



## DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the dust settles after the whirlwind that is Ofsted, I wanted to write to update you on several school issues.

### **Ofsted**

Unfortunately, until the report is published I am unable to share any of the judgements that were made by the team, however, I do want to thank you for your overwhelming support. You gave us a significant number of responses to the Parentview survey and the vast majority of these were positive. Please also be assured that, where these responses were less positive, we are looking to address the issues.

Though I will speak to students directly this week during their assemblies, I wanted to also let you know how impressed the inspectors were with our students. One of the inspectors described them as the biggest asset the school has. They were truly a credit to themselves and to you.

### **Open Evening**

As we did last year, the students will have an earlier finish for Open Evening. They will have their five lessons but this will be rearranged as below:

8:30-8:50am	Registration
8:50-9:40am	Lesson 1
9:40-10:35am	Lesson 2
10:35-11:30am	Lesson 3
11:30 -12:00am	Extended Break/Brunch Service
12:00-12:45am	Lesson 4
12:45-1:30am	Lesson 5
1:30pm	Pupils leave

### **Parental Meetings**

In my previous letter, I said I would arrange a meeting with parents to introduce myself and update you on the progress being made at the school. I think it would be beneficial to postpone these meetings until the Ofsted report is published which will provide a more objective account of how the school is doing. I am hopeful the report will be published before half term.

### **High Energy Drinks**

One area of concern raised by the inspectors was a small number of students who had energy drinks with them. As you know these are banned items but, as a parent of two teenage boys, I understand how hard it is as parents to stop your child from buying these on the way to school. To address this issue we will be carrying out a number of random searches of students over the coming weeks and any energy drinks found will be disposed of and not returned to students.

### **400 Club**

We wouldn't be a Catholic school if at some point we didn't ask you for money! The Parent, Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA) have a fundraising draw called the 400 club. This works by parents paying a monthly direct debit of £2 and each month a draw takes place with prizes of £150, £100, £75 & £50. Further details are available by emailing school on [delasalle@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:delasalle@sthelens.org.uk)

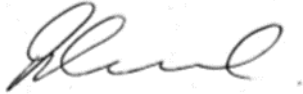
### **Key Events**

Below is a reminder of some key dates coming up before half term:

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 Welcome Mass, 6.30pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 8 HPV injections
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Evening (school closes at 1.30pm for students)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7 Form Tutors Evening, 2.00pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 10 & 11 Careers Fair
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closes

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. A. Rannard  
**Headteacher**