

# The 1719 Society Newsletter

## Spring 2019



As we approach the last term of the school year it's time for the 1719 society to pass over the baton to the Y10s. Therefore, this will be the last newsletter from the current society and it's going to be a long one!!

**ABBA night** – at the start of the half term 4 talented students took on the task of organising a concert for the Charities Mind, Guide Dogs and Violet Grace. Aiden, Sarah, Georgia and Joe sang and played their hearts out and put on a great performance, which ended in a staff sing along to Dancing Queen!! Well done everyone!!



**Clatterbridge-** So far this academic year De La Salle has raised an excellent amount of money for the Y9 chosen charity Clatterbridge Cancer Trust. The generosity of parents, students and staff meant that we have already raised over £750. This was achieved by numerous cake sales, car washing and much more...

During February school was asked to take part in the charities annual accumulator challenge and we were asked to raise as much money in a month with £100 to help us. After starting a week late and having half term, in just 2 school weeks we managed to raise £767 which put us 3rd place out of 8 other organisations taking part including the likes of Santander in the North West! We have this on top of all the other fundraising we have done and will continue to do until the end of the year.

We had lots of great fundraising events taking place such as the ever popular sponge the teacher and doughnut sales (we probably hold the record for 90 doughnuts sold in 4 mins!). There were also donations from the spectators of our inter-form football tournaments.

Special mention must go to form group 9S (pictured above) for donating the most into the car wash and winning the football tournament. As well as this there was the outstanding effort from the Y9 leadership group for helping organise the events that took place (also pictured above). It was a pleasure to meet one of Clatterbridge's charity representatives, Jayne, who supported us all the way and presented a fascinating assembly to the Y9's on how our money will be spent to transform cancer care - **Joe Dennett, Head Boy**



**The Bake Off**- students from across the school took part in the bake off at the start of February. The competition was judged and presented by DLS's answer to Paul, Prue, Noel and Sandi. AKA Mr Griffin, Mrs Wellens, Mr Legget and Mrs Thompson. They were presented with an array of delicacies: ranging from Gin and Tonic Cakes to Rainbow Cake to Lemon Drizzle.

We had our own 1719 entry, baked and decorated by Ines and Aiden. The judges couldn't resist the Gin and Tonic and some fantastic Y7s were crowned the winners- **Elizabeth Thompson, Head Girl**



**Y11** – there's less than 2 months left before the GCSE exams begin. Some (including: PE practical, Drama Practical and IT coursework) have already been completed and the results have been fabulous. The year recently sat their third set of Mock exams and the results were even better than the Christmas ones. Everyone is heading in the right direction and the revision is clearly paying off. The next exams will be the Languages speaking exams and the Art exams which will take place after half term. Good luck all!!

**Thank you!!** – Each deputy pair of the society has written a quick thank you to everyone who has helped us this year. We have all been privileged to have helped the school in the ways that we have and hope that the next generation will carry on our hard work.

***Leadership*** - To mark the end of our time as head boy and girl we would like to say a few thanks to the staff who have helped us all on this great journey. We could never have accomplished so much if it weren't for the help of Mr Rannard, Dom, Mrs De'Ath, Mrs Mal, Miss Guy, Mrs Wellens, Mr Legget, Mrs Sixsmith and Stan. We would also like to thank every member of staff for their support inside and outside the classroom who are just as important. The staff have provided us with countless opportunities and given up their time to make a difference and we couldn't be more grateful.

Without the help and support from all the teachers we wouldn't have been able to organise (or help organise) events such as: the famous DLS Bake off, public speaking competition (hopefully a new annual event), and the recent Clatterbridge competition. We would like to thank the commitment from some of the Y9 students who took part in the public speaking competition and anything else along the way. As well as all this, we have also gained experience in things that we can't remember being in our job descriptions such as: washing cars in minus temperatures or waiting on teachers at the staff quiz!

As sad as it is to be handing over the 'baton' to the Y10's, after interviewing the next group of 1719, we now know we are handing it over to an excellent group of new students to continue our legacy. We can't wait to hear the great new ideas they come up with and support them in any way.

