



Parent Briefing – w/c: 20/5/2019



News from The Catholic Church in Jersey

St Thomas' First Holy Communion

The candidates' next sessions will take place at 6pm on Monday 13 and Monday 20 May.

Festa of Our Lady of Fatima at St Thomas'

Please join us to celebrate the Festa of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday 18 May, starting at 8pm and on Sunday 19 May at 3pm there will be Rosary, Confessions and Mass.

Sisters of Bethany Thanksgiving Mass

To celebrate the Sister's five years of service in Jersey, a Mass will be celebrated in St Thomas' Church on Friday 24 May at 7pm. There will be a small party in the hall afterwards to which you are all warmly invited.

Confirmation Registration 2019 to 2021

Families wishing to register for Confirmation 2019 -2021 are invited to attend one of the following meetings. Young people need to be entering school year 9 or above in September 2019 to commence this two year formation programme. The programme also requires at least one parent's participation as it is a family faith focused programme. Please come for registration together so we can ensure we meet both parent and young person:

Thursday 20 June - 7pm at St Mary & St Peters

Thursday 4 July - 7pm at St Mary & St Peters

Thursday 11 July - 7pm at St Mary & St Peters

Living with Dementia – Afternoon Tea

An afternoon tea for anyone living with dementia and their carer/companion will be held at Catholic Pastoral Services on Wednesday 5 June at 2.30pm. Come along for tea/coffee, cake and sandwiches along with some activities and end with a prayer and a blessing. Please let Mary Cahill know if you hope to attend. Tel: 732583

Activated Disciples

Starting on Tuesday 4 June at 7pm - 8.30pm in Catholic Pastoral Services for nine Tuesdays.

As Catholics, we often find ourselves going through the motions. Our spiritual life stalls and we are not sure how to get it going again. We practice our faith, but we struggle to put our faith into practice. We often find that we are not the activated disciples we are called to be. An activated disciple is someone who strives every moment of every day to imitate Jesus; someone who desires such a close relationship with God that every area of his or her life is transformed. The Activated Disciple Challenge, led here by Canon Dominic and Mary Cahill, is intended to help you to become more like Christ as you cultivate eight characteristics that are the most important: Love//Forgiveness/Humility/Patience/Selflessness/Kindness/Attentiveness/Contrition/Conclusions.

Cost is either £28 for both a Book and a Challenge Guide or just the essential Challenge Guide for £15.99. For more information or to book one of our limited places contact m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je

News from The Catholic Church in Jersey continued...

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi - 11-21 October 2019

Are you thinking of joining Canon Dominic during the special Missionary month of October? Costs £1600 pp sharing twin room – single rooms at a supplement.

Only 6 twin and 2 single rooms left. Please contact: Deacon Iain tel: 725963 or email: blessings41@gmail

Catholic Grandparents Association (CGA)

Our next gathering takes place at Catholic Pastoral Services on Friday 7 June at 11am - 12noon followed by Mass. This session will include an introduction to the association for new members. Grandparents can join this association without coming to the gatherings. We simply pledge to pray for grandparents and families. The CGA also offer a family friendly Adoration hour each Friday in St Thomas' Church at 4pm - 5 pm with resources to help your children grow closer to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Together on Tuesdays at 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Tuesday 14 May - YSVP

Tuesday 21 May - Love & Life

Tuesday 28 May – topic to be decided.

Youth & Family Life 500 Club: Thanks to everyone who has returned the forms. Please do consider signing up. For as little as £1.25 a week you can help us to fund resources, activities and events to support our families and young people to grow in faith.

JaCy Fridays 7pm - 10pm - Join us for a relaxed social evening with a time of prayer. Bring some money if you would like to buy some snacks.

Youth Ministry - for school year 7 upwards

We are continuing to update our youth ministry data base with consents for our young people to participate in our activities. Parents please complete a form available in each church and return to Catholic Pastoral Services.

You can use the following links to help prepare for Mass on Sunday 19th May the fifth Sunday of Easter.

http://wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/581-C-Easter5-2019.pdf

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

Whole School Notices

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.

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!

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.

States of Jersey Police Design a Poster Competition

Please Refer To The Attached Flyer

UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award

Dear Parents,

Please read the attached letter outlining De La Salle College's commitment to work towards becoming a UNICEF Rights Respecting School.

