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De Lisle College

Parent / Carer Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our seventh and final newsletter of this academic year.

It has been a wonderful year at De Lisle College. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students were excellent during our leavers mass and proms. We are looking forward to seeing them again at A Level results day on **Thursday 15 August 2024** and GCSE results day on **Thursday 22 August 2024**.

We welcomed our delightful new Year 7 students to De Lisle last week for their induction days. They learnt about our Catholic Life and Mission, behaviour routines and got to know their form tutors. It was nice to meet all of the new parents at the Year 7 Welcome evening last week.

Our students have had some reward trips this week to Alton Towers, Drayton Manor and bowling. Their behaviour and conduct were excellent on these trips. We have also had students in China and Lourdes, France, as well as our Year 12 students out on work experience.

I know you will have already seen the letter from the St Thomas Aquinas CMAT about changes in attendance guidance from the Department for Education. Please could I ask that you read this carefully. The pastoral team have also sent you a letter with all of our reminders on about school uniform, particularly with the change to black socks from the beginning of next academic year.

I would like to wish you a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming our Year 7, 12 and 13 students back on **Thursday 29 August 2024** and the rest of the school on **Friday 30 August 2024**.

Mr Maher
Headteacher



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De Lisle Summer Chess Tournament 2024

The annual summer chess tournament took place over 7 weeks with an exceptional standard of sportsmanship from all players. The eventual winners were Oliver and Zen in Year 9. Huge congratulations to them both.



Manga Drawing Competition

As part of our annual Manga Mania Week, students took part in a manga drawing competition. The entries were of an exceptional standard and the winners from each year group were:

YEAR GROUP WINNERS

Hannah 7C1

Julia 8F1

Scarlet 9S2

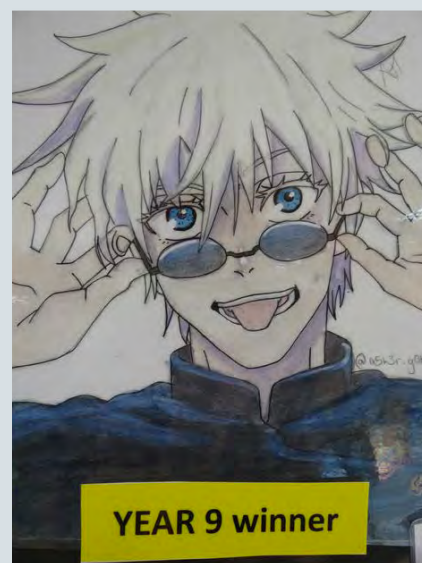
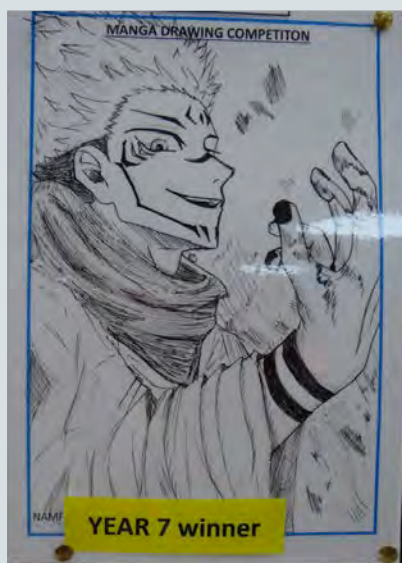
Johanna 10F1

Hope 11S1

OVERALL WINNERS

Emily 12JBI

Allistair 12MJA



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Talks for the year 12 criminology class



Our Year 12 Criminology class recently had the opportunity to attend two engaging talks. The first workshop was conducted by the Leicestershire Police, and the second was led by Victim Support.

Here are some details about the talks:

Victim First: 'Jasmine – Helping victims and witnesses in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to cope and recover from the impact of crime, regardless of how long ago it happened, or whether it was reported to the police. They spoke to students about how the charity works and how our criminology students from age 18 are able to get involved in their volunteering process.



Leicestershire Police: PC Keith Thomas and PC Laurie Appleton - The talks were on policing, including local priorities, careers and routes into the police. Students were given an opportunity to ask questions about careers into policing, how certain crimes they have dealt with and the impacts it has had on them, and how policing has changed over the years.



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School Certificate in Philosophy



Students in Years 9 and 10 worked really hard on their philosophy projects to put towards an additional qualification. We had projects on a wide range of philosophical topics including:



- Can algorithms achieve consciousness?
- What is the purpose of your life?
- Should Euthanasia be legalised in the UK?
- What makes someone good?
- Can Artificial Intelligence replace humans?
- Is my blue the same as your blue?

All the projects were of such a high quality and students should be so proud of everything they have achieved. All projects have been sent to Northeastern University London for moderation and students should hopefully have their final results at the end of the summer.

Synagogue trip



Students in Year 9 visited a local synagogue as part of their study towards their RE GCSE. Students were given the opportunity to tour the synagogue, handle artifacts and learn more about the Jewish faith. They were even lucky enough to see inside the Aron Hakodesh where the handwritten Torah scrolls are kept which is the holiest part of the synagogue. Everyone from the synagogue commented about how knowledgeable our students were and how willing they were to answer questions.



