

Prospectus 2018

You can perform miracles by touching the hearts of those entrusted to your care.

Great expectations.



Frank Cottrell Boyce
Screenwriter and novelist, writer for the
2012 London Olympics opening ceremony.

Alma mater: De La Salle.



**De La Salle
School**

I am proud and privileged to be the Headteacher of this successful and popular Voluntary Aided Catholic comprehensive 11-16 school under the trusteeship of the De La Salle Brothers.

Welcome

From our Headteacher
Andrew Rannard

We are De La Salle



The years we spend in education are our most formative: shaping our mind, heart and spirit. To be entrusted with the care and education of young people is a joy and a privilege which we, at De La Salle, passionately embrace.

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St John Baptist De La Salle

Originally as West Park and Notre Dame and, for the past 30 years as De La Salle, our Lasallian heritage is at the heart of all we do and, when you join De La Salle, you join something much bigger than just one school, you join an international family of schools with a long and successful history of providing excellence in education.



Our mission statement is at the heart of all we do at De La Salle. It gives you an understanding of the type of school we work hard to be:

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Mission & Values

We are a Catholic community of staff, governors, students, Brothers and families enriched by our Lasallian heritage, traditions and values. Our mission is to work with all in our family community to:

- see each person in our community as an individual with their own talents, needs, hopes, dreams and aspirations.
- provide a holistic education that challenges each of us to achieve our potential and become the person God intended us to be: spiritually, morally, academically, physically and socially.
- walk side by side with our students to help them grow into confident, independent, kind, respectful and tolerant adults, with a strong sense of social responsibility, ready to make a valuable contribution to the world of tomorrow.
- create a safe and supportive environment where those of all faiths, and none, can explore, share, discuss and celebrate their spirituality.

Educating the Whole Child

At De La Salle we see each person as an individual: each with his or her own hopes, dreams and aspirations.

Together we are De La Salle

To help achieve these, we provide a holistic education: giving students the opportunity to develop existing skills and talents or develop new ones, whether they are academic, sporting, musical, artistic or spiritual, in order for them to become the person God intended them to be.

Some examples of this include:

- Our 1719 Society gives students the opportunity to play a meaningful leadership role across the school focusing upon areas of chaplaincy, student support, school council, communication and extra-curricular work.







- We have increased our educational visits to ensure that, in every year group, there is at least one major trip abroad such as skiing in Andorra, watersports trip to France, as well as trips to Belgium, Italy and USA, along with a range of more accessible but important visits and retreats.
- Increased sporting opportunities: sport has always been a strength at De La Salle and this year we have expanded the department to facilitate new qualifications, additional sports and more extra-curricular opportunities.



- Our new Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship Education (PSHCE) programme is built upon the excellent PiXL Edge strategies to provide a spiral curriculum that builds student skills and prepares them for the world of work.
- Our performing arts provision is being rebuilt to ensure students have access to high quality teaching and opportunities, including key performances at professional venues such as the Epstein Theatre in Liverpool and the Citadel in St Helens.
- Our new intake students receive funded music tuition throughout the first term to give them that kick-start into a love of music and playing an instrument.
- Our Faith In Action gives students the opportunity to work in small groups in order to give something back to society, and make a meaningful difference to their local community.
- Our focus upon STEM (science technology, engineering and maths) means we now offer a range of opportunities from high end technical skills to a truly vocational education based upon engineering and, in the future, construction: giving students the chance to develop crucial skills in trades which allow them to progress into employment, higher and further education.
- Year 7 Freshers' Fair: this gives our new students the opportunity to find out about the many extra-curricular clubs and activities that they can join.

Alma Mater
De La Salle alumni

From our parent schools, West Park and Notre Dame, through to the present day, De La Salle has a long and prestigious list of past pupils who have gone on to excellence in their chosen careers.

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Meanwhile, for our current and future students, we provide a holistic education, developing them into the stars of the future.

Daniel Lee

Daniel was one of our more recent alumni, a student with a passion for languages. After leaving De La Salle he has gone on to study languages at A Level and then on to gain a first-class Honours Degree in Spanish from Magdalene College, Cambridge. He now has a senior position with Amazon.



Daniel Lee

Emma Rigby

After gaining 9 A* grades at GCSE at De La Salle, Emma has gone on to become a celebrated actress and household name. Her television acting credits are wide and varied: including Ripper Street, Death in Paradise, Fresh Meat, Prisoners Wives but she is probably best known for her role as Hannah Ashworth in Hollyoaks.

Emma has also appeared in several films, including Ridley Scott's film, The Counsellor, Endless Love, Plastic and the female lead in The Physician alongside Ben Kingsley.

Frank Cottrell Boyce



Frank Cottrell Boyce

Frank is an internationally renowned screenwriter, novelist and presenter. His works include the 2012 Olympic games opening ceremony, the award-winning children's book Millions, 24 Hour Party People, the sequel to Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, along with episodes of Doctor Who, Coronation Street and Brookside.

Frank gained a first-class degree and Doctorate from Keble College Oxford and his work has won recognition with the prestigious Carnegie Award, Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and the Whitbread Children's Book Award. Frank regularly returns to De La Salle to talk to and work with our students.



Emma Rigby



Admission arrangements.
For more information, please visit
our website
www.delasalle.st-helens.sch.uk
and click on Admissions.

You are De La Salle

September and October 2018:
attend secondary school Open Evenings

October 2018: complete the Local Authority
Preference Form or apply online

March 2019: find out which school your child
has been allocated to

April to July 2019: complete the new starter
forms and attend transition days

September 2019: Start at De La Salle

De La Salle School is a Catholic School under the trusteeship of the De La Salle Brothers. It is maintained by St Helens Council. As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. The co-ordination of admissions arrangements is undertaken by the Local Authority. For the school's year commencing September 2019, the Governing Body has set its admissions number at 240.

Admissions to the school will be determined by the Governing Body. Parents must complete their home Local Authority Preference Form or apply online via the relevant Local Authority website. If you are a St Helens resident and wish to have your application considered against the School's faith/denomination criteria then you should complete the faith questions on St Helens Preference Form. Other local authority residents should forward the documentary evidence that is requested to the School.

All preferences listed will be considered on an equal basis and, where there are more applications than the number of places available, oversubscription criteria will be applied.

For information, the school admitted 234 students in September 2018.

Results

The Lasallian ethos of our school ensures the social, moral, spiritual and cultural development of our pupils.

Why choose De La Salle?

The Curriculum at both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 is challenging, engaging and exciting, and is designed to meet the particular needs of our pupils, as well as to offer a firm foundation for success beyond GCSE level. The Lasallian ethos of our school ensures that the social, moral, spiritual and cultural development of our pupils, and the promotion of fundamental British values are implicit and explicit in all subject areas, as well as in PSHCE lessons and via extra-curricular experiences and trips outside of the academic curriculum.

Key Stage 4 Results 2017

Progress 8 Score	-0.48
Attainment 8 Score	44.1
Basics Level 2 (Grade 5 or above in English and Maths)	36%
Pupils achieving the EBacc combination of subjects (at Grade 5/C or above)	26%
Pupils continuing to education, training or employment	97%

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