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Dear Parent / Carer,

Parental Update 27

Our Year 11 students begin their full GCSE exams from Monday, and Year 11 parents should this morning have received details on arrangements for the final weeks of their time with us. The vast majority of the students have worked very hard in preparation and deserve to reap the rewards, we wish them well.

Also this week, Sam and Stan took some of our Year 9 students on a retreat to Kintbury (the Lasallian retreat centre), our boys' Year 8 rugby sadly lost their final but we are proud they got so far, our Year 11 boys won their rugby final on penalties against Rainhill (match report below), we finished our Spanish speaking tests and our Year 7 and 10 reading partners were paired up.

Alongside this our student reports continue to be processed: our Year 7 reports have now been checked and are being processed ahead of being sent out in the near future, the Year 10 reports are also just undergoing their final checks, Year 9 reports have just been written and the year 8 will be written by next Friday.

Mobile Phones

Many of the safeguarding and behaviour issues we face in school are directly linked to mobile phones. Our rule has been that they should not be used between 8.30am and 3.00pm and in most cases students are just warned to put them away if seen with them. Sadly, this approach is not working, so after half term (from Monday 6th June) we will be applying much tighter rules around mobile phones and the consequences of using them, namely:

- Phones are not to be seen, used or heard between 8.30am and 3.00pm
- This includes students wearing airpods / earphones who it will be assumed are using their phone (or why else have them in?)
- Breach of these rules will always result in the phone being confiscated until the end of the day (with no exceptions)
- Persistent breaches of the rules or refusal to hand over a phone may result in internal or external exclusion, being required to hand in the phone before school or being banned from having a phone on school premises.

We are giving a few weeks lead time for students to get used to this and would really appreciate your support, including not trying to contact students on their mobiles during the school day. This can be done via the switchboard who will happily pass on any important notices.

Weekly School Focus: Admin Team

Speaking of the switchboard, we are blessed to have a great Administration team who do so much of the work that keeps the school ticking over: from Kate and Jeanette at

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reception, Cath and Jayne in the office, Jade our attendance officer, Denise our medical officer and Mandy on reprographics, all ably led by Jo, my PA and our Office Manager. Alongside our office staff are Jo, our finance officer and Yvonne our exams and data officer and they are ably led by Carolyn, the school Business Manager. In most cases, whenever you contact the school it will be one of the Admin team who answers your question, provides your new login or takes a payment – all done with a Lasallian smile!

Sporting Success (thanks to Callum for the report)

As I mentioned above, our Year 11 boys won the St Helens Cup. The final between De La Salle and Rainhill didn't disappoint. It went right down to the wire in a 3-3 thriller. The lads pushed right to the end, leaving nothing in the tank and it went to the fate of a penalty shootout.

The shootout went to sudden death, DLS goalkeeper Ryan McArdle who saved Rainhill's 6th penalty put us in a brilliant position to win the game. It was down to Sam Stockley to put the ball in the back of the net... and he did in fantastic fashion – sending Ruskin Drive wild.

And the celebrations began! Everything that the lads have been through together over the past 5 years was captured all into one moment. And it just felt right. The boys love each other, and they absolutely showed it in the final.

The team will now concentrate on their GCSES and hopefully carry on the cup winning celebrations afterwards. Massive thanks to Mr. Ashcroft for coming to help give a tactical masterclass.

And last but most certainly not least Mr. Fletcher we would all like to thank you for everything that you've done for us over our time with you. We hope we can be remembered for a very long time.

Match Result: De La Salle 3-3 Rainhill (6-5 on pens) Scorers: James Williams (Man of the Match), Owen Lewis, Charlie Dyer, Pen Scorers: Jack Moran, James Williams, Charlie Tarpey, Charlie Dyer, Adam Bott, Sam Stockley

Year 9 Students Football Success

Eleven pupils from DLS took part in the under 14s Alf Holt cup final in the Warrington Junior Football league, Parkdale Sidac v Fc St Helens on 7/5/2022. Parkdale Sidac won the match 1-0 in a very entertaining, evenly matched game, played in good spirits. For Parkdale Sidac: Robert Bleakley, Samuel Crawley, Ryan Hobin, Max Critchley, Callum Peers, Ethan Rotherham, Lewis Spence and Liam Glynn and for FC St Helens: Tiernan Conway, Matty Smee and Charlie Molyneux

Big Ask

Last week I shared the parental responses for Behaviour and Attitudes questions, this week we move to the final set of questions: Personal Development. Once again, your feedback is positive but we are keen to improve the areas that you scored lower than others:

Big Ask – Personal Development Questions

Question	Grade out of 5
My child has had sufficient careers advice to be prepared for life after school	3.5
The school has provided my child with an understanding of equality and diversity.	4.3
There is a good variety of extra-curricular activities on offer for my child	3.8
The school has taught my child how to stay healthy both physically and mentally	3.9