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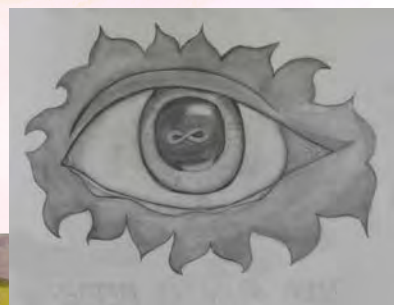
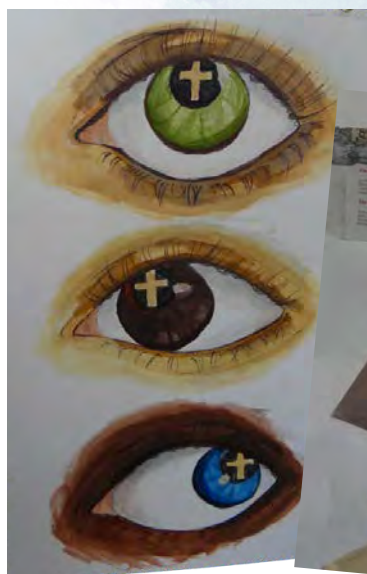


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Spirited Arts



Students in Years 7 and 8 have been taking part in a national competition called Spirited Arts. They had to study three religious themes and create artwork in response to what they had learnt. The standard of entries was exceptionally high. Judging will take place over the summer, and we should find out the result by the time we return to school. Students were also able to exhibit their work for parents and local artists at an event in school.





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Year 11 & 13 Leavers Mass



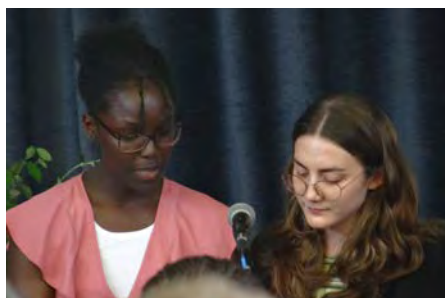
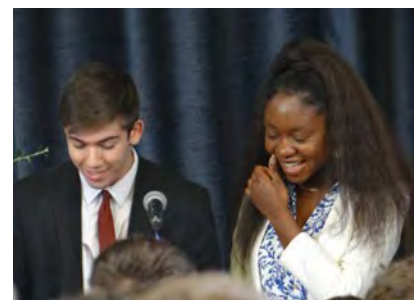
On 27 and 28 June, we celebrated the time our year 13 and year 11 students had spent with us at De Lisle. For both year groups the day began with a Leavers' Mass. We were pleased to welcome family members, form tutors and students to these Masses to reflect on and give thanks for the time that the students had been at De Lisle.

Fr David Jones used the homily to remind students of the importance of having received the education that they have received at De Lisle - a Catholic education that forms the whole person. What a difference our young people can bring to the world! It was wonderful to see such leadership in Mass from our students, as altar servers, musicians, readers and in having shaped the liturgy with our chaplains. Form tutors shared their happy memories and reflections on their time with their tutor groups and students expressed their gratitude for such wonderful care.

Following Mass, it was a pleasure to welcome parents to remain with us just a little longer for refreshments, served by our Year 10 students. Many parents generously shared messages of gratitude to the college for the education of their children. We will treasure these messages.

Students left school following Mass (and in the case of year 11, lots of excited shirt-signing!) to continue celebrations with their proms. Good luck, class of 2024! You will be missed, and we will continue to pray for you.

Assistant Headteacher / Head of RE



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Year 13 Achievements



The Sixth Form Team are incredibly proud of all of our year 13 students who completed their exams this term and who are now all looking forward to finding out their results in August and planning their next steps.

One student who has already secured her university place for 2024 is Mariela Dolan who will be moving to the United States to take up her place at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. Mariela, an accomplished footballer, has achieved a highly sought-after four-year scholarship to study sports science and kinesiology and will play for the university football team whilst she is there. Go2College Soccer recently posted Mariela's achievement on social media commenting: 'Mariela is a winger with plenty of quality but a fantastic attitude to match. A player who has excellent grades in the classroom as well, she is the ideal student athlete.' As a result of Mariela's unwavering commitment to both her academic studies and her rigorous football training regime, she has been rewarded with this outstanding achievement.

We wish all our year 13 students every success for the future.



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New Sixth Form Leadership Team

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SIXTH FORM

Recently the new Sixth Form Leadership team were elected.

My name is Lara and I am excited to be Head Girl. I am studying biology, chemistry and English Literature. I hope to increase interaction between sixth formers and the lower school by aiming to create more sixth form led societies.

I am Bobby, Head Boy. I am studying geography, economics and politics. My main aims are to increase student inclusion, sports and working closely with the careers team. I hope to be open and approachable throughout my term.



My name is Ashton and I am Deputy Head Boy. I am studying maths, further maths, physics and economics. I hope to organise tutoring and charity events with members of the school community.

I'm Jess! I study maths, further maths, physics and French. I love reading, especially The Hunger Games! This year, I'm hoping to introduce a student government to the school.

Our overall aim is to bring about a positive change and we look forward to working with staff and students and are excited about seeing the results of our work.



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De Lisle Football Team



On the 3rd July, after many weeks of attending Thursday football, the Year 8 and 9 girls team took to the pitch for a hotly anticipated match against Charnwood College. For many of the team, it was their inaugural school game, having only trained as a collective team for 3 short sessions beforehand. With an eager crowd, making their support loudly known (rumour has it that Mr Theobald was leading the De Lisle away support in a number of chants) the girls took to the pitch. Scoring early on, from a wonderful strike from Jess, De Lisle led at the end of the first half. However, following Charnwood substitutions, and under a barrage of attacks from a more experienced side, the game ended 6-2 to Charnwood.

Despite the final result, the girls played valiantly, with many first-time players getting stuck into the game, supporting their teammates and making the college and crowd proud