Primary Notices

Points to Remember

Primary lunchtime is from 12-1pm if boys have appointments and are likely to run into lunch time they will need to take their packed lunch with them and be picked up before 12pm and dropped back after 1pm.

Please remember to let absence/teachers/primary secretary know about appointments either via telephone/email/boys diary.

Also please let teachers/Primary Secretary know of any changes to boys end of day arrangements as early on in the day as possible, either call/email/boys diary.

Year 6

May 22nd French Trip Parents Meeting Brother Edward Hall 6.00pm—7.00p.m.

Secondary School Notices

Y7 to Y10 Summer Finals Exam Timetable

Please refer to the attached information.

Island Walk Sponsorship Money

Well done to all those boys who challenged themselves to walk as far as possible to raise valuable sponsorship money for Jersey Hospice and Cancer research UK. Please encourage your son to bring back their completed sponsorship envelopes and hand them in to the bursar as soon as possible.

If your son did not do the walk on the day due to illness, but had signed up then they must return the envelope, either empty or hopefully with a donation. If they have lost their sponsorship form then they can return their monies in any envelope with their name and house group on, signed by a parent or guardian.

We have already received £10000 in donations with more than 50% of our students yet to return their sponsorship monies.

Many thanks for your support.

Mr Sharrock

Tackle Africa Jersey Football Marathon 2019

Please Refer To The Attached Flyer

Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme)

Thursday 23rd May 6 – 8pm Peary Block. A discussion group on ‘Dealing with Teenagers Emotions’

Please see the attached letter for more information.

Post 16 Education

Please find attached the recent Scrutiny Panel report on Post 16 Education provision in Jersey for your information

Secondary Notices continued ...

Year 10 Parent Meetings

Please Refer to the Attached Letter.

To Parents of all boys in Y10 to Y13:

GCSE, AS and A level Support in Maths

Mr McGinty will be hosting a free hour long, Live Video Conference Call on Wednesday evenings until the end of the forthcoming GCSE, AS and A Level exams in Maths. If you would like for your son to join the call please email heidi@gradebusters.co.uk so that the link required to access the call can be sent directly to you.

There will be two separate calls, one for GCSE between 7pm and 8pm and one for AS/A Level between 8pm and 9pm. The intention is to allow an extra opportunity for your son to be able to get help on any topic that they may be unsure about for the forthcoming exams. If you would like your son to join the call please see below for some points to consider:

- If your son has a particular question, please email the detail in advance (referencing a particular question from a particular past paper would be very helpful, noting the Exam Board, Year, Month, Tier of entry and question number).
- If your son does not have a particular question, it may be that just following how to answer questions asked by other students would be helpful.
- It may be that a question occurs to your son during the session, as the call will be live, he can ask that question and get immediate feedback.
- The sessions will run on the following Wednesdays: May 1st, May 8th, May 15th, May 22nd, May 29th, June 5th and June 12th.
- The software used will allow for written questions to be posted and you will have the choice as to whether your son can be seen on the call or he can just listen in.

You are welcome to watch the call and any feedback would also be welcomed.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr McGinty

(k.mcginity@dls-jersey.co.uk).

Secondary Notices continued...

Year 11— Please refer to the attachments for Year 11 maths students and their upcoming exams.

Study Leave

Now that study leave has begun for Y11, the boys can come in to school and attend their normal lessons up to half term as the full Y11 timetable will be preserved. All Y11 teachers will be in their normal rooms at the normal times, this provision will ensure a quiet place to study and the opportunity to ask some last minute questions if required.

After half term; any boys wishing to come in to school will be welcome, however, a single room per lesson will be allocated for supervised study as the full Y11 timetable will no longer be in operation. A copy of this skeleton timetable will be available to the boys at the main reception. This provision will run up to P4 on Monday 17th June.

During study leave, if the boys are choosing to come into school they are advised to do so for at least half a school day. The time spent getting into and then home from school for any less than half a day is literally a waste of time!

It is not too late yet! Do Some Work...

Mr McGinty

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

PE Department

Please find a full PE department programme attached for the week commencing 20/5/2019.



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

@DeLaSalleJersey

For College sports updates:

@DLSjsyPE