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De La Salle
School



Welcome

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I am proud and privileged to be the Headteacher of this successful and popular Voluntary Aided Catholic comprehensive 11-16 school under the trusteeship of the De La Salle Brothers and now a founding member of the Laetare Catholic Multi Academy trust – the first national religious order trust in the country.

The years we spend in education are our most formative: shaping our mind, heart and spirit. To be entrusted with the care and education of young people is a joy and a privilege which we, at De La Salle, passionately embrace.

When you join De La Salle, you join something much bigger than just one school; you join an international family of schools with a long and successful history of providing excellence in education.

Originally as West Park and Notre Dame, and for the past 30 years as De La Salle, our Lasallian Mission is at the heart of all we do.

From our Headteacher
Andrew Rannard





Mission & Values

We are a Catholic community of staff, governors, students, Brothers and families enriched by our Lasallian heritage, traditions and values. Our mission is to work with all in our family community to:

- **See each person in our community as an individual** with their own talents, needs, hopes, dreams and aspirations.
- **Walk side by side with our students** to help them grow into confident, independent, kind, respectful and tolerant adults, with a strong sense of social responsibility, ready to make a valuable contribution to the world of tomorrow.
- **Provide a holistic education** that challenges each of us to achieve our potential and become the person God intended us to be: spiritually, morally, academically, physically and socially.
- **Create a safe and supportive environment** where those of all faiths, and none, can explore, share, discuss and celebrate their spirituality.





**YOU CAN
PERFORM MIRACLES
BY TOUCHING THE HEARTS
OF THOSE ENTRUSTED
TO YOUR CARE**

**ST JOHN BAPTIST
DE LA SALLE**

Educating the Whole Child

At De La Salle we see each person as an individual: each with his or her own hopes, dreams and aspirations.

To help achieve these, we provide a holistic education: giving students the opportunity to develop existing skills and talents or develop new ones, whether they are academic, sporting, musical, artistic or spiritual, in order for them to become the person God intended them to be.

Some examples of this include:

- We offer students a range of leadership opportunities right the way through school. For example, our 1719 Society gives students the opportunity to play a meaningful leadership role across the school, focusing upon areas of chaplaincy, student support, school council, communication and extra-curricular work.

- We offer a range of educational visits to ensure that, in every year group, there is at least one major trip abroad such as skiing in Andorra, Belgium Battlefields and Shakespeare's Italy, along with a range of more accessible but important visits and retreats.
- Increased sporting opportunities: sport has always been a strength at De La Salle, with excellent facilities and a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities.
- Our Touching Hearts Curriculum provides a high quality personal development programme, built upon our 5 Core Values, to support the wider development of our students.





- Our performing arts provision ensures that students have access to high quality teaching and opportunities, including key performances at professional venues.
- Our new intake students receive funded music tuition throughout the first term to give them that kick-start into a love of music and playing an instrument.
- Our Junior SVP Group and our Faith In Action gives students the opportunity to work in small groups in order to give something back to society, and make a meaningful difference to their local community.
- Our focus upon STEM (science technology, engineering and maths) means we offer a range of opportunities from high end technical skills to a truly vocational education based upon design technology and construction: giving students the chance to develop crucial skills in trades which allow them to progress into employment, higher and further education.
- Our Year 7 Freshers' Fair: this gives our new students the opportunity to find out about the many extra-curricular clubs and activities that they can join.



From our parent schools, West Park and Notre Dame, through to the present day, De La Salle has a long and prestigious list of past pupils who have gone on to excellence in their chosen careers.

Meanwhile, for our current and future students, we provide a holistic education, developing them into the stars of the future.

De La Salle alumni

Frank Cottrell Boyce

Frank is Children's Laureate, internationally renowned screenwriter, novelist and presenter. His works include the 2012 Olympic games opening ceremony, the award-winning children's book *Millions*, *24 Hour Party People*, the sequel to *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, along with episodes of *Doctor Who*, *Coronation Street* and *Brookside*.

Frank gained a first-class degree and Doctorate from Keble College Oxford and his work has won recognition with the prestigious *Carnegie Award*, *Guardian Children's Fiction Prize* and the *Whitbread Children's Book Award*. Frank regularly returns to De La Salle to talk to and work with our students.



