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Dear Parent / Carer,

Parental Update 3

This week saw autumn arrive quickly but the wet and windy conditions didn't stop the range of activities taking place with our Duke of Edinburgh students preparing for their expedition, Carmel College present information to our Year 11 students, some of our Engagement Centre students took part in a construction open day, we held the first of our Information Evenings, our Year 11 Boys' football saw success in the St Helens Tournament (see below) and we celebrated the International Day of Peace.

Looking ahead to next week, we have the DofE students out on expedition preparation, our Year 7 retreats start, we have an aerial theatre group in (check risk assessment!), we have our Year 10 and 11 Information evening, our Year 11s have a tough match against Cardinal Heenan (the school not the clergyman) in the Merseyside Cup and we finish the week with the Year 7 Freshers' Fair.

Whole School Focus – International Lasallian Day of Peace

The Lasallian month of Peace began yesterday, September 21st, which is the International day for Peace and culminates on the 21st October.

During this time, we encourage our Lasallian family to think about the theme, 'Sowing seeds of Peace: Where is your focus?'

To help with this, we have a range of [peace related](#) resources which are there for us to use along with a daily challenge for members of our community to help us focus on how we may nurture and grow those seeds of peace in our everyday lives.

This resource draws upon past ILDP resources, created by the District Young Lasallian Council, and offers us the opportunity to build our own resource this year in response to the needs of our students and the young people in your care.

Aspects of these resource will feature throughout our collective worship, Quiet Chapel and in addition there will be opportunities for students such as Prayer through art in art, a lunchtime talk about the Lasallian Project that Mrs Clague and Miss Forde took part in, bulb planting around the school grounds, morning meditations and other activities.

It would be great if parents also took part in some of the activities, ideally the attached creative challenge, and reflections available through the links within the resources.

Footballing Success (by Mr G Fletcher)

The Year 11 boys represented DLS on Wednesday 20th September at the central venue tournament at Ruskin Drive. The pupils showed respect, passion and excellence throughout and were crowned champions at the end of all the fixtures.

The tournament was based on 6 schools and saw DLS win all their games without conceding one goal. Every pupil was amazing, each playing their part in the overall outcome, with Adam Palfrey being selected as Player of the Tournament. Well done, Year 11.

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

Antarctic Day Flag Competition - Calling all Key Stage 3 students!!! (message from Mrs Rooney)

Design a flag for Antarctica to celebrate Antarctica Day on December 1st! Antarctica Day was created to ensure that all countries around the world will forever keep Antarctica as a place of peace. The winning entry will be sent to Antarctica to be photographed in the frozen wilderness. If you are interested in taking part, bring your design to Mrs Rooney, Mr Smith, Miss Askew or Mrs Moss in the geography department. Deadline for entries: November 6th

School Car Park

Can I remind everyone that parents should not be entering the school car park to drop off or pick up students at the start or end of the day? It is for staff and SEND Provision transport only at these points. Obviously, it isn't an issue if collecting or picking up during the school day.

Attendance / Hand Hygiene

Our attendance in school has started well, but we have started to see a rise in illness absence, in particular, stomach bugs. I am also aware that there has also been a rise on cases of COVID in the local area, though thankfully few in school. With that in mind we are keen to remind students of the importance of good hand hygiene, including regular and thorough washing and use of sanitiser where available. I realise from my own sons that this is an uphill battle, but if you could reinforce the message at home, that would be appreciated.

Open Evening (reminder)

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,

Travel Survey

Can I ask you to complete the travel survey which has been sent to you by Parentmail - this assists the school in its safeguarding operations and allows us to work with Merseytravel around their provision of buses.

Student rewards

Additional Awards go to:

- Lasallian Star: Imogen Simpson
- Top Star point winner: Josef Bannerman
- £10 voucher: Emily McKenny

Phone System Issues

I have been informed that the issues we had with the phone system have now been resolved, and normal service resumed.

Information Evenings (Message from Mrs Greensmith)

A big thank you to the large numbers of parents who attended Wednesday's Information Evening. Feedback has been very positive for the new format and the information provided. The next one is on **Thursday 28th for Year 10 and 11 parents**.

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, please do via the forms section of parent mail so as soon as possible.

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

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...Living the dream

I hope you all have enjoyable weekend ahead of you. Mrs R has arranged for us to attend a literary festival in Liverpool, the highlight of which seems to be a quiz hosted by Chris Tarrant, though to be fair I wasn't fully listening when she was talking about it.

However, she has messaged me this morning to let me know that, just when I thought the weekend couldn't be any more fun packed, she has secured us tickets to Popworld Live which according to the poster describes it as "**The ultimate LIVE experience in pop music. You've experienced the clubs [well actually I haven't], you've danced all night to our DJs playing the biggest Pop Anthems [I really haven't]. It is now time to come and watch them perform live [is it really?].**" This musical 'treat' is being headlined by Peter Andre, Chesney Hawkes and Claire from Steps. So, this weekend, I will be living the dream.

Have a good weekend.

Andrew Rannard

Headteacher

Student rewards

This week's Lasallian Star Awards go to:

Form Class	Year 11	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7
J	Reece Potter	Wesley Orellana	Phoebe Smerdon	Not available at time of writing	Amelia Witter
O	Ella Grundy	Beth O'Brien	Caitlin Bond		Noah Burrows
H	Grace Daley	Leah Potter	Ellie Harrison		Amber Pilling and Poppy Egan
N	Aaron King	Fin Kelsall	Tobias Ginnelly-Smith		Lily Gorton
B	Max Critchley	Pearl O'Toole	Ben du Plessis		Thomas Murphy
D	Zoe King	Emilia Urbankowska	Lucas Chong		Grace Peacock
L	Leo Lancaster	Freddie Foulkes	Paige Jackson		Leah Bennet
S	Elliot Cunningham	James Baugh	Scott Grimes		Janie Ward



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An invitation to get creative!

Express yourself in your chosen creative media, in response to one or both of the following Lasallian Core Principles.

Sowing seeds of Peace: Where is your focus?

How could you promote peace in a creative way?



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- Explore, reflect and investigate the theme: Sowing seeds of peace: Where is your focus?
- What does this mean to you? How could you promote this in school, at home, with your friends?
- If you were writing a letter to someone from another time, how would you explain the importance of peace and how we live this through our actions and words? Do you have any personal experiences that you could share?
- How could you capture the theme in a photograph or piece of art?
- Could you write a short story for young children which highlights the importance of peace in communities and homes?
- The Lasallian Family is diverse, creative and exciting and we would like to invite you to share your creativity with our District and beyond by submitting your response to Jo Millea – jomillea@lasalleigbm.org by October 15th 2023.