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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Parental Update 32

This week saw the final GCSE exams and our Year 11 students have now completed their 11-16 schooling. As always, it is emotional to say goodbye to them, but also wonderful to see what mature, kind and confident young Lasallians they have become.

Elsewhere in school we have had trips to Snowdonia and World of Glass, a STEM day, House Assemblies ahead of Sports Day and Founder's Day next week, vaccinations for Years 8, 9 and 10, very positive departmental reviews in computing and maths and of course our Year 7 Parents' Evening last night.

Looking into next week we have Sports Day on Wed 29<sup>th</sup>, Prom on Thu 30<sup>th</sup> and our Founder's Day celebrations on Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July. Though none of these focus upon academic development, they are important in helping give our students a wider and more holistic experience in school.

### Whole School Focus: Founder's Day

As a Lasallian school, we are proud to be part of a world-wide family of schools which educates over 1 million young people. Our Founder, John Baptist de la Salle, and his approach to education, drives all that we do and in particular the 5 core principles that underpin every Lasallian institution. These core values are:

- Faith in the presence of God
- Concern for the Poor and Social Justice
- Quality Education
- Respect for All Persons
- Inclusive Community

On Friday we will spend the morning reflecting on our Founder's story, coming together in our House groups to celebrate mass, form-based activities and then enjoying an extended break and celebration.

### Money on Student Accounts

As the students have been great in not using their mobile phones, one unexpected outcome is that we have seen a rise in students whose dinner money accounts have run out of money. Obviously in the past they would just text mum or dad. To help address this, could I ask all parents to check their child's dinner money account regularly.

### De La Salle Reads

Along with today's update and the usual careers bulletin, I have also attached the latest copy of our De La Salle Reads newsletter. I have also attached our latest book suggestion for students – The Recruit. I hope you find it useful.

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

## Extended Form Time

From Monday we will be trialling our extended form time. As I have mentioned previously, this is to allow quality time for student reflection, reading, collective worship and of course their weekly assembly.

## Early Finishes/Changes to School day

I know the list of changed finish times is below, but I equally know how busy you are as parents so wanted to ensure you were aware of the days with changes to their finish times or the school day. They are highlighted in **bold** below

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

27th – 29th June	Year 8 Maths Trip
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 9 Chemistry trip (30 students)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 11 Prom
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Founder's Day (students finish 1.30pm)</b>
4th – 8th July	Year 6 Transition Week
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Lasallian District Camp
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Rewards trip to Blackpool
<b>Wednesday 20th July</b>	<b>School closes (Students finish at 12.10pm)</b>

## And finally....

At the risk of sounding like Judith Chalmers, I am away again as I write this, at the ASH (Association of Secondary Heads) Conference. All of the heads of the St Helens secondary schools were able to attend and it has been a very productive time. There has been some great input and discussion around the new education White Paper, the SEND Green Paper and curriculum development. These have been incredibly useful but most striking of all has been the passion and commitment from all the heads to ensure the children of St Helens and surrounding areas have the best education possible.

Enjoy your weekend.

**Andrew Rannard**

Headteacher

# CAREERS NEWSLETTER



**De La Salle**  
Careers

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

Over the next few months, Speakers for Schools have lots of virtual events running. During these sessions, employers will deliver a variety of content about their organisation, sector, career pathways, job roles and hot topics – including presentations, video content, panel discussions, virtual workplace tour, Q&A sessions. Check them out below and sign up to the ones you're interested in. Don't worry if you can't make the time slot, as the recording will be sent to you so you can catch up at a later time/date.

### Insight Day with Santander

Dates: 27/07/2022



Over an action packed morning run, you'll get to meet some of our most passionate employees, gain an insight into banking, get tips on how to apply for our one-week placements, apprenticeship and graduate programmes, there's interview preparation and CV workshops too. [Apply here](#)

### Sustainable Development & Green Skills: How can you save the planet?

Dates: 26/07/2022 – 28/07/2022



This opportunity will connect you with some impressive engineering, business and sustainable firms where you will discover the breadth of opportunities available to you. You will take part in activities that will immerse you in the world of sustainability so that you can see how you can really make an impact and the careers that are available to you! [Apply here](#)

### Careers at the Bank of England

Dates: 25/07/2022 – 29/07/2022



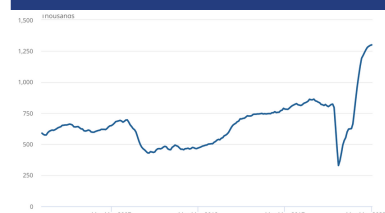
The opportunity will comprise of a number of different virtual sessions spread across the week, designed to help you understand what kind of work takes place in the Bank and provide you with new skills which you will be able to carry with you into the future. [Apply here.](#)

## JOB OF THE WEEK



Exhibition designers work with organisations and individuals to turn their ideas into engaging displays. You can earn up to £40,000 per year and expect to work 39-41 hours per week. This can include evenings and weekends. There will be 1% more Exhibition Designer jobs by 2026. You can read more about this [here](#).

