



De La Salle
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Dear Parent / Carer,

Parental Update 1

A warm, welcome back to school to the autumn term and it is very kind of summer to show up as we return to school! The start of term has been an extremely positive one with the students settling back in very well.

To our new Year 7 parents, a special welcome, and I hope that your child is enjoying their first week here at De La Salle. The Year 7s have really impressed with their maturity and positivity so far. As I mentioned in my letter earlier in the week, I will try to write out with a short update at the end of every week and produce a more colourful and detailed newsletter at the end of each term.

Today's update provides a lot of key information about contacts and the year ahead, they aren't normally this full! Along with today's update there is:

- Careers newsletter: we share these weekly and encourage you to discuss with the students
- Term Dates for the year (including an early finishes and INSET days)
- Pastoral Teams for each Year Group
- Canteen menu and pricing

Whole School Focus – School Organisation and Structures

Often the school will receive calls from parents wanting to speak to me directly about an issue, as this is what often happens in a primary school. As I am sure you can imagine, in a school of 1200 students and 150 staff, there are layers of management and leadership who will pick up and address issues and more importantly will know more about them and be better able to help you.

To help you identify who you should contact the key people are highlighted below and attached a list of key contacts:

1. For **subject issues**, the **class teacher** will support students helped by their **Head of Department (HOD)**.
2. For **pastoral issues**, we have a tiered structure of staff to support students. This structure is different to those in most primary schools as we have far more students. The structure is:
 - **Form tutor**: this is your child's daily contact for most low-level things in school.
 - **Pastoral Support Manager (PSM) or Learning Mentor in Yr 7**: the PSMs/LMs deal with the mid-level issues that a student might face and support their Head of Year with the Year Group.
 - **Head of Year (HOY) or Pastoral Leader (PL) in Yr 7**: the HOYs/ PLs oversee the whole year group, pick up the more serious issues and direct the work of the PSMs and Form Tutors.
 - **Senior Leader (SLT)**: each Year group is also overseen by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. They deal with the serious issues that arise and oversee the work of the HOY. These are:
 - **Year 7** – Mrs Jess
 - **Years 8 and 9** – Mr Hale
 - **Years 10 and 11** – Ms Flaherty

- **Headteacher:** this is me. I oversee standards across the whole school and all aspects of school life. I generally deal with the high level, whole-school strategic issues rather than individual issues, or at least try to!
 - **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** this is Mrs De'Ath and she has ultimate responsibility for the safeguarding of staff and students across the school.
3. For **SEND Issues**, our SENDCo is Miss Neill she is overseen by a member of the SLT, Mrs De'Ath.

GCSE Results

We are delighted that this year's GCSE improved even further on last year's and are the best the school has had since the current GCSE system was introduced. The rise was particularly pleasing because it was across almost every subject in the school – showing the impact of our school improvement work over recent years. We wish all of last year's Year 11 students well as they begin their college courses and apprenticeships.

Canteen

Can parents please ensure that their child has money on their accounts if they are using the canteen at break or lunchtime? We have had a number of students so far this term, from all year groups, who have not had money to buy their food. Obviously, we have ensured that the students receive a lunch, but ask parents to check their child's balance regularly. I have also attached a copy of the menu and pricing for parents' information. You can also check what your child has purchased via Edulink.

Uniform and Lateness to Lessons

I know some parents will think – why is he banging on about this again? The answer is simple – besides the financial/peer pressures and bullying those issues like shoe brands can cause, they have a real impact upon attitude in lessons and around school, helping to create a sense of belonging and commitment to our Lasallian family – Belong is one of the 5 core values that underpin our school. In other words, these are the basic foundations upon which we can then deliver a strong education. We are keen for young people to express their individuality, but through something that comes from within: their writing, art, performance and sporting skills rather than expensive items and add-ons such as clothing, dyed hair or piercings.

Year 7 Retreats and Welcome Mass

Our Year 7 students will soon be having their retreat. The theme: Touching Hearts - helps students to understand that at the core of our mission here at De La Salle we are each called to reach out and create heart to heart connections with those in our community. These will be taking place on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th October for the JOHN forms, and Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th October for the BDLS forms.

