

24th March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Parental Update 26

Good to have a full week back in school which started last weekend with a very soggy DofE expedition for our Year 10s, Year 9 vaccinations, a Year 7 netball festival, county cricket finals for our Year 7 and 8 girls, a visit from LJMU Scientists to teach our students, LIPA came in to deliver a workshop, a Year 8 STEM workshop at Unilever and finishing with what looks like another wet DofE expedition for the other half of Year 10 students.

Then we enter the final week of this Spring term, which really has flown by. The week includes our community Lenten Liturgy on Tuesday, Shakespeare's Italy trip also departs Tuesday, we have a science fair for Year 8, two nights of our Spring Concerts, careers workshops, Campion House Mass and we finish the week with our Lenten Liturgies. There will also be a range of revision sessions for our Year 11 students over the Easter holidays, which Mr Fletcher will be writing out to parents with the relevant details.

Apologies but as I am working on the end of term newsletter, there is no whole school focus this week.

Year 7 and 8 Cricket

Our wonderful, newly formed girls' cricket team has done us proud getting to the county finals which were held this week in Bolton. Sadly, they did not win, but were only a few runs behind the winners and did really well. Against a range of grammar and private schools, our students, under Mr Singh's wonderful guidance, held their own against students who have played the sport for years. Well done girls, we are so proud of you!

Rewards

This week's Lasallian Star awards are attached.

Year 8 Top star point: Ella O'Hare/£10 voucher: Olivia Mullins/Most Lasallian: Ellie Hester
Year 11 Special Awards: Rory Holliday part of the Saints Scholarship team who beat Wigan Warriors this week and Oscar Thomas who was part of the squad.

11O – special recognition for the form's attitude and conduct when participating in the Big Lent Walk. They set the standard for the year group.

Piercings and Dyed Hair

Can we remind parents that students should not come in wearing piercings nor should they come in with hair dyed in an unnatural colour. I raise this, ahead of the Easter holidays when parents might consider agreeing to such requests from their children. Fine to do over the holidays, just don't come in to school with them afterwards. Thank you for your help with this.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Those families entitled to Free School Meals should shortly be receiving vouchers of £50 to cover February half term, Easter holidays and the recent strike days.

Lenten Service and CAFOD fundraising

Our SVP Youth group have been working hard planning our Community Lenten Service which will take place on Tuesday 28th March at 6:00pm. All parents are invited and the service will include a short performance, some time for reflection and some students singing. There will be refreshments made available at the end. If you would like to attend we would very much appreciate an RSVP for this event to be sent to cantillons@delasalleschool.org.uk

A reminder that our CAFOD fundraising is still open for donations via:

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/dlslent/post/2469110>

HAF

The Holidays and Food Programme is funded by the DfE and aims to support children to eat more healthily, be more active over the school holidays and have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition, as well as be more engaged with school and other local services.

Is my child eligible? The HAF programme is primarily for children aged 4-18 years who are eligible for and receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM), and their families. Children who are in receipt of a support plan via Early Help, Child In Need or Children We Look After, EHCP, or if your child receives additional hours at school then you are also eligible for the HAF programme. The link below has all of the information for the Easter programme. Links will go live at 9.00am on Monday 20th March for children/families to book activities. <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun>

Attendance Data

It was a dead heat between us and the national figure last week, despite the two strike days.

5th September 2022 – 17th March 2023:

- School attendance **91.1 % (same)**
- National Secondary Attendance is: **90.9% (same)**
- Gap: + 0.2% **(same)**

Forthcoming Events (dates in **bold** indicate a change to normal finish times)

Sat / Sun 18/19th: DofE Expedition

Tue 21st: LJMU Science Lesson (Period 3)

Tue 28th – 1st Apr: Shakespeare's Italy Trip

Wed 29th: Full Governors Meeting (5.00pm)

Wed 29th / Thu 30th: Spring Concert / Music Showcase (evening)

Fri 31st Mar: school closes for Easter (3.00pm)

Easter Holidays

Mon 17th April: School re-opens

W/B Mon 17th – Fri 21st: Spanish Speaking mock exams Year 11 begin

W/B Mon 17th – Thu 20th: Art GCSE Exams begin

And finally...

This week we have been hit by a lot of staff illness, so much so that even I was required to cover some lessons. My initial hopes of covering a GCSE history class were sadly dashed as I was allocated 3 Year 8 maths groups (yes that is how tight staffing was that we had to group some classes together).

Fortunately, our maths department are incredibly well organised and within minutes we had all 3 classes working away quietly and conscientiously. My role was keeping it that way. Then the first hand went up. Now I am ashamed to admit that, unlike my wife and two sons who are great mathematicians, my literacy skills are far stronger than my numeracy skills (ironically, I think I started to struggle with maths when we began using letters as well as numbers).

Nevertheless, I was there to serve, so went over to help – sure enough it was an equation: letters and numbers. I could feel that anxiety starting to rise as the student looked up to me for help. My

mind raced back to those many maths lessons in school: think man, think! I can't do it, should I give up, tell the child to move on to the next question?

Then bit by bit it started to come back to me, the logic of moving elements either side of the = sign and how this changed things (I am sure there is a mathematical phrase for that). I started to explain, to myself as much as the student, as the memories returned to me and a minute later the child got it. This was the single biggest achievement I think I have had this year and I am certain I did a little fist pump as I walked back to oversee the students, full of self-satisfaction. Then the next hand went up...