Our time at De La Salle has gone very quickly and it has been a privilege to get involved in so many things during our final year. Our school which has introduced lots of great people and given me great memories to cherish. For the last time, thank you! – **Elizabeth and Joe**



***Chaplaincy-*** When being picked for the role of deputy head girl and boy we really didn't understand the huge responsibility that we had given to us. During the past year, we have loved being able to run the chaplaincy strand which has allowed us to work alongside all the year groups. We've had the opportunity to speak to so many different people in our lasallian community which has allowed us to grow as young adults. The response from each year on raising money for charity has been amazing and we could've be more proud of the achievements we've achieved as a school. We're happy to be leaving behind a guide dog to the current year sevens which we're calling our legacy. Hopefully the new society work to helping our school grow. As sad as it is that we have to leave, it's been such an amazing experience and we would like to thank any pupils and teachers that have helped us along the way! Thankyou - May and Hamid



***Communication*** – it has been an honour to be part of the society over the past year. We never could have imagined how much it would impact our lives and help us to grow as lasallians, it has been amazing to see what giving responsibility to 24 students has done to our lasallian community. Our greatest achievements this year have definitely been the Public Speaking Competition and the Newsletter (that you are reading right now). Both of these gave students a voice, which is something that we are both passionate about. If you had told us 2 years ago that we would be attending governor's meetings, speaking in front of our peers and having such a positive impact on our community, then we never would have believed you. We both want to say a big thank you to Mr Rannard for giving us this opportunity which will stay with us forever. We would also like to thank Mrs Millea, Mrs Mal, Mrs Guy, Dom, Mr Legget and Mrs Skinner who have helped us with the public speaking and other events that we have been involved in. thank you to all parents, students and staff who have helped us this past year and have taken time to be involved with us. It has been a pleasure to work with Y9 this year and in particular their Student Leadership Team, who are sure to make great leaders in the future. However everything must come to an end, and as we enter our final (and most crucial) term at DLS, we are happy to be passing our duties onto Y10- however will be said to end this amazing experience. So for the last time THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK!! – Ines and Joe



***Student Support*** – It has been a privilege being part of the first 1719 society, and being chosen to be the Deputy Head Girl and Boy in charge of the Student Support section. We have worked very closely with the students and staff to identify what support, they felt, was required. As a result of this, we have both began to or put in place a number of initiatives which will be carried on and added to through years to come. These include: Transitions, Dyslexia Group, Wellbeing Champions, Mental Health Week, Homework Club, Safer Students and Mental Health Ambassadors.

**With more time in our positions, we would have loved to see many more of our ideas materialise such as the Autism Friendly Prefects, Listeners and create tailored Tutor sessions. We are excited to see our ideas blossom and the approach that the new 1719 society will take. We wish them good luck for the year ahead and to enjoy every second of it; grab every opportunity with both hands! Finally, thank you to all the staff including Mrs. Millea who have given us so many opportunities and skills that we will use in later life. We are so grateful to have been entrusted to take on this great responsibility and have truly loved every second of it.  
Thank you - Isabelle and Dylan.**



***Extra-Curricular-* We have both loved being a part of the 1719 society this year and having the responsibility of being deputy head boy and deputy head girl in charge of extra-curricular. We would like to say thank you to the school for choosing us and giving us this opportunity, and putting their trust in us. We feel proud to have increased the participation levels in extra-curricular activities across the school by making them more accessible to pupils and advertising them more. To that extent we have helped organise and score the weekly basketball matches with Mr Fletcher and the year 8's and it was great to see the progression and competitiveness of all players each Friday when the competition took place. We are grateful for Fletch's help in our journey as extra-curricular deputy heads. We are excited to see the ideas the new society are planning to make and wish them luck for the year ahead. Thank you to all of the teachers and staff that have supported us along the way also.  
Thank you- Izzy and Lewis.**



**Thank you to everyone who has trusted us, helped us and listened to us over the last year!  
We wish Y10 all of the luck in the world – The 1719 Society 2018/19**