At the end of that week on Friday 11th October we will be having a Year 7 Welcome Mass at 2:00pm in Main Hall, parents are welcome to join us - arriving via the Mill Brow gate and the De La Salle grey gate on the right (please be aware we have very limited parking in the school). We are looking for a parent to read a bidding prayer if anybody was interested too! Let Sam, our chaplain know if you want to volunteer: CantillonS@delasalleschool.org.uk

Parish Masses

We are starting, this year, to take Year 7 and 8 students (on a class rota) to mass from Tuesday 24th September so we can strengthen the link that we have with our local parish. Parents should have had a ParentMail out about this but just a reminder to read that information.

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

September:

Tue 3rd: Fri 13th: Year 7 Baseline Assessments (to help identify gaps in subject knowledge)

Tue 10th: Duke of Edinburgh Parental Meeting (5:00pm)

Wed 11th – Sat 14th: Year 10 and 11 Barcelona Trip

Fri 20th: Lasallian Day of Prayer for Global Peace

Mon 23rd: Fri 27th: Formation Week

Wed 25th: Full Governors Meeting (5:00pm)

October:

Wed 2nd: Open Evening (school closes at 12.10pm)

Fri 4th: Lasallian Day of Prayer

Mon 7th – Thu 10th: Year 7 Retreats

Mon 7th – Thu 3rd: 1719 Society Retreat to Rome

Fri 11th: Year 7 welcome Mass (2:00pm)

Thu 17th – Sun 20th: Year 11 retreat to Kintbury (St Cassian's 50th Anniversary)

Mon 21st – Fri 25th: Formation Week

Tue 22nd: Flu Vaccinations – all year groups (for those with consent)

Thu 24th: Year 11 Parents' Evening

Fri 25th – Sun 27th: Year 11 DofE Expedition

Fri 25th: Finish for half term

And finally...Holidays

For our new Year 7 parents, this is the point at which you can stop reading the bulletin as all the useful information is above, the rest is just my weekly waffle.

I am starting to think I am doing something wrong, having enjoyed a normal single holiday over the summer, my two sons have managed to have 3 additional holidays each ranging from Turkey to Bulgaria, North Macedonia and Albania!

So, on Tuesday morning, my wife, Mrs R, had very kindly made arrangements for me to drop my eldest, Charlie, and his girlfriend, off at Manchester airport as they had another short break to the Amalfi Coast.

Bearing in mind that this was only the second day back at school and after the 6 weeks' holiday – which by the end starts to feel like Lord of the Flies with very little structure or routine, this was a shock to my system. Even more so, as we were leaving at 4.30am. Nevertheless, I was up, showered dressed and we were away. The journey was quiet, as you would expect and they were dropped off at T2 on time. It now turns out I have to pay for the privilege of dropping them off – no problem.

Approaching the automatic barriers, I was a little tired and not paying full attention. I took the credit card out and slotted it into the lit-up slot in the machine. After a few seconds nothing had happened. At that point I looked closer and above the highlighted slot I noticed it said 'Notes' – it was where you would enter cash. After about a minute of crunching accompanied by the horns of the cars queuing behind me, I realised the card wasn't coming back.

Even better, rather than enjoying a nice chilled glass of white this evening, I found out last night that Mrs R had arranged for me to pick them up at midnight tonight, on a Friday night, of the first week back.

Have a good weekend.

Andrew Rannard

Headteacher



Term dates

Dates in bold indicate change to normal school arrangements e.g. INSET or early finish

Autumn Term 2024

- **INSET: Staff Training Day 1 - Monday 2nd September**
- ALL PUPILS RETURN - Tuesday 3rd September
- **Open Evening – Wednesday 2nd October (school closes at 12.10pm)**
- School closes for pupils - Friday 25th October
- Re-opens - Monday 4th November
- **INSET: Staff Training Day 2 - Friday 6th December**
- **School closes - Friday 20th December (12.10 finish)**

Spring Term 2024

- Re-opens - Monday 6th January
- School closes for pupils - Friday 14th February
- Re-opens - Monday 24th February
- School closes – Friday 4th April (3pm)

Summer Term 2024

- Re-opens - Monday 22nd April
- **Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May**
- School closes - Friday 23rd May
- Re-opens - Monday 2nd June
- **INSET: Staff Training Day 3 – Friday 27th June**
- **School closes for pupils - Friday 19th July (12.10pm)**
- **INSET: Staff Training Day 4 - Monday 21st July**
- **INSET: Staff Training Day 5 - Tuesday 22nd July**

Key Dates for start of term 2024/25

Academic Parents' Evenings

These run on an appointment system from 3.15-4.15pm online and then 4.45 – 7.00pm in person.

