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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It has been quite literally a warm welcome back to everyone after the Easter break with our mini heat wave, staff and students have returned refreshed and ready for the Summer Term. This term is looking like it will be even busier and more productive than last term with a plethora of events, activities and trips for students and staff across the school.

Year 11

Over Easter, it was very pleasing to see so many staff give up their time for the Year 11 students and even more pleasing to see so many students taking advantage of the extra sessions we had on offer. The Year 11 students are now in the final preparations for their exams with some of the practical exams such as drama, art, music and MFL orals already taking place. Obviously this is a stressful time for staff, students and families, only by working together will we help the students maximise their potential.

By now all students should have received their exam timetables and be aware of all the additional revision and support available. If you or your child have any questions or concerns then please contact the school and we will attempt to address these matters. As every minute is important, Year 11 students are expected to remain in school right through to their final exams in mid-June and, where a subject has finished its exams, we are looking at using that time to focus upon subjects whose exams are still yet to come.

Founders Day

Our Founders Day this year will take place on Friday 22nd June. This will involve students celebrating mass and engaging in a variety of themed activities for the day. The day will finish at 1.30pm when students will be dismissed.

Summer Trips

Summer is a very busy time for school trips, especially now that we have increased the variety of trips available to students. For your information, the following trips are planned this term:

- Year Group Summer Trips

Wednesday 18th July: Year group trips with Year 7-9 going to Blackpool, Year 10 to Alton Towers and an alternative trip to the Trafford Centre on offer for those who are not so keen on theme park rides.

- Duke of Edinburgh practice and assessment trips:

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| 27th-28th April | Practice group 2 |
| 11th-12th May | Practice group 3 |
| 25th-26th May | Practice group 4/qualifying group 1 |
| 8th-9th June | Qualifying group 2 |
| 29th-30th June | Qualifying group 3 |

- **Year 7 PGL Watersports Trip** to France: 14th – 22nd June
- **Year 10 English Trip** to Italy: 27th – 30th June
- **Year 8 and 9 History Battlefields Trip** to Belgium: 12th – 16th July
- **Year 9 English Trip** to London: 15th-16th June and 13-14th July

Bugsy Malone

I am pleased to inform you that we have re-introduced a summer show for students to showcase their acting, dancing, technical and singing skills. For this year's production we have gone back to the first performance almost 30 years ago which was Bugsy Malone. Auditions have already taken place and the cast and crew are well underway with their rehearsals. Details of how to purchase tickets will follow.

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

As ever, the PTFA are keen to welcome new members to its meetings. The next meeting is Tuesday 5th June at 6.15pm. If you are unable to join the meetings then you can show your support at PTFA events with the next PTFA event being a Quiz Night during the summer term. Further details will be sent out nearer the time. A big thank you to those involved in the work of the PTFA.

Standards and Uniform

Though Ofsted recognised the generally good behaviour and uniform of the students, I am keen that these standards are further improved. These are the basics upon which the rest of the culture of the school is built so I have instructed staff to ensure they are enforcing the rules on uniform, make-up, earrings, mobile phones etc much more consistently and rigorously across the school. Your support with this is greatly appreciated by ensuring students leave home in appropriate uniform, without make-up or earrings.

Likewise can I remind you about the school's behaviour policy expectations regarding make-up and mobile phones, in particular page 11 of the behaviour policy (<http://www.delasalle.st-helens.sch.uk/media/1765/behaviour-policy.pdf>) which states:

Phones must be turned off and kept out of sight at these times. A phone will be confiscated from a student if they are found to be:

- ***Using their phone***
- ***Holding their phone***
- ***Having it visible in shirt/blazer/trouser pocket***

The summer is also a time when new uniform, shoes and coats are purchased. Can I ask that you ensure these items fall in line with the school's very clear policy which can be found at <http://www.delasalle.st-helens.sch.uk/school-life/uniform/>

GCSE Art and Photography Exhibition

I would like to invite you to an exhibition of our Art/Design and Photography GCSE work that will take place between **5.00pm and 7.00pm on Thursday 10th May**. I have had the privilege of seeing much of the exam work our students have created and would urge you to come along and celebrate the wonderful talent on show. Entry is free.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to our Year 11 boys' football team who won the St Helen's School Cup, beating St. Augustine's in a tense penalty shootout after a well fought 0-0 draw at Ruskin Drive.

Buses

As I mentioned in my letter before Easter, there have been changes made to the 752 service. If you have any concerns or queries, can I urge you to contact Merseytravel directly at comments@merseytravel.gov.uk

Vacancies

We are currently in the process of appointing exam invigilators to support the school in delivering the increased number of exams required with the new GCSEs. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please contact Mrs.Peet in the main office for further details. Particularly suitable for people who like standing for long periods with a stern face!

Welcome Back

During the summer term, we are pleased to welcome back several staff who have been on maternity leave: Mrs. Melia (ICT) and Mrs.Coombs (Maths), Mrs.Millea (Maths) & Mrs.Small (Science)

Finally, can I thank you for your continued support for the school as we look forward to a productive and successful summer term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Rannard', written in a cursive style.

Andy Rannard
Headteacher