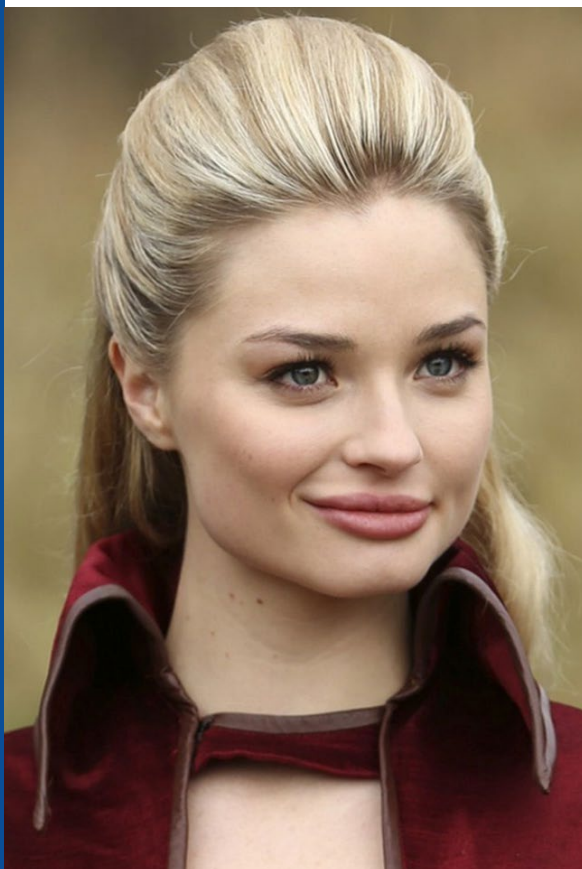
Daniel Lee

Daniel was one of our more recent alumni, a student with a passion for languages. After leaving De La Salle he has gone on to study languages at A Level and then on to gain a first-class Honours Degree in Spanish from Magdalene College, Cambridge. He is now in a senior position with Amazon.

Emma Rigby

After gaining 9 A* grades at GCSE at De La Salle, Emma has gone on to become a celebrated actress and household name. Her television acting credits are wide and varied: including *Hollyoaks*, *Ripper Street*, *Death in Paradise*, *Fresh Meat*, *Endeavour*, *Bulletproof* and *Make Me Famous*.

Emma has also appeared in several films, including Ridley Scott's film, *The Counsellor*, *Endless Love*, *Plastic*, *The Power* and the female lead in *The Physician* alongside Ben Kingsley.



Admission Arrangements

For more information, please visit our website delasalle.st-helens.sch.uk and click on admissions.

De La Salle School is a Catholic School under the trusteeship of the De La Salle Brothers. It is maintained by St Helens Council. As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions.

The co-ordination of admissions arrangements is undertaken by the Local Authority. For the school's year commencing September 2025, the Governing Body has set its admissions number at 240.

Admissions to the school will be determined by the Governing Body.

Parents must complete their home Local Authority Preference Form or apply online via the relevant Local Authority website.

If you are a St Helens resident and wish to have your application considered against the School's faith/denomination criteria then you should complete the faith questions on St Helens Preference Form. Other local authority residents should forward the documentary evidence that is requested to the School.

All preferences listed will be considered on an equal basis and, where there are more applications than the number of places available, over-subscription criteria will be applied.

SEPT & OCT

Attend secondary school Open Evenings

OCTOBER

Complete the Local Authority Preference Form or apply online

MARCH

Find out which school your child has been allocated to

APRIL TO JULY

Complete the new starter forms and attend transition days

SEPTEMBER

Start at
 De La Salle School



*To touch the hearts
of your students is
the greatest miracle
you can perform.*



WHY CHOOSE De La Salle School?

The Lasallian ethos of our school ensures the social, moral, spiritual and cultural development of our pupils.

The Curriculum at both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 is challenging, engaging and exciting, and is designed to meet the particular needs of our pupils, as well as to offer a firm foundation for success beyond GCSE level. The Lasallian ethos of our school ensures that the social, moral, spiritual and cultural development of our pupils, and the promotion of fundamental British values, are implicit and explicit in all subject areas, as well as in our Touching Hearts Curriculum and via extra-curricular experiences and trips outside of the academic curriculum.



For more information on our performance and our latest results please visit delasalle.st-helens.sch.uk

Results

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