- Year 7 – Thursday 24th April
- Year 8 – Thursday 5th December
- Year 9 – Thursday 13th March
- Year 10 – Thursday 6th February
- Year 11 – Thursday 24th October

Pastoral Form Teacher Meetings

These are a short online meeting with your child's form tutor to ensure the start of the school year has gone well and to address any early concerns. There is no Year 11 meeting, as they have a full parents' evening that month.

- Years 7, 8, 9 and 10: Thursday 17th October (Appointments between 3:15pm and 5:45pm).

Year 7 (Mrs.Marshall / Ms Sephton)			
Form	Teacher	Muster	Room
7J	Mr. P. Ingham	1	F13
7O	Miss A. Poole	2	G8
7H	Mrs E. Turner	3	G9
7N	Miss B. Broadbent	4	A1
7B	Mr. P. Lavin	5	L7
7D	Mrs. K. Moss / Miss R. Aldred	6	F4
7L	Miss R. Tuft	7	G3
7S	Mr. B. Ashcroft	8	G6

Year 8 (Mr.Fletcher / Mrs Barker)			
Form	Teacher	Muster	Room
8J	Miss J. McCann	1	F8
8O	Mr. C. Smith	2	F2
8H	Mr. D. Hughes	3	L4
8N	Miss O. Beesley	4	L1
8B	Miss H. Heffey	5	G12
8D	Mr. D. McCormick	6	F15
8L	Miss A. Hutchinson	7	G15
8S	Mr. R. Cosgrove	8	L5

Year 9 (Mrs.Mallalieu / Mrs Graham)			
Form	Teacher	Muster	Room
9J	Mr. B. Rotherham	1	G4
9O	Mr. S. Talbot	2	F11
9H	Mrs. E. Ashton / Mrs. J. Henshaw	3	A3
9N	Miss J. Gregory	4	G10
9B	Mrs. A. Dale-Perez	5	G11
9D	Mrs. J. Warren	6	F14
9L	Miss D. Lenahan	7	F19
9S	Mrs. K. Smedley / Mrs. J. Henshaw	8	G13

Year 10 (Mrs.Critchley / Mr Mather)			
Form	Teacher	Muster	Room
10J	Mrs. J. Owen / Miss P. Johnson	1	T9
10O	Ms. P. Darwin	2	G14
10H	Mr. C. Hollins	3	F12
10N	Mr. N. Belger	4	G7
10B	Mrs. C. Callister / Mrs Gray	5	S2
10D	Mr. T. Cummings	6	S1
10L	Miss P. Taylor	7	F5
10S	Miss K. Piert	8	L6
ENG MT	Miss L. Herron	9	P3

Year 11 (Mr.Leggett / Mrs Moran)			
Form	Teacher	Muster	Room
11J	Mrs. K. Coombs	1	T1
11O	Mr. M. Darlington	2	G5
11H	Mrs. S. Clague	3	L2
11N	Mr. P. Smith	4	L9
11B	Mr. K. Foster	5	L3
11D	Miss A. Egan	6	G1
11L	Mr. S. Thompson	7	T2
11S	Mr. I. McIntyre	8	G2
ENGMT	Mr. D. Johnston	9	E3

Summer 2024 Menu

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event 1 £2.35	Spaghetti Bolognese with Cheddar	Piri Piri Chicken	Cooks Carvery (Kitchen's Choice of Meat)	Chicken Korma	Battered Fish
The Main Event 2 £2.35	Tomato & Mozzarella Bake (v)	Spicy Bean Burger (v)	Sausage (v)	Spiced Salmon	Chicken Burger
With (included with either of the above)	Garlic Bread & Corn Cob	Vegetable Rice & Flatbread	New Potatoes, Peas & Gravy	Bombay Potatoes, Cauliflower, Chilli & Mango Sauce & Naan	Chips & Peas
Dessert £1.20	Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard	Sticky Berry Flapjack	Belgian Waffle	Melon Berry Medley	Vanilla Ice-cream

£2.60 Meal Deal

x1 Main Event with Side, plus Dessert or 500ml Water

GRAB...GO...GONE
£1.45 £1.80 £2.10 £2.50

Sausage Roll (v)

Homemade Noodle Pot

Calzone (v)

Cheesy Bacon Wedges

Fish-less Fingers (v)

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Pepperoni Pizza Slice

Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)

BBQ Chicken Melt Baguette

Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)

Coated Chicken Strips

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£1.75/£2.20/£2.25

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Alternative Dietary specific menus, Allergen and Carb information available upon request.

