

De La Salle St. Helens



1719 Society Newsletter

Welcome:

Welcome to the 1719 Society Newsletter. The 1719 Society is the new face of the Y11 'senior prefects'. The group was named '1719' as it was the death of our founder St Jean Baptist De La Salle and when the leadership passed to the Brothers. As well as being on hand ready to help at events at school and outside of school, we work with the pupils, teachers and school council to help make our school succeed even more.

How it works:

The society is set up in the structure below and each person in the group picks a part of the society they would like to be in and each part is linked to a certain year group:

LEADERSHIP: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership of the 1719 society• School council• Prefects• Key events Working with: YEAR 11	CHAPLAINCY: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acts of worship• Charity events• Lasallian links• Parish links Working with: YEAR 10	COMMUNICATION: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newsletter• Assemblies• Links to other schools Working with: YEAR 9	STUDENT SUPPORT: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mental health• Transition• Mentoring• Reading buddies• Safer students Working with: YEAR 8
EXTRA CURRICULAR: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sports teams• Performing arts• Inter-form competitions• Primary school activities Working with: YEAR 7			

Getting involved in extra activities with school is a really good opportunity to experience things others won't, there is no harm in asking what you could be a part of in each of the groups above.

Also, if you want to get involved in school, the open evening in October is a good place to start. Ask your teacher who you would like to help on the night for more info. It's a great way to get a good reputation with your teachers at the start of a new year.

Meet the senior prefects:

Head girl: Elizabeth Thompson	Joseph Garner
Head boy: Joseph Dennett	Kian Clarke
Hamid Djedidi	Lewis Smith
Aiden Dillon	Maizie Houghton
Blyth Carter-Jones	May McMahon
Dylan Percival	Megan Cliffe
Elizabeth Tracey	Michael Gaffney
Ella Brussels	Millie Newcombe
Emily Woods	Niall Snee
Georgia Wood	Robert Linderman
Harry Carlisle	
Ines Bonati	

Well done to everyone
who took part in the
tough interviews to get
their places!

Thank you to the prefects:

A big thank you to all the prefects who helped in the afterschool and in school events last year, such as:

- Both art exhibitions
- Buggy
- Summer school
- Intake days

These are some of the results from the
pupil survey completed at the end of last
year.

Y10 Mocks feedback results:

Questions on exam paper need to be covered in class

Poor photocopying

Enough time was given

Adequate revision time given in advance

Made us realise how hard they are going to be

More work on exam techniques

Challenging - preparing us for Y11

Exam papers need to be in colour not B+W, detail couldn't be seen

Those with extra time missed some

Form feedback results:

At the end of last year, we asked each form from each year group to complete a survey on the following points: Carrying bags(for/against) and any changes pupils would like to voice to the school council. Results are below:

Y7:

<u>Carrying bags (for)</u>	<u>Carrying bags (against)</u>	<u>Changes to School</u>
Blazers get too heavy with all equipment in	Bags might be too heavy if you have PE + Art on the same day	Girls football team
Students forget homework because they are in locker and then lose star points		New dinner line up system
Break time too short to get back to your locker and have a break/get into the canteen		New food menu - MORE CHOICE
Can put everything in the bag		More places to eat
Unanimous vote for carrying bags		Food is too expensive
Students would like to keep lockers OPEN for extras such as winter coats and homework that is bulky.		Phones at break and lunch
No excuses for leaving equipment		Come in PE kit if you have it that day
If a teacher gives you a sheet, it can go straight in bags		Paper recycling bins
		Bottle bins
		Equipment shop
		More clubs
		Make sure toilet doors have locks on and toilet roll
		Vending machines

Y8:

Carrying bags (for)	Carrying bags (against)	Changes to school
There's not enough room in blazer to carry things	About half still wanted lockers	Girls should be allowed to wear makeup - girls very self-conscious, type of skin, spots, redness. This would stop girls from worrying about how they look, coming to school - they would have a more relaxing education.
We don't like coming back to our lockers	Still have lockers but have a choice whether you want it or not	Wear PE kit when hot

