



Parent Briefing – w/c: 4/3/2019



News from The Catholic Church in Jersey

MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY - March 6th

St Thomas	12.15
St Thomas	18.30
St Patrick	9.30
Our Lady , St Martin	18.00
St Mattheu	9.30
Sacred Heart	18.30

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

Come and join Canon Dominic on Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi 11 - 21 October 2019

For full details contact Deacon Iain or Cheryl email: [blessings41@gmail.com](mailto: blessings41@gmail.com) or Tel 725963/07797723853 or The Catholic Gift Shop in the Welcome Centre.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

From 13-21 September. £790 sharing and £180 single supplement for 9 days Staying at Hotel Ste Rose just a few minutes' walk from the Sanctuary. Travelling by boat and coach with night stops staying in a seaside hotel in St Palais sur Mer. We take part in the Anglo -Irish Pilgrimage and already have a number of confirmed bookings and only a limited number of places so if you want to know more please call Deanna as soon as possible on 638973 for more details.

MARRIAGE, YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE

Help needed - We need help with our family playgroups to be able to keep them running. We would like help in organising rotas for setting up, helping with activities and snacks and help with clearing up.

Praise and Play Group meets on Monday, 9.30-11.30am at St Bernadette's.

Friday, Faith and Fun Re-opens Friday 8 March, 3.30-5.30pm for babies, toddlers and primary age children in St Thomas' Hall.

Catholic Grandparents Association

Next meet on Friday 8 March at 11am -12.15pm at Catholic Pastoral Services followed by Mass.

JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC YOUTH (JaCy)

Invites all young people year 7+ to a wide range of faith filled opportunities. We have a youth room above St Thomas' Hall. Come along and see.

Together on Tuesdays

Tuesday 26 February, 6.30-8.30pm in St Thomas' Hall. Bring money for hotdogs & pizza. Social time included to chill with friends. This week's theme is 'Life in Christ'.

JaCy Fridays

7- 10pm for a relaxed social evening with a time of prayer. Snacks available so bring some money. Football, table tennis and much more is available in a safe environment. We welcome parents to come and visit for more information. Closed Friday 1 March.

Chaplaincy News

Please join us in the following prayer next week as we commence the privileged season of Lent.

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father, as we begin this time of prayer, fasting and works of mercy. Help us to have confidence in your love rather than being discouraged by our own weaknesses. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As Ash Wednesday is next week there will be services with the distribution of ashes in both the Secondary and Primary schools

You can use the following links to help prepare for Mass on Sunday 3rd March 2019 – The Eighth Sunday of Ordinary time

http://wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/570-C-Ord8-2019.pdf

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

Whole School Notices

De La Salle Concert Band

The De La Salle Concert Band. All string, brass and woodwind players are invited to join the concert band playing a range of swing, jazz and film music.

Please come along to the music room on Wednesdays at lunchtime. All years and abilities welcome!

Calendar

Please note that there is now a facility to download and print a copy of the school calendar (both Secondary and Primary) . The calendar is found on the homepage of the College website, marked under 'calendar'.

Please be aware it is very important to check this calendar regularly to avoid disappointment.

Temporary Contact Details

If your son will be temporarily living at a different address to the one held on file it is important to let the College know and to also advise of new temporary contact details. We need to be able to get hold of a relevant adult should we need to, for example if your son becomes unwell at school.

Please contact **absence@dls-jersey.co.uk** to advise us of any temporary arrangements.

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 e.g. to contact details, home address, medical information etc.

Please email **k.smyth@dls-jersey.co.uk** to make us aware of any changes.

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.**

Notification of appointments etc. should go to the same email address.

Whole School Notices continued...

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 absence@dls-jersey.co.uk 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.

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.

Years 6—8

Please refer to the attached letter from the Farmers Cricket Club Junior Training.

Primary Notices

Forthcoming Primary Events & Dates

Wednesday 6th March Swimathon 9.30a.m—1.00pm.

