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De Lisle College

Parent / Carer Newsletter



NEW NEWSLETTER!

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter. We will be using this format to communicate with you going forward and it will include information about school events, important information about upcoming events and information regarding any changes in the school.

At De Lisle College all students will know they are loved and cared for under my leadership, as Jesus told us 'Love one another as I have loved you.' John 13:34. This is the distinctiveness of a Catholic school lived out through the love, care and respect we show for each other.

The culture I want to shape at De Lisle College is one where we continue to have an environment that develops our students spirituality and as missionary disciples, an environment that is safe and welcoming, an environment that promotes outstanding behaviour and manners, an environment that promotes respect for everyone, an environment of outstanding teaching and learning and most importantly an environment that enables all students to flourish academically, socially and creatively.

I hope you find the information contained in this newsletter useful.

Best wishes,

Chris Maher - Headteacher

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Mr Chris Maher

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EQUIPMENT CHECKS AND EXERCISE BOOKS

Further to my letter on 25 September 2023 if your child is struggling with the equipment checks or bringing the correct exercise books into school, please contact Mrs Chambers our SENCO who will support your child with providing a tray in learning support to help them with them with storing exercise books.

YEAR 7 WELCOME MASS

On Friday 15 September we celebrated a wonderful Year 7 Welcome Mass at the school. This was attended by over 50 parents and some of our primary school Headteachers. It was a lovely start to the journey of our new Year 7 who have settled into the school very well. All the students sang beautifully and participated in the Mass.



Upcoming Open Mornings

On Thursday 21 September we had our school Open Evening. There was incredible buzz around the school as our sixth form students showed parents around. We are holding some open mornings on the following dates for prospective parents:

- Wednesday 4 October 2023
- Monday 9 October 2023
- Thursday 12 October
- Monday 23 October 2023



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 11 Revision Support Evening is on **Thursday 5 October 2023**. This is a very important evening for all Year 11 parents and students to support them with preparing for exams. The evening will give parents the opportunity to collect information that will help students in their revision for their GCSE exams.

We would like to wish all of our students well on the upcoming trips to New York and Taiwan taking place over the October half term.

On **Tuesday 24 October** we have our Year 7, 10 and 12 settling in evening. More details regarding arranging appointment will be communicated to you.

A large group of students in Year 7 will be attending the Briars residential from **Wednesday 25 October to Friday 27 October 2023**.

We are looking forward to the Year 7 Big Sing Competition on Tuesday **31 October 2023**.



OPEN EVENING PHOTOS



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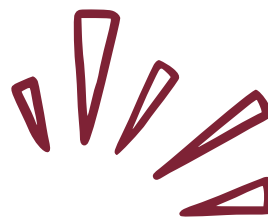
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GRAPHICS / ART CLUB

GCSE Graphics / Art club with Mrs Frost will be on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Students can access one to one additional advice as well as use resources they may not have access to at home. All students in Year 10 and 11 are welcome.



CAREERS AT DE LISLE

Over the last 12 months, a group of students have taken part in the Career Ready programme. As well as 1 – 1 mentoring from business community volunteers, they have taken part in masterclasses, workplace visits and paid internships over the summer. Students represented De Lisle at a celebration event, which can be read about using the link below. We are grateful to the companies who have supported the programme, including SEGRO and partners at the East Midlands Gateway. Year 12 students will hear about the programme next week and applications will shortly re-open for this academic year.



Career ready – celebration event

The University of Leicester have several events, both virtual and on-campus, for students interested in medicine and law. These take place out of school time and can be booked directly with the university.

MedReach launch day – Saturday 28th October – 9.45-2.30pm – University of Leicester – Y10, 11, 12 & 13

Tuesday 10th October 6-7pm - Applying to Medicine – ONLINE – Y10/11

Additionally, local universities and the Sutton Trust have several progression programmes open to applications from Year 12 students. Details of these have been shared with students and can also be found attached.

Staff Macmillan Coffee Morning

A successful Macmillan Coffee morning raised just over £112. It was a fantastic event for such a worthwhile cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



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