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT



This graph shows the number of vacancies in the UK, seasonally adjusted, March to May 2003 to March to May 2022  
[Source](#)

If you have any questions or need support, please contact [moranh@delasalleschool.org.uk](mailto:moranh@delasalleschool.org.uk)

# CAREERS NEWSLETTER



## OPPORTUNITIES

### BP Virtual Work Experience

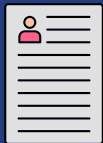
Dates: 25/07/2022 – 28/07/2022



We are looking for motivated students to take part in this experience and learn about our global energy business. Attendees will benefit from talks from a range of bp colleagues working in areas such as engineering, low carbon, geoscience and communications, as well as speed networking with our graduates, HR sessions on interview and CV skills, team working exercises, quizzes and more. [Apply here.](#)

### WORKWISE – How to give your career the best start!

Dates: 25/07/2022



Want to know more about the world of work and the career paths available to you after you finish school? Do you need a trusted interactive resource to be able to find out more about how to become an entrepreneur? Are you looking for good and bad example of CV's and example activities used in assessment centres? Finally, would you like to be able to talk to a colleague at Santander or attend a practice assessment centre...? This session will help! [Apply here.](#)

### The World of Counselling Psychology

Dates: 19/07/2022



This virtual experience will provide an open and informative forum for those keen to find out about counselling psychology. The aim of the session is to hear from Dr Rina about her experiences and tips for success and will as provide an opportunity for interaction and questions. Not only will you learn about key counselling areas from an established professional, you will also hear about how Dr Rina navigated the entry processes and the skills necessary for building a career in counselling psychology. [Apply here.](#)

### Commercial Law: An introduction

Dates: 19/07/2022



Alexa Reilly (Graduate Recruitment Assistant at Burness Paull LLP) is hosting a virtual insight event for young people in schools in Scotland. Come and join to gain an understanding into what it is like to work at a leading commercial law firm, how to start your career in law and ask any questions you may have about the profession! [Apply here.](#)

If none of these are right for you, [click here to view the full list.](#)

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT



"Best-in-class leaders and mentors, meaningful impact, and hands-on opportunities are just a few of the reasons why people are drawn to Meta. Learn more about how our immersive career programs are exceptional experiences.." You can read more about Meta jobs [here.](#)

## UNI SPOTLIGHT



"In an era of change, we are transforming the way we educate our brightest young minds to shape the leaders of tomorrow. At the University of Exeter, we are not bound by the conventions of the past and take a bold, innovative approach to education that reflects the world around us." You can read more about their courses [here.](#)

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June 2022



# DLS READS!



DLS Reads!

Newsletter

Welcome to the new edition of DLS Reads! Summer is approaching (hopefully!) and exams will soon be over. There is no better way to relax outdoors than with a good book. This is a great time of year for new fiction and there are usually good offers to be found as publishers compete for the summer's hottest reads. Ebooks are good value, and local libraries have a wide selection of both ebooks and audiobooks as well as regular books.



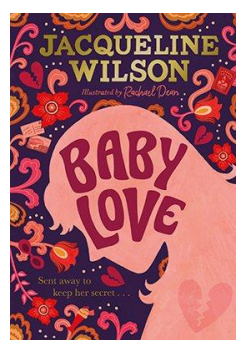
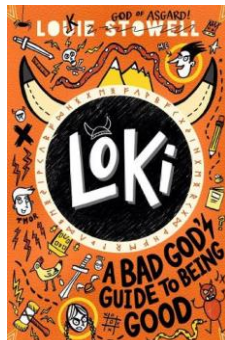
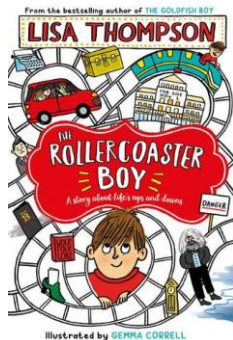
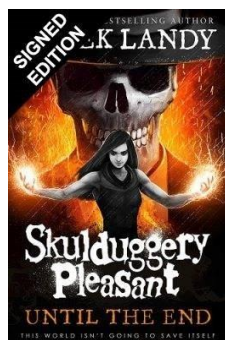
## Picture Quiz!