Have a good weekend.

Andrew Rannard

Headteacher

Form Class	Year 11	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7
J	Abigail Monaghan	Muhammed Sayyaf	Rebecca Pye	James Palathingal	Max Rigby
O	Zak Hopkins	Warren Hyland	Amelia Johnson	Amber Mallon	Jack Jarmolowicz
H	Finn Labong	Jack Bloore	Kitty Rose Hughes	Ella Evans	Jess Shepherd
N	Erin McLoughlin	Stephen Pennington	Mia Stewart	Lewis Egan	Martha Bain
B	Jayron Abasta	Heather Gordon	Paul Bushell	Maisie Molyneux	Alfie Westhead
D	Ben Armstrong	Alex Barker	Harry Provan	Sophie Dowling	Maddison McPaul
L	Eve Ryan	Isaac Sams	Emily Topping	Ryan Barrow	Alfie Thompson
S	Larissa Moreira-Favin	Jamie Frankowski	Jessica Smith	Ella Harthen	Fletcher Fenlon

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



Tech Juniors is a niche jobs board for junior tech roles worldwide. They are due to launch soon and you can join the waitlist [here](#). Also check out their [Instagram](#) page for CV advice, give aways and insights to the Tech industry.



University of Leicester's summer schools are back! Taking place on Wednesday 26 July – Friday 28 July 2023, their three-day residential summer school programme is available for students in years 10 and 11, and is completely free to attend. [Apply here](#) - applications close on Friday 31st March.



Make your mark by spending eight weeks between July 3rd – August 25th 2023 working with the best at one of the largest publishers in the world. You'll work on a paid independent project made especially for the internship programme – making decisions for yourself and contributing to our shared mission. Applications for the 2023 cohort will be open between midday on March 24th and 5pm on April 7th. [Read more here](#).



Do you live within 30 minutes of an LNER station? Want to take part in paid virtual work experience? [Check out the Super Squad opportunity here!](#)



You are invited to attend a range of virtual sessions put on by the Schools and Colleges Team at ARU. Whether you are Year 13 and still thinking about applying to University, or want more information about Degree Apprenticeships, or you're a parent who just needs to understand Student Finance better - come and join us for an informative chat and remember, no question is a silly question! [Register here](#).

JOB OF THE WEEK



Commissioning editors request or buy authors, book titles and ideas to publish them. The annual salary is £25,000 to £50,000 and expect to work 37 to 39 hours a week. There will be 3.3% more Commissioning editor jobs in 2027. [Click here to read more](#).

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

In December 2022 to February 2023, the estimated number of vacancies fell by 51,000 on the quarter to 1,124,000. This reflects uncertainty across industries, as survey respondents continue to cite economic pressures as a factor in holding back on recruitment.

[Read more here](#)

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

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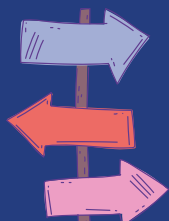
OPPORTUNITIES



The Queer Student Awards recognise inspirational young LGBTQ+ people in the U.K. and the individuals, organisations and educational institutions that provide them with the support and safe spaces they need to thrive and reach their potential in education and the workplace regardless of their sexuality and gender identity. Nominations close on 30th March. [Submit yours here.](#)



Free virtual "Meet the Russell Group" Webinars are taking place on April 25th, 26th & 27th. Each webinar will run either during an afternoon (12:00 - 13:30 pm) or evening session (18:00 - 19:30 pm) and cover topics such as Personal Statements & Applying to a RG University, Researching University Options and Student life, as well as a special session for International Students. This is an incredible opportunity for students considering applying for Cambridge, Oxford, LSE, Bristol or any of the 24 Russell Group Universities. [You can register here.](#)



The Aspire programme created by upReach, is a collection of free careers, university and further education resources designed to give students the tools and knowledge they need to make more informed decisions about their future, with free resources including:

- [The Aspire Guide](#) - a 64-page guide providing in-depth information on different career pathways, university options, student finance, gap years and more.
- [The Aspire Webinar Series](#) - Since launching in September 2021, our free-to-attend Aspire Webinars have had 2000+ registrations from 500+ schools, with 99% saying they would recommend these sessions to another student.



Did you know that A student from a underserved background who gains a first class degree from a top university is less likely to secure an elite job than a more privileged student with a 2.2? UpReach exists to create the conditions for undergraduates from less-advantaged backgrounds to access and sustain top graduate jobs. They have three programmes that you can join whilst at university. [Read more about them here.](#)



The Student Social Mobility Awards are organised by upReach to showcase the incredible achievements of undergraduates from lower socio-economic backgrounds from across the UK. [Read more here.](#)

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT



"innocent started with our three founders and a simple mission: to help make it easy for people to do themselves some good. 21 years on, there are over 600 of us around the world and that mission has grown into something much bigger. We need more brilliant people who share our ambition to join the next (and most exciting) stage of our journey." You can read more about their careers [here.](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT



"With a student-friendly population and a self-contained campus, you'll find that Dundee is one of the best places in the United Kingdom to live, work, and study. Dundee is also one of the safest cities in the UK, ranked 2nd safest city in Scotland the Complete University Guide 2022."

You can read more about University of Dundee's courses [here.](#)

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