Everyone voted to carry bags		Increase variety in school foods
Yes, everything has been running smoothly over the past 2 weeks.		Early finish on Friday!
Lockers look scruffy in classes		More water fountains
More people put equipment in bags		Cheaper, healthier food
We should be able to borrow pens and equipment off teachers		More bins
Don't like to carry all food and equipment around		More plastic recycling bins
		Vending machines
		Wear earrings (studs)
		If teachers allowed to wear make-up, jewellery and have painted nails then students should be able to

Y9:

Carrying bags (for)	Carrying bags (against)	Changes to school
More organised when it comes to revision		Toilets
Get to lesson on time		Lunch times
Saves money on lockers		Price list in canteen
Students with difficulties don't have to walk as far		Food in the canteen (change)
Extra supplies for art don't fit in blazer		Bacon butty club
Blazers too full can rip		Improve meat quality in the canteen
Don't have to come in at lunch and break		Water fountains in each house base
Less traffic in corridors		Form bases
Some form rooms are against can't get to lockers		Dinner - first come first serve
Most of us don't use lockers anyway		More computer-based lessons
Get into dinner quicker		Make enrichment fairer
Teachers will be able to get students out of the building quicker		Keep doors open for longer and break and dinner
		Allow bags in canteen
		Make star points worth something

		Re-do toilets and fix locks
		Better storage for bags outside the canteen
		Have bins on field
		Empty bins more often - have more
		Less use of the remove room
		Don't keep students back after school
		Phones allowed at break and lunch
		Lock down drills need to be for all students
		Mirrors in toilets
		Hand sanitizer in canteen
		Toilet roll
		Soap in dispensers
		Toilets changed regular - in the day and night
		Extend canteen
		Hand soap dispensers around school
		Open middle doors in canteen
		Summer uniform

Y10:

Carrying bags (for)	Carrying bags (against)	Changes to school
Can't physically hold all our books		Phones allowed at break and lunch - teacher don't take them off you, just tell you to put them away - students don't stick to this rule because they don't respect and think it is unnecessary.
Revision guides are heavy		Y11 to be in for lunch first - should not change
Pupils are not allowed to get bags at lunch or break		Bags for just Y11
Always got what you need		Everyone to wear PE kit on sports day
Lockers can be dangerous, loads of people get pushed into the,		New dinner menu
Can be late to lesson, struggling to get to locker		Larger canteen - more capacity
YES		Difficulty leaving bags outside canteen, sometime bags get lost or taken by accident

Less likely to lose things		Behaviour - needs to be fairer
Open lockers in classrooms, like in tech, avoid h+s issues		Pupils who are poorly behaved are 'rewarded' if they follow normal rules
Reflect new status, the oldest in school		Pupils who are always good don't get the same reward(s)
In summer there is a great need to carry lots of things		Canteen layout
		Common room for Y11's
		Study areas at lunch or break

Main focus for this year following the results...

Main focus – Food – Dinners

- Bags/lockers
- Water fountains – clean and amount
- More bins, emptied more
- Toilets cleaner
- Washing of hands
- Toilet rolls
- Doors on toilets need fixing
- Mirrors in toilets
- Locks on toilet doors replaced
- Sanitary bins not changed
- Storage for bags near canteen
- Recycling areas
- Lock down
- Pumps if you had trainers
- Equipment shop

Changes already taking place...

- Lockers have been removed so now students carry their bags as they wished for
- New water fountains have been installed
- Different menus in the canteen
- New behaviour and rewards system

Summer school

Well done to all the new year 7's who took part at summer school.

Good luck with your first couple of weeks. If you ever need help, speak to your buddies, find a prefect or see me or Elizabeth.

Teardrops charity

Thank you to the staff from Teardrops for awarding a trophy to De La Salle for all the hard work, support and contribution to Supporting the Homeless.



Upcoming key events:

- Friday 21st September – Fresher's Fair
- Thursday 27th September – Y7 Welcome Mass
- Thursday 4th October – Open evening.

Welcome back and we hope you had a good start to the new school year and had a good summer!

Thank you for reading the first edition of our newsletter. We hope to continue this throughout the year and each edition will contain different information about what is happening in school lately.

Thank you to the forms who completed the survey and the end of last year, this has given us and the school council areas to work on. If you ever wish to voice and opinions on things in school, then speak to the members of the school council in your form, prefects or see me and Elizabeth.

Regards,

Joe Dennett

Head Boy

Elizabeth Thompson

Head Girl