



De La Salle
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Dear Parent / Carer,

Parental Update 2

I must start with a massive thank you to you all for ensuring the students' uniform was up to the high standards we have in place this year. Based upon experiences shared by other schools, we had set up the Activity Studio with 40 chairs to accommodate those students refusing to comply but, owing to your support, this wasn't necessary as we have only had low single figures reducing across the week.

This, alongside our focus upon being punctual to lessons, really has had a much wider impact upon student attitudes within school and making it an even calmer and happier place to be. So again, thank you for your part in that, we all just need to keep on top of it.

Whole School Focus – Form Time

We start every day with 30 minutes of form time. This time is spent as a form class with a range of activities each morning. In addition to daily business, registration, uniform checks and collective worship, across the 5 days the students will have:

- **Assembly** (as a whole year group)
- **Extended Collective Worship**: the students engage with a theme and resources provided by Sam our Chaplain, and now have prayer journals to capture their own thoughts and reflections.
- **Reading**: one morning a week is dedicated to form classes reading collectively. This can be an ongoing novel, article or short story and is supported by discussion of the text.
- **'Just Say It'**: this is a circle time activity for the class to discuss a topic that they are provided with by our Team Reims students.
- **News and Careers**: students will watch a relevant clip from Newsround, take part in our weekly news quiz and/or cover aspects of careers

Open Evening

Our Open Evening is taking place on **Thursday 5th October**. We are always aware that there is a lot of great choice out there for secondary schools and so it is important that we show a positive, but accurate, picture of our school to prospective parents. To help ensure the building is ready, **students will be finishing school at 1.10pm** (packed lunches will be available for students on FSM).

The evening starts from 4.30pm and closes at 7.30pm. I will be speaking at 4.45pm, 5.45pm and 6.45pm.

Student rewards

This week's Lasallian Star Awards are attached.

Additional Awards go to:

- Lasallian Star: Jessica Barrow
- Top Star point winner: Katie Wootton
- £10 voucher: Mia Fair

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

Phone System Issues

The wonders of modern technology mean that our phone system is a digital one and has a variety of bells and whistles, unfortunately at the moment, those bells and whistles don't include 'working properly'. We have issues with calls cutting out or ending abruptly, please be assured this is not deliberate! The cause is an external issue with BT which they are working on, so apologies for any inconvenience at the moment and, in the short term, consider emailing in via delasalle@delasalleschool.org.uk

Parental Contact

On the same theme, regarding contacting the school, can I remind parents that we aim to respond to questions or concerns within 48 hours for non-emergency issues and 24 hours for the most urgent issues. Where possible, initial queries should go through your child's form tutor or the school office.

Year 7 Logins

I am aware that some Year 7 students have had issues logging in to Edulink. To help address these, there will be special sessions run on Monday and Tuesday at lunchtime in Computing. Any students experiencing issues should pop along.

Information Evenings (Message from Mrs Greensmith)

Your child's academic progress and success is extremely important to us and we would like to work together, in partnership with you, to support them by helping them to develop their ability to study independently. Strengthening their revision and study skills will help them reach their full potential and reduce the anxiety some pupils experience when studying for exams.

To achieve this, we are holding 2 parental support evenings;

- **Year 8 and Year 9 on Wednesday 20th September 5.30-7.00**
- **Year 10 and Year 11 on Thursday 28th September 5.30-7.00**

As mentioned last week, Year 7 have had an initial information evening last July and we will look to provide further support for our new Year 7 pupils later in the year once they have had more time to settle into their new school.

These events have been specially designed to offer you advice and information about how you can support your child to revise and independently study at home. The evening will be an informal event where you can talk to members of staff, ask questions and learn how you can work with your child so that you can better support them in the preparation for exams.

Upon arrival we will give you a brief overview of how educational research shows revision works best for pupils before you visit the different workshops with demonstrations by staff on a variety of different ways to revise and have an opportunity to try out some of the revision techniques that each subject recommends. We would encourage you to bring your child with you to the event so that they feel part of this support process.

If you haven't already responded to confirm your attendance via the forms section of ParentMail, please do so as soon as possible.

