the sessions will not be disclosed. If the student is over 16 they can consent to counselling themselves and a parental consent slip will not be required.

Participation in counselling is at all times entirely up to the student and he may withdraw from the service at any time.

If you have any questions or queries about the counselling service, please contact your son's Head of House via reception on 754100 or email our school counsellor at counsellor@dls-jersey.co.uk

World Challenge

This summer eighteen sixth form boys went to South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland and Mozambique on our 10th World Challenge expedition. An article on the expedition is attached.

Expedition 2020:

For those currently in **year 11 and year 12** please look out for upcoming information on the next expedition. There will initially be presentations to students and then, for those interested, a presentation to parents and students. These should give you and your son all the information you need before deciding to sign up.

Secondary Notices

Year 7

Please find the Year 7 homework timetable attached.

Years 7 & 8

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Years 7–11

E-Safety Survey

Students in Years 7-11 will be completing an e-safety survey over the upcoming weeks. The survey allows us to gain valuable information regarding the students online safety at school and at home. The data obtained will direct us in the teaching of particular areas of e-safety. The survey will be completed during the students’ form time, with their form tutor.

In order to complete the survey, students will use an online website called Socrative. The completion of the survey requires no personal details from the students and ensures complete anonymization of the data. This complies with the latest GDPR regulations.

Modern Foreign Languages

All students studying a Language from Year 7 to Year 11 have an account on the Language Perfect webpage. This has been found to be an invaluable tool for learning vocabulary and set phrases, which is an essential part of foreign language acquisition.

Each student has been given their login details on a strip of paper.

To access the webpage type language perfect in your search engine.

Select <https://start.languageperfect.com>

Year 9 and 10

Normandy Landing Beaches Trip - Wednesday 3 October to Friday 5 October

Secondary Notices continued

Year 10

At House Time on Monday 1st October your son will be given a letter from the Health & Social Services Department to take home.

The letter contains your son's vaccination record and dates of the vaccinations he has received. Health & Social Services have advised that it is important you have this vaccination record as your son is likely to need these details when he starts work in certain occupations, if/when he goes to university or when he travels overseas.

Health & Social Services are providing these details to you now as the immunisations given in Year 9 should have completed the routine recommended childhood vaccination programme.

Please remind your son to check his bag and deliver the letter to you – many thanks.

Year 11

GCSE Design Technology (NEA) Coursework

By now your son should have sent you an email in regard to the project he is following for his GCSE Design Technology Project.

This is important as they need to have a 'client' and an end user (could be the same person).

During the project students need to consult with their client and user to get feedback and set specification requirements.

If you could reply to them as they progress with 'helpful' tips about research, or needs that you or the user have, this will aid them greatly, both in the marks they can access and the quality of their sketching as it will become more focused.

In addition, we asked your son to let you know his mini-test scores. This is open book, weekly 10 question tests and he knows the topics as they are written in his homework diary for the whole year.

He should be scoring high 8s, 9s and some perfect 10s.

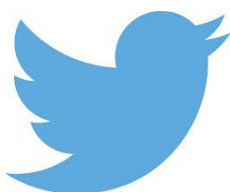
Hope this helps you follow what he is studying in Design Technology at the moment.

Year 12

Settling into Sixth Form - please find a letter attached regarding upcoming meetings.

PE Department

Please find a full PE department programme attached for the week commencing 1st October.



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

@DeLaSalleJersey

For College sports updates:

@DLSjsyPE