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Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event 1 £2.35	All Day Breakfast	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Roast Chicken	Chicken Pie	Battered Fish
The Main Event 2 £2.35	All Day Breakfast (v)	Sweet & Sour Quorn (v)	Quorn Fillet (v)	Cheese & Onion Pie (v)	Coated Chicken Strips
With (included with either of the above)	As Above	Egg Fried Rice & Broccoli	Stuffing, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Seasonal Veg	Garlic & Herb Diced Potatoes, Seasonal Veg	Chips & Peas
Dessert £1.20	Fruit Salad	Chocolate Brownie	Blueberry Muffin	Shortbread	Bananas & Butterscotch Sauce

£2.60 Meal Deal

x1 Main Event with Side, plus Dessert or 500ml Water

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Sausage Roll (v)	Cheese & Ham Ciabatta	Chicken & Stuffing Baguette	Jumbo Hot Dog (v)	Battered Dippers (v)
Pepperoni Pizza	Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling (v)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)	BBQ Chicken & Bacon Loaded Wedges	Fish Finger Butty
Fresh Bread & variety of sandwich types and fillings	Fresh Bread & variety of sandwich types and fillings	Fresh Bread & variety of sandwich types and fillings	Fresh Bread & variety of sandwich types and fillings	Fresh Bread & variety of sandwich types and fillings

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Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event 1 £2.35	Pork Sausage Roll	Meat Feast Pasta Bake	Pork Loin	Cheeseburger	Battered Fish
The Main Event 2 £2.35	Sausage Roll (v)	Meatballs and Pasta	Savoury Mince (v)	Tomato & Mozzarella Panini (v)	Chicken Burger
With (included with either of the above)	Mini Potato Chunks, Baked Beans	Seasonal Vegetables	Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Carrot & Swede, Gravy	Seasoned Wedges, Corn Cob	Chips & Peas
Dessert £1.20	Peach Yoghurt	Waffle	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Custard	Chocolate Cookies	Mixed Fruit Pot

£2.60 Meal Deal

x1 Main Event with Side, plus Dessert or 500ml Water

GRAB...GO...GONE £1.45 £1.80 £2.10 £2.50	Filled Pie/ Pasty of the Day	Calzone (v)	Salt & Pepper Chicken Rice Box	Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)
GRAB...GO...GONE £1.45 £1.80 £2.10 £2.50	Loaded Quesadillas (v)	Baked Cheese Tart (v)	Pepperoni Pizza	Homemade Noodle Pot	Coated Chicken Strips
GRAB...GO...GONE £1.75/£2.20/£2.25	Fresh Bread & variety of sandwich types and fillings	Fresh Bread & variety of sandwich types and fillings	Fresh Bread & variety of sandwich types and fillings	Fresh Bread & variety of sandwich types and fillings	Fresh Bread & variety of sandwich types and fillings

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Price List

Hot Food

The Main Event	£2.35
Main Event Meal Deal (Main, Dessert, 500ml Water)	£2.60
Grab Go Gone	£1.45 £1.80 £2.10 £2.50
Pasta King REG	£1.80
Pasta King LRG	£2.20
Chips (Friday Only)	£1.60
Sauce/Dip Extra	£0.10
Gravy/Curry Extra	£0.40

Dessert

Fruit	£0.30
Yoghurt	£0.80
Cookie/Biscuit	£0.75
Cake	£0.80
Dessert of the Day	£1.20
Fruit Bag/Pot	£0.80
Doughnut	£0.90
Belgian Waffle	£0.70
Ice-Cream	£1.20

Cold Food

Crusty Bread	£0.50
Garden Salad	£0.80
Pasta & Salad Bar REG	£1.80
Pasta & Salad Bar LRG	£2.20
Packaged Sandwich/ Wrap/Roll/Jumbo Roll	£1.75 / £2.20 / £2.25

Drinks

Milkshake 200ml	£0.60
Water 330ml	£0.45
Water 500ml	£0.60
Flavoured Water 500ml	£0.90
Juice Drink 150ml - 200ml	£0.60
Radnor 330ml	£0.80
Suso 225ml	£1.20
Milk 568ml	£1.00

Break

Fruit	£0.30
Dried Fruit Snack	£0.45
Bacon Roll	£1.75
Sausage Roll	£1.75
Crumpet	£0.60
Toast	£0.30
Cheese on Toast	£0.75
Bagel	£0.75
American Pancakes	£0.75
Belgian Waffle	£0.75
Toasted Teacake	£0.75



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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

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic summer. We're sure you're all feeling refreshed and ready for term 1.