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. The PTA will be writing to you soon with details of their “Book Swap” event. It is a “**Dress as your favourite book character**” day and the boys are encouraged to come in to school wearing costumes of characters from literature.

Friday 8th March Pre-Reception St Martin's Green Trip 9.30a.m—11.30a.m All Staff

Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day. It is a non-uniform “**Wear Something Red**” day. The PTA will also be running a Comic Relief-themed Cake Sale on the day. Money raised from the non-uniform donation and cake sale will be given to Comic Relief. In the weeks running up to Red Nose Day boys will be able to buy Red Noses from school. Red Noses this year cost a minimum of £1.25 each.

Secondary Notices

Island Walk

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 4th April**. 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.

Sponsorship forms have been given out to participants this week. Please check that your son has brought one home and encourage him to politely ask people to sponsor him.

If he loses his form please send a note explaining this to his Head of House who will be able to give him a replacement.

Sixth form students who are not walking have a very important role in assisting with the marshalling of the walk. They will be required to assist at the start, marshalling between the pedestrian and cycle paths, and then assist at a checkpoint during the day.

Please ask your son what his role is on the day and encourage him to arrive promptly at his station. Students from year 7 to 11 who are not walking may study at home.

Island Walk Parent Helpers

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.

You will find a list of the checkpoints and timings attached to this briefing.

Family Support Worker

Katy Da Silva, our Family Support Worker will be in school on Friday 22nd March from 9am until 11.30am. Katy can offer support and advice on many areas that families may be having difficulties with. Please see the attached parents leaflet for more information.

If you would like to arrange to meet with Katy, please email our Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Nina Jones at n.jones@dls-jersey.co.uk.

Secondary Notices continue...

Stanley House Charity Week 11th—15th March
In Aid of Jersey Alzheimer's Association
Details as below

Please support: **STANLEY HOUSE CHARITY 11-15TH MARCH**

RAFFLE TICKETS £5
Draw on Friday 15th March

CAKE SALE
FRIDAY 15TH March

BAG PACK at Grande Marche, St Helier
Wednesday 13th March



De La Salle College
A Christian education with excellence

Independent day school
for boys aged 3-18

Year 9 Parents Evenings

Tuesday 5th March 9 Peary & Rhodes 4.00pm—6.00pm Peary Building.

Wednesday 6th March 9 Scott 7 Stanley 4.00pm—6.00pm Peary Building.

Secondary Notices continue...

Spanish Exam

Year 9 Spanish speaking exam is on the week commencing 11 March.

The exams take place during the lesson, with either **Miss López or Ms Napton**.

Your son will be allocated a time slot.

The exam consists of three parts, as in the GCSE Exam:

A role-play

A photo-card

General conversation.

The students have all been given a booklet with both specimen role-plays and photo-cards, which they should practise.

The students have been working on their general-conversation booklets over the past few weeks and should be able to answer the questions spontaneously.

French Exam

Year 9 French speaking exam is on the week commencing 18 March.

The exams will take place during the lesson with either **Miss Farnham or Ms Napton**. Your son will be allocated a time slot.

The exam consists of three parts, as in the GCSE Exam:

A role-play

A photo-card

General conversation.

The students have all been given a booklet with both specimen role-plays and photo-cards, which they should practise.

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Secondary Notices Continued...

Year 11

Extra Support Sessions - Please refer to the attached updated document.

Drama - Thursday 3.30-5pm will become a regular slot for the boys to complete drama coursework and, after half-term, use as a practise session for their scripted pieces (exam will be on March 22nd).

GCSE Art drop-in support sessions

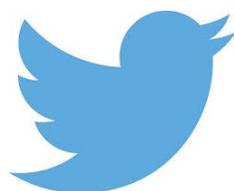
GCSE Art drop-in support sessions will be held on **Monday, Tuesday** after school **3.30-4.30pm** for any help.

Maths Club

Please refer to the attached maths club days & times.

PE Department

Please find a full PE department programme attached for the week commencing 4th March.



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

For College sports updates:
@DLSjsyPE