Year 7 Star Outside of School (from Mr G Fletcher)

Every Monday the Year 7 team love to celebrate the fantastic achievements of their pupils outside of school. If you would like to nominate your child for this award, please email Mr Fletcher and Mr Mather before Monday each week.

Last week's star outside of school went to Louie from Form 7N - awesome performance at St Helens and Knowsley School Boy Football trials.

750 Bus Overcrowding

Merseytravel have asked us to raise the issue of overcrowding on the 750 bus after school. They are looking into this service but have asked us to ask students and parents to consider taking one of the other buses (751, 752, 753) which all follow parts of the same route (I have attached the bus route list to help you).

Industrial Action (NASUWT)

Just when we hoped that any disruption to school life was over, the NASUWT has notified schools nationally that they and their members are taking further industrial action. Fortunately, this is 'Action Short of Strike Action' rather than full strike action. This means that, from Monday, members of the union will refuse to undertake certain additional activities outside of school times. This action is national and not against our school specifically, and is in protest over 'the failure of the government to fully fund the pay award and resolve the excessive workload and long hours for teachers.'

We don't routinely ask staff to do any of the areas covered, so the impact should be minimal but it may result in some staff or departments not being represented at additional events such as the Information Evenings. Please be assured that Parents' Evenings are not affected.

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

Fri 8th – Sat 9th: Year 11 English Trip

Sat 16th: Duke of Edinburgh Award training

Wed 20th: Year 8 and 9 Information Evening

Sat 23rd: Duke of Edinburgh Award training

Mon 25th – Fri 29th: Year 7 Retreats (in-house)

Thu 28th: Year 10 and 11 Information Evening

Sat 30th – Sun 1st (Oct): Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition Group 1

Tue 3rd Oct: Year 9 Geography Field Trip (group 1)

Thu 5th: Open Evening (school finishes at 1.10pm)

Sat 7th – Sun 8th: Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition Group 2

Tue 10th: Year 9 Geography Field Trip (group 2)

Mon 16th – Fri 27th: Year 10 Assessments

Thu 19th: Pastoral Meetings (all year groups): 3:15 – 5:45

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th: Year 11 Mock Exams (for practical subjects only)

Wed 25th: Welcome Mass (Lowe House) 6.30pm

Fri 27th: Finish for half term (3:00pm)

And finally...The Scrapbook

Whilst at my Mum and Dad's my Dad showed me and Mrs R a scrapbook he has been working on of photos, certificates, newspaper cuttings etc of the family. This was really nostalgic to look through with the usual embarrassing photos (there was no such thing as fashion for children in the late 70s) etc.

Quite unusually, rather than take a chronological approach to the scrapbook, he had opted for the more eclectic 'stick anything, anywhere, randomly' approach. In a way this made it unintentionally, much funnier, for example a photo of my Great Nan from 1922 was alongside my brother's level 1 swimming certificate.

There were a few other notable gems, typical of the pre-smartphone era: my mum next to a lovely statue (but only capturing the knees and below of the statue), an out of focus photo of our old dog and a proper formal photo portrait of me (aged about 12) and my younger brother (8) and sister (6) in which we all seem to be sat on the same single seat and I am wearing what looks like some sort of safari suit, like a little Lord Fauntleroy.

The most bizarre item, however, was one of those 'wanted dead or alive' style fold over card/poster mementos that you get taken on holiday. That in itself isn't bizarre, as it was from mum and dad's first time abroad, what was unusual was that there was no photo, it was just the blank cardboard

with the little flaps that would hold a large photo. At first, I thought it had slipped out whilst I was flicking through, but we couldn't see it. When we asked, Dad explained, in all seriousness, that the photo had been lost years ago but he had stuck the holder in anyway. Hard to believe my dad had quite an important job when he was younger!

Have a good weekend.