Question	Grade out of 5
The school offers opportunities for my child to take a leadership role	3.6
The school teaches my child about British Values and their importance	3.8
The school teaches my child about relationship and sex education appropriate to their age.	4.1
My child understands what character traits are and how strength of character can help them in their life.	4.0
The school ensures my child is developed spiritually and supported on their faith journey	4.2
The school curriculum extends beyond the academic, offering my child opportunities to develop their cultural experiences	3.9

Forthcoming Events (items in bold indicate a change to normal day)

Monday 16th May	Year 11 GCSEs begin
17 and 18 th May	Year 9 Careers drop down days
24th & 26th May	Year 7 Careers drop down days
Friday 27th May	School closes for half term
Monday 6th June	School Re-opens
6th – 17th June	Year 7-9 Assessment weeks/Year 10 Mock Exams
Thursday 23rd June	Year 7 Parents' Evening (students finish at 1.30pm)
27th – 29th June	Year 8 Maths Trip
4th – 8th July	Year 6 Transition Week
Wednesday 20th July	School closes (Students finish at 12.10pm)

And finally....

As Spurs fans, can I and Mr G Fletcher ask that we all keep Mr Tucker and Mr Singh in our thoughts at this challenging time for them as Arsenal supporters. However, we have supported Spurs long enough to know that these words will be returning to bite me in the next week or so when we lose to bottom placed Norwich!

Enjoy the weekend,

Andrew Rannard
Headteacher

CAREERS NEWSLETTER



This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES



SCL Education, the home of sports education for 16-18 year olds, have today launched a new division: SCL Enigmaz. SCL Enigmaz is a new esports programme that offers learners the opportunity to focus on careers in esports. Their purpose is to use the power of sport to create the next generation of esports professionals. You can read more [here](#).



You don't need to know where you're going to get going. Whether you know where you're headed in the future or not, knowing the work and study choices available to you is a great place to start. The [National Careers Service website](#) allows you to understand all of the different qualification types in the UK. The earlier you start researching, the easier your choice will be.



Do you know what a T Level is? They're the newest type of Level 3 Qualification in the UK. You achieve UCAS points, which means you can go to university after completing a T Level. As part of the course, you complete a 45 day work placement with an employer. You can read more about T Levels [here](#).



The New Model Institute for Technology and Engineering are thrilled to share about their innovative MEng Integrated engineering programme. Their yearly fees are less than a normal university and they also offer a £2000 bursary. They have a range of [open days](#) that you can attend to learn more.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Vets diagnose and treat sick or injured animals.

You can earn up to £50,000 per year and expect to work 40-45 hours per week. This could be on call as there may be an emergency. There will be 6% more Vet jobs by 2026.

You can read more about [this here](#).

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

According to a report by Oxford Martin Commission of Future Generations, 47% of existing jobs are at risk globally of being lost to automation.

This means that AI or another technology led process will replace the need for a human to do a certain job.

If you have any questions or need support, please contact moranh@delasalleschool.org.uk

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Speakers for Schools have a range of upcoming opportunities:

- For students aspiring to a career in hospitality, there is an inspirational insight into the roles available in a luxury 5 star hotel with [Headland Hotel](#)
- For engineering and technology students aspiring to a career in aerospace, there is an amazing opportunity with [Spaceport Cornwall](#)
- For health and social care and medical students, there are various insights available with the [NHS](#) and lots, lots more

Check out the [Virtual Insight Session](#) and [Discovery Workshop](#) pages for a full list of opportunities.

Have you ever heard of a job called "ride consultant"? Basically, they design rollercoasters. And get paid for it. Cool, right? Check out this new website called [First Careers](#) where you can read more about this job and many more.

Aged 11-30? Tell us what you think about study, work and life. The Youth Voice Census will ask a range of questions about you and your experiences in education, training, work and in everyday life. Your answers could make a big difference to how UK government, employers and educators support young people. All your answers will remain anonymous. Youth Employment UK will use the data to create public reports on how young people view study and employment today. [Click here](#) to take part.

There are many preconceived ideas about what a typical day in the life of a student is like, the University of Plymouth aim to give the real picture. Presented by one of their student ambassadors, the student life talk is an important aspect of your self-discovery and decision around if university is right for you. Book onto the next student life talk on 19th May from 1630-1730 by [clicking here](#).



EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT



Arts Council England

"We have an ambitious vision for the future of creativity and culture. By 2030, we want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish."

You can read more about Arts Council England's vision [here](#) and their jobs

UNI SPOTLIGHT



UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

University of London

"We are one of the largest, most diverse universities in the UK with over 120,000 students in London, and a further 50,000 studying across 190 countries for a University of London degree."

You can read more about their courses [here](#).

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