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Dear Parent / Carer,

Summer Update

Firstly, can I welcome all of our new intake parents for whom this will be their first update from the school, we look forward to welcoming your child into school on Monday 5th September and welcoming you into the wider Lasallian family.

I hope all of our parents, staff and students are enjoying the summer break and getting a chance to re-charge your batteries ahead of the new school term.

School Uniform (1)

You may have seen coverage in the news about changes schools have been asked to make regarding school uniform and ensuring it is affordable for students. We had already made such changes previously and our new updated uniform policy can be accessed here:

http://www.delasalle.st-helens.sch.uk/media/52044/school-uniform-policy.pdf

School Uniform (2)

We are aware that there have been supply issues, in particular with blazers for some students. The suppliers are hopeful to have their stock early in September. Though we are keen to start the year in a positive fashion, with students looking smart, we understand that in the first week, some students may not have their blazers – they will not be penalised for this.

Wider Student Standards

Though some students will be without blazers initially, all of our other expectations will remain in place and I thought it might be useful to share these with you:

- Mobile Phones: These are the source of most issues in school. Students are allowed to have mobile phones with them, but they must be <u>turned off and out of sight between</u> 8.30am and 3.00pm. Students caught checking or using a phone during the day will have them confiscated until the end of the day with no exceptions.
- **Jewellery:** Students should not wear jewellery in school, including earrings. These will be confiscated until the end of the day.
- **Earphones** (airpods etc): these are not allowed in school and if seen or used will result in the mobile phone being confiscated.
- Hair / Nails / Make-up: student hair should be their natural colour (pink or neon blue are not considered natural colours!), students should also not wear make-up or false eye lashes or nails.

GCSE Results

This week we see our outgoing Year 11 students come in to collect their GCSE results. These are available on **Thursday 25th August between 9am and 10.30am** in the Main Hall. For those who may be away at this time, results can also be picked up from 1st September during school time. Good luck to you all!

Building Works

As I mentioned last year, we are expanding the dining room in school to create an extra 50% of space for the students. This is a considerable piece of work which will be ongoing until Christmas. Though dining facilities will remain as normal, this will involve a considerable amount of disruption to our normal school movement as some sections of the school are closed off for safety reasons.

Therefore, students arriving on September 5th via Alder Hey Road, will come into school via the PE changing rooms entrance rather than the automatic doors. Staff will be around to direct the students.

September Start

Staff return to school on Thursday 1st September for 2 days of INSET. The students all return at 8.30am on Monday 5th September via Alder Hey Road entrance.

Contact

During the summer holidays we operate a skeleton staffing, so it may take longer to get back to you regarding any questions or concerns that you may have. A reminder that the school email address is: <u>delasalle@delasalleschool.org.uk</u> or the phone line is 01744 20511 where you can leave a message.

I think that is enough for now, and I hope that you and your family enjoy the last couple of weeks of the summer holidays.

Best wishes,

Andrew Rannard Headteacher