Andrew Rannard

Headteacher

Rewards:

This week's Lasallian Star Awards go to:

Form Class	Year 11	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7
J	Matthew Hughes	Not available at time of writing	Simon Critchley	Lukas Asson	Mia
O	Isabel Jones		Xan Chisnall	Hope Bayley	Harry
H	Oliver Greenall		Ciara Ashall	Jess Shepherd	Amber
N	Lili Lowry		Isabella Scully	Owen Polding	Liam and Aleigha
B	Heather Gordon		Maddison Hodgkinson	Alfie Westhead	Preston and Bracken
D	Alex Baker		Layla Lamb	Eddy Richards	Catlin and Daniel
L	Charlie Dixon		Max Mitchell	Esme Scott	Pearl
S	William Vose		Noah Ryan	Isabella Thomas	Isla may



Valid from **11 September 2023**

Bus timetable

743 750
751 752
753 754
755

**Buses serving
De La Salle High School**

These services are provided Merseytravel

What's changed?

The morning 755 journey is retimed 5 minutes earlier throughout, now leaving from The Pastures at 0740



**743****Rainford - Carmel College
(via De La Salle School)****Merseytravel
bus service****Monday to Friday schooldays only**

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Rainford News Lane	0743
Rainford Junction News Lane	0745
Rainford Cross Pit Lane	0754
Rainford By-pass, Bottle and Glass	0802
Millbrook Lane, Mill Brow	0817
Carmel College	0830

M

De La Salle High School	1510
Pasture Lane	1521
Rainford Station	1534
Reeds Brow, News Lane	1538

Code used:

M - Merseytravel Bus Service operated by Huyton Travel Ltd (0743) and Stagecoach (1510)

Route 743 from: RAINFORD (NEWS LANE,HENDERSON DRIVE) via News Lane, Bushey Lane, Rainford Road, Ormskirk Road, Church Road, Pasture Lane, Rainford By-pass, St Helens Road, Rainford Road, Greenfield Road, Dentons Green Lane, Kiln Lane, Bleak Hill Road, Millbrook Lane (**for De La Salle School**), Chapel Lane, Church Road, Millfields, Knowsley Road, Dunriding Lane, Prescot Road, Lyme Road, Freckleton Road, Prescot Road to CARMEL COLLEGE.

Route 743 afternoon journeys from: DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL via Alder Hey Road, Kiln Lane, Rainford Road, Rainford By-pass, Pasture Lane, Church Road, Ormskirk Road, Rainford Road, Bushey Lane, News Lane to RAINFORD (NEWS LANE,REEDS BROW).



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752 753

Lunts Heath/Rainhill Stoops - De La Salle High School

**Merseytravel
bus services**

Monday to Friday schooldays only

	753	751	750	752
Lunts Heath Lunts Heath Rd, Birchfield Rd	-	-	-	0745
Rainhill Stoops Warrington Road	0750	-	0745	0750
Rainhill Station	0755	-	0750	0754
Warrington Road, Delph Lane	-	0752▲	0755	-
Thatto Heath Station	0802	-	-	0800
Portico Lane Scoles Lane	-	0757	-	-
De La Salle High School	0810	0807	0810	0810

Codes used:

- Merseytravel Bus Service operated by: Stagecoach (751 and 753) and Huyton Travel Ltd (750 and 752)

▲ - Bus starts (and is timed) from Delph Lane, Fire Station Road.

Route 750 from: RAINHILL STOOPS (WARRINGTON ROAD, NORLANDS LANE) via Warrington Road, St Helens Road, Burrows Lane, Church Lane, Chapel Lane, Mill Brow, Ackers Lane, Alder Hey Road to DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL.

Route 751 from: DELPH LANE, WARRINGTON ROAD via Delph Lane, Portico Lane, Scholes Lane, Main Avenue, Upland Road, Grange Park Road, Prescott Road, Dunriding Lane, Knowsley Road, Alder Hey Road to DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL.

Route 752 from: LUNTS HEATH (LUNTS HEATH ROAD, BIRCHFIELD ROAD) via Lunts Heath Road, Wilmere Lane, Warrington Road, Rainhill Road, Nutgrove Road, Thatto Heath Road, Lugsmore Lane, Prescott Road, Dunriding Lane, Knowsley Road, Alder Hey Road to DE LA SALLE SCHOOL.