If this is your first time receiving this newsletter, it will arrive in your inbox once a week and will include lots of exciting opportunities that you can sign up for. This is your opportunity to take responsibility for your future. The more you sign up to, the more you will learn. The more you learn, the more of an informed choice you can make about your future.



Using the Springpod platform, you can now filter to see programmes that allow you to take part in person experiences after you have completed virtual placements. They are calling this "Virtual - to - Reality". View the [current opportunities here](#). More will be added throughout the year.



Springpod have also launched a range of one hour courses that help you to learn about different types of qualifications and programmes. Register [here](#); [Apprenticeships](#), [T Levels](#) and [Higher Technical Qualifications](#) (including BTecs).



Did you know that every year, there is a published list of the Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers and Top 50 SME Apprenticeship Employers? You can [watch the recording of the televised programme and find out more here](#).



Can you build and manage a thriving city, ensuring a sustainable energy future until the year 2050? [Play the new EnergyTown game](#) to navigate the delicate balance between money, energy, residents' happiness, and sustainability and become an energy expert, a mechanical whizz, or even the hero your city needs!



Personal Statements are changing. If you're applying to university for September 2026 (or future years) entry, this will impact you and your university application. [You can read more here](#).

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

JOB OF THE WEEK



[Ophthalmologist](#)

Ophthalmologists are doctors who care for patients with eye conditions. They diagnose, treat and prevent disorders of the eyes and visual system, using medical and surgical skills.

Watch the video to learn more about working hours, salary and qualifications needed.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

UCAS data shows 316,850 UK 18-year-olds have applied to university this year – an increase of 0.7% from 2023 and the second highest on record.

This puts the application rate for UK 18-year-olds at 41.3%, down from 41.5% in 2023, but up from 38.2% in 2019.

[Source](#)

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Young Animator of the Year Competition is open (deadline 16th September 2024) - The YAY UK competition is here to discover and celebrate the best young animators in the UK, aged 11-18. This year's theme for the animation is the word 'GROWTH' and prizes include exclusive tours of some of the UK's top animation studios!



From High School to Uni's student guide is designed to be your ultimate companion to help you transition to university. We understand the challenges you face, from not knowing what to pack, to how to get organised preparing for university, or even how to create a budget to help you plan and manage your finances.



UCAS is removing the application fee for students in receipt of free school meals, making it easier for young people experiencing acute financial hardship to access higher education. For those applying for 2025 entry and beyond, teachers and advisers will verify eligible students through the adviser portal, and these students will then no longer be required to pay the fee on completion of their UCAS application. Read more here.



Have you heard about the Speakers for Schools online book club? It's a FREE after-school live online book club sessions that happen half-termly at 5pm on Thursdays. Together, you will explore brilliant reading recommendations linked by a shared theme each term - like Spine-Tingling Spooky Stories and Thrillers; Heart-Warming Relationship-Focused Reads; Thought-Provoking, Imagination-Expanding Sci-Fi and Fantasy. Sign up here.



If an online book club isn't for you, you can check out Speakers for School's on demand inspirational webinars. From industry spotlights, help with writing a CV to topical talks, there is something for everyone. Watch here.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Our people are the foundation of our success, and our greatest asset. They drive our vision and embody our values. Our people are what separate us from the competition. And we never lose sight of this. We've developed our Future Talent community around you - the next generation of Built Environment professionals."

Read more about Ridge & Partners LLP here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

University of Liverpool climbed 5 places in the most recent complete university guide ranking.

"Voted the fourth friendliest city in the world by Rough Guides, Liverpool is a wonderfully welcoming place. We share and shape the city's spirit - opening our doors to learners from all walks of life."

Read more about University of Liverpool here.

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