Which well-known book is this?



## New for 2022!

[The Children's Books You Need to Read in 2022 | Waterstones.com Blog](https://www.waterstones.com/blog/childrens-books-you-need-to-read-in-2022)



## TRY A CLASSIC!

Wuthering Heights is an 1847 novel by Emily Brontë. Her only novel, it is the story of inseparable soulmates Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff, a foundling adopted by Catherine's father. After Mr Earnshaw's death, Heathcliff is bullied and humiliated by Catherine's brother. Wrongly believing that his love for Catherine is not reciprocated he leaves, only to return years later to exact a terrible revenge for his former miseries.

Set in the wild, bleak Yorkshire Moors, this masterpiece is considered one of the finest examples of Gothic Literature.

"Whatever our souls are made of, his and mine are the same."



Looking for a good book? The Booktrust website has a 'Bookfinder' feature that allows you to search for your age group and choose which genre you want to read, with loads of great suggestions.

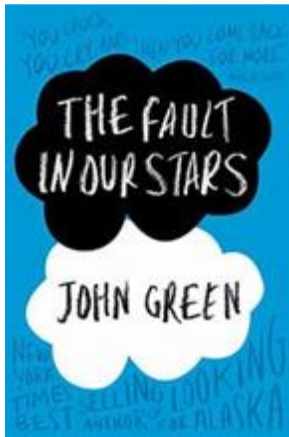


[Bookfinder: find children's books for every age | BookTrust](#)

### Step 2: Choose a type of book

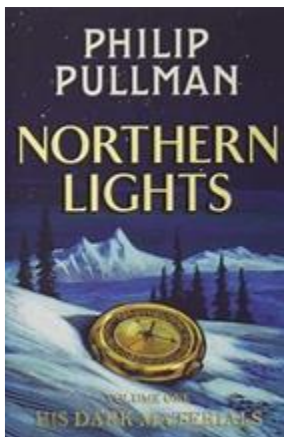


## *Teachers' Dicks...*



16 year-old Hazel meets witty and charming Augustus Waters at a cancer support group. Augustus suffers from a rare type of bone cancer but has recently been given the all-clear. The pair have a crazy adventure travelling to Amsterdam in search of the author of their favourite book, but it is during this romantic trip that their worlds fall apart.

Full of humour and heartbreak, this book will make you laugh, cry and smile.



Lyra Belacqua lives half-wild and carefree among the scholars of Jordan College, with daemon, Pantalaimon, always by her side. But the arrival of her fearsome uncle, Lord Asriel, draws her to the heart of a terrible struggle – a struggle of stolen children, witch clans and armoured bears.

As she hurtles towards danger in the cold, far North, Lyra never suspects the shocking truth: she alone is destined to win, or to lose, the biggest battle imaginable.



This debut novel is narrated by 16 year-old Starr Carter, an African – American from a poor neighbourhood who attends a private school in a predominately white, affluent part of the city. Starr becomes entangled in a national news story after she witnesses a white police officer shoot and kill her childhood friend, Khalil. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed.

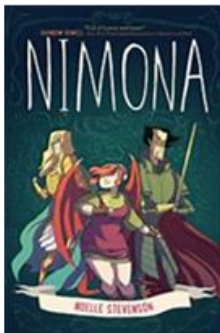
Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping novel about one girl's struggle for justice.

## Graphic Novels

Graphic novels are a great way to enjoy reading. There are loads of new titles and many popular and classic novels have been rewritten in this form.

Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc. Their mission: prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are.

But as small acts of mischief escalate into a vicious battle, Lord Blackheart realizes that Nimona's powers are as murky and mysterious as her past. And her unpredictable wild side might be more dangerous than he is willing to admit.



New York  
Times  
Bestseller!



Boy meets boy. Boys become friends. Boys fall in love. A sweet and charming coming-of-age story that explores friendship, love, and coming out.

Now a major TV series.

It is always worth checking online as the comic strip versions of these may be freely available.



Ever felt anxious or alone? Like you don't belong anywhere? Like you're almost... invisible? Find your kindred spirits at The Sad Ghost Club.

This is the story of one of those days - a day so bad you can barely get out of bed, when it's a struggle to leave the house, and when you do, you wish you hadn't. But even the worst of days can surprise you. When one sad ghost, lost and alone at a crowded party, spies another sad ghost across the room, they decide to leave together. What happens next changes everything. Because that night they start the The Sad Ghost Club - a secret society for the anxious and alone, a club for people who think they don't belong.