Route 753 journey from: RAINHILL STOOPS (WARRINGTON ROAD) via Warrington Road, Rainhill Road, Nutgrove Road, Thatto Heath Road, Lugsmore Lane, Prescott Road, Dunriding Lane, Knowsley Road, Alder Hey Road to DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL.



Monday to Friday schooldays only

	752	753	750	751
De La Salle High School	1505	1505	1505	1510
Toll Bar	-	1515	-	1520
Thatto Heath Station	-	1520	-	-
Scholes Lane, Grange Park	-	1523	-	-
Nutgrove Road, Nutgrove Hall Drive	1520	-	-	-
Burrows Lane, St Helens Road	-	-	1518	-
Warrington Road, Delph Lane	-	-	1525	1526▲
Rainhill Stoops Lawton Road	1526	-	1533	1531
Rainhill Stoops Warrington Rd, Norlands Ln	1528	-	1535	-

Code used:

- Merseytravel Bus Service operated by Huyton Travel Ltd (750, 751 and 752) and Stagecoach (753).

▲ - timed at Delph Lane, Fire Station Road.

Route 750 from: DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL via Alder Hey Road, Dodd Avenue, Ellison Drive, Knowsley Road, Millfields, Burrows Lane, St Helens Road, Warrington Road to RAINHILL STOOPS (WARRINGTON ROAD, NORLAND'S LANE).

Route 751 from: DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL via Alder Hey Road, Dodd Avenue, Ellison Drive, Knowsley Road, Dunriding Lane, Prescott Road, Grange Park Road, Upland Road, Austin Avenue, Scholes Lane, Portico Lane, Delph Lane, Warrington Road to RAINHILL (WARRINGTON ROAD, LAWTON Road).

Route 752 from: DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL via Alder Hey Road, Dodd Avenue, Ellison Drive, Knowsley Road, Dunriding Lane, Prescott Road, Lugsmore Lane, Thatto Heath Road, Nutgrove Road, Rainhill Road, Warrington Road to RAINHILL STOOPS (WARRINGTON ROAD).

Route 753 from: DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL via Alder Hey Road, Dodd Avenue, Ellison Drive, Knowsley Road, Dunriding Lane, Prescott Road, Lugsmore Lane, Thatto Heath Road, Scholes Lane to SCHOLES LANE (GRANGE PARK).

**754****Sutton Manor - De La Salle High School**
(continues to Rainford High Technology College)**Merseytravel
bus service****Monday to Friday schooldays only**

Sutton Manor Forest Road, Jubits Lane	0750
Thatto Heath Station	0805
De La Salle High School	0813



De La Salle High School	1510
Thatto Heath Station	1520
Sutton Manor Forest Rd, Jubits Lane	1530

Code used:

- Merseytravel Bus Service operated by Stagecoach.

Route 754 from: SUTTON MANOR (FOREST ROAD, JUBITS LANE) via Forest Road, Lea Green Road, Lowfield Lane, Sutton Heath Road, Elephant Lane, Thatto Heath Road, Lugsmore Lane, Prescott Road, Dunriding Lane, Knowsley Road, Alder Hey Road to DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL.

PLEASE NOTE: journey continues via De La Salle to Rainford High School.

Route 754 from: DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL via Alder Hey Road, Dodd Avenue, Ellison Drive, Knowsley Road, Dunriding Lane, Prescott Road, Lugsmore Lane, Thatto Heath Road, Elephant Lane, Sutton Heath Road, Lowfield Lane, Lea Green Road, Walkers Lane, Forest Road to SUTTON MANOR (FOREST ROAD, JUBITS LANE).



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Bold (The Pastures) - De La Salle High School

Merseytravel
bus service

Monday to Friday schooldays only

	M
Bold The Pastures	0740
Peasley Cross	0755
St Helens Bickerstaffe Street	0802
De La Salle High School	0810

	M
De La Salle High School	1508
St Helens Hospital	1519
Clockface Road, Leach Lane	1530
St Helens Junction Station	1540

Code used:

M - Merseytravel Bus Service operated by Stagecoach (0740) and Warrington's Own Buses (1508).

