



# De La Salle School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

## Parental Update 33

I am finishing this after returning from our two masses for Founder's Day and brimming with pride for the behaviour of our students. The whole morning has been a joy from start to finish and staff and students have united as one to make it such a success, so a huge thank you to them all.

A very hectic week of activity with our Year 11 students enjoying their Prom, 50 of our Year 8 students were away in London for the maths trip, 30 of our Year 9 students took part in a forensic science event at Liverpool John Moores University, 64 Year 10 students visited Carmel College for the day and 10 Year 9 students were filmed as part of the Lumi Programme.

Although the main Sports Day has been postponed, many of the jumping, throwing and long-distance events have taken place with the following points being won by competitors:

Team Champion	489
West Park Wonders	390
Notre Dame Raider	369
Mount Carmel Crusaders	215

Of course, today, as I have mentioned, has been dominated by our Founder's Day celebrations. This has been a unique opportunity to remind staff and students of what it means to be a true Lasallian and that they are part of a world-wide organisation educating over a million young people.

## Whole School Focus: Transition week

As far as I am aware, we remain the only school locally who have a full week of transition for the Year 6 students. This is obviously a logistical challenge, with the rest of the school continuing as normal, but it is so important in helping to smooth the transition to secondary school and help the students feel part of the Lasallian family.

For practical reasons we have different start and finish times for the Year 6 students, but throughout the week they will enjoy a taste of all the usual subjects, and a few additional ones. All of this is masterminded by Mr Hale and ably supported by the Transition Team, our 1719 Society and Prefect team. On the Thursday (7<sup>th</sup> July), the Year 6 parents are also invited to their Information Evening slot (see timings below) whilst also having a chance to look at our Art Exhibition.

**St Julie's, St Teresa's St Thomas of Canterbury and non-associated schools 5.15pm**  
**Corpus Christi, St Austin's, St Bartholomew's, St John Vianney and Our Lady's**  
**6.00pm**

## Book of the Week – One of Us is Lying

This week's book is a murder mystery set in a school. It's 12+ and several of our Year 7 have recommended it, though it is quite a mature read. Mrs Henshaw, our Reading Champion, really enjoyed it and so did her daughter and it's now a TV series too. There is a sequel 'One of Us is Next' and the author has written several other books with similar settings and plots. The Observer compared it to a "juicy Netflix binge-worthy drama"!

## Thank you, Goodbye and Good Luck

Today we say thank you, goodbye and good luck to our ITT trainee teachers who have now finished their teacher training with us: Emma (RE), Paddy (Computing) and Dan (History).

## Extended Form Time

The first week of extended form time has gone well and our form tutors have used the time to develop reading, discuss careers in more detail and enjoy deeper discussion and reflection time in collective worship.

## Latest House Points

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Total
Mount Carmel Crusaders	689	285	324	189	211	1698
Team Champion	1003	324	189	222	192	1930
West Park Wonders	922	228	250	203	185	1788
Notre Dame Raiders	926	299	251	229	231	1936

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

4th – 8th July	Year 6 Transition Week
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Art exhibition (5-7pm)
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....

There is a scene towards the end of Dirty Dancing where Baby's father realises he has made a mistake and apologises to Jonny. Well to use his words, 'when I am wrong, I say I am wrong'. So, when I criticised the BBC's weather forecasting on Wednesday morning after cancelling Sports' Day, just as we would have gone out for the events, it tipped it down. I was wrong, they were spot on.

Enjoy your weekend,

**Andrew Rannard**  
Headteacher