For fans of Heartstopper and Jennifer Niven, and for anyone who's ever felt invisible. You are not alone. Shhh. Pass it on.



1. Who is Percy Jackson's dad?
2. Who is the author of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*?
3. What is the name of the main character in *Wonder*?
4. Where did Jacqueline Wilson's character Hetty Feather live before she joined the circus?
5. What animal is Charlotte in *Charlotte's Web*?
6. Who is the author of *Noughts and Crosses*?
7. Emerald City is the sparkling location for which colourful story?
8. Which witch attends Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches?
9. Which series of novels by Anthony Horowitz sees the main character bring evil villains to justice across the French Alps, Cairo, Cuba and Australia?
10. Who is the bear in *Jungle Book*?

Send your answers to Mrs Henshaw for the chance to win a book voucher.

#### Summer Term News

Preparations are underway for the Y7 Reading Festival.

Please bring in any unwanted books for a Big Summer Book Swap in July.

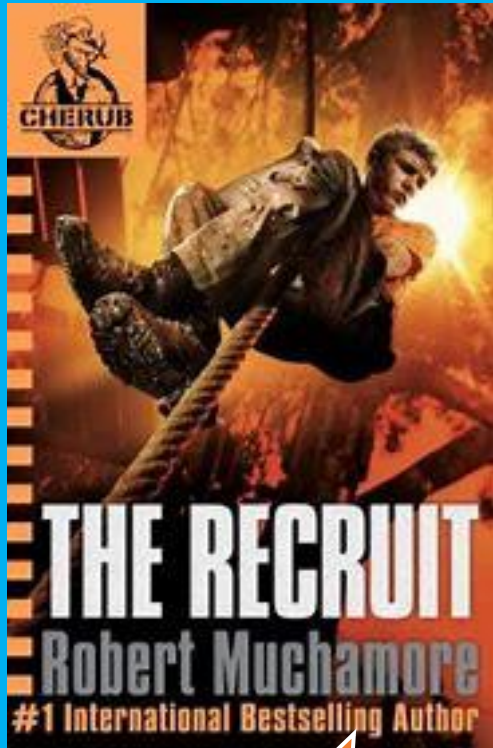
Look out for the Summer Reading Challenge. Your English teachers will give you the information.



#### **Picture Quiz:**

The answer is *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis.

# Book of the Week



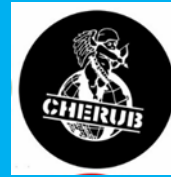
Recommended  
by Mr Hale!

The first title in the number one bestselling CHERUB series! James hits rock bottom before he's offered a new start in an intriguing organisation ...

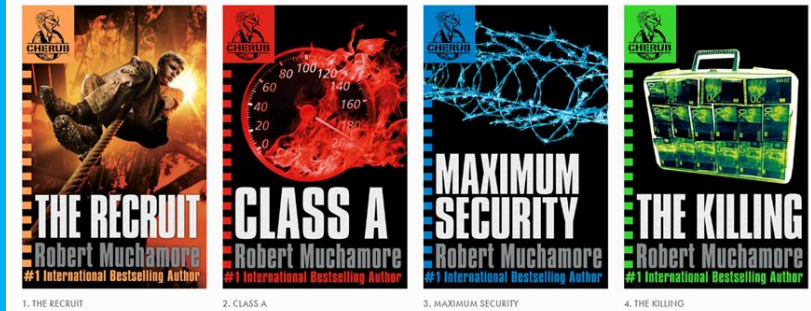
A terrorist doesn't let strangers in her flat because they might be undercover police or intelligence agents, but her children bring their mates home and they run all over the place. The terrorist doesn't know that one of these kids has bugged every room in her house, made copies of all her computer files and stolen her address book. The kid works for CHERUB.

CHERUB agents are aged between ten and seventeen. They live in the real world, slipping under adult radar and getting information that sends criminals and terrorists to jail.

For official purposes, these children do not exist.



## THE CHERUB SERIES



## Author Robert Muchamore on Cherub

In 1998, my twelve-year-old nephew moaned that books were for geeks and there was nothing cool to read. I'd always wanted to be a writer, and his comment stuck in my mind for a few years, gradually turning into the idea for CHERUB.

CHERUB was going to be about kids who lived in the real world. I didn't want clean cut heroes like Harry Potter or Alex Rider.

I never imagined writing seventeen books, and more than a million words about James and his friends. Or that the books would go on to sell over 15 million copies in 26 languages. I got to quit my boring job, made lots of money and travelled the world. It was AMAZING!



Also a  
graphic  
novel !