Route 755 from: BOLD (THE PASTURES) via The Pastures, Travers Entry, Bold Road, Reginald Road, Mill Lane, Leach Lane, Clockface Road, Mill Lane, New Street, Robins Lane, Marshalls Cross Road, Peasley Cross Lane, Parr Street, Church Street, Hall Street, Bickerstaffe Street, Victoria Square, Corham Street, Ormskirk Street, Bridge Street, Linkway West, Westfield Street, Eccleston Street, Knowsley Road, Alder Hey Road to DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL.

Route 755 from: DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL via Alder Hey Road, Dodd Avenue, Ellison Drive, Knowsley Road, Eccleston Street, Westfield Street, Ormskirk Street, Bridge Street, Linkway West, Linkway East, Parr Street, Peasley Cross Lane, Marshalls Cross Road, Robins Lane, New Street, Mill Lane, Leach Lane, Clockface Road, Gorsey Lane, Neills Road, Travers Entry, The Pastures, Bold Road, Helena Road, Station Road to ST HELENS JUNCTION STATION.

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



The Brown Girl League aims to create a community of like-minded ethnic minority women by providing a platform for personal and professional development. Their mission is to foster a supportive network of ambitious early professionals, where they can connect, share knowledge and experiences, and access the resources you need to thrive in both your careers and personal lives. [Sign up here.](#)



Are you considering a career in Construction? [This video](#), created by the Careers Collective and CITB will help you to understand the different job roles available.



Next Tech Girls are hosting a National Coding Week Event for both males and females. This is an amazing opportunity for you to find out what it means to work in tech, hear from others working in the industry and try out some activities related to their roles. [You can sign up for more information here.](#)



To start off the new academic year, Medic Mentors are inviting aspiring medical students in years 10-12 to attend a FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get into Medicine Conference on:

- Sunday 17th September 10am - 3pm
- Sunday 24th September 10am - 3pm
- Saturday 30th September 10am - 3pm

Once you have attended, you will be awarded with a certificate from the Presidents at Medic Mentor to acknowledge that you are a student who has gone one step further than others. The Get into Medicine Conference is a comprehensive guide to the medical application process. [You can register here.](#)

JOB OF THE WEEK



This week's video focuses on the job role of an [Barber](#).

A barber is a person whose occupation is mainly to cut, dress, groom, style and shave men's and boys' hair or beards. Most are self employed. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, the qualifications you need & what subjects link to this career.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Figures for the 2022/23 academic year show that Apprenticeship starts were down by 4.6% to 275,630 compared to 288,800 reported for the same period in the previous year. Under 19s accounted for 24.8% of starts (68,290).

[Source](#)

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

CAREERS NEWSLETTER



OPPORTUNITIES

USA College Day is Europe's largest US university fair, taking place on 23rd and 24th September. It is an ideal way to learn about studying for an undergraduate degree in America. It offers students and parents the unique opportunity to meet with representatives from US universities in London. Held annually for more than 45 years, USA College Day is the largest American university fair in the UK and attracts more than 120 university exhibitors. Everyone from across the UK is welcome to attend! [Read more and sign up here.](#)



There are new online work experience programmes being added to the [Springpod website](#) every week. If you know what industry you want to go into, that's fab - find a relevant experience and learn more. If you have no idea what you're interested in, have a read of a few and sign up to any that you think you might enjoy. The only way to plan your future is to experience new things and see if you enjoy them.



If you are in Year 12 and considering going to university, we would highly recommend registering for a University Summer School. These take place between Year 12 and 13 but the registrations usually close in December/January time. You can find programmes by searching the name of the university you're interested in followed by "summer school". Here are some example programmes:

- [University of Southampton](#)
- [Reading University](#)
- [Liverpool John Moores](#)

Not all of them will have their applications open yet but there should be a way to register your interest, or set a reminder to check back next month!

In this [podcast series](#), UniTasterDays will be providing listeners with the cutting edge and most up-to-date information and conversations about university. In plain English, without the jargon, and from the lived experience of everyone involved in the process - including guest experts, current students and recent graduates.



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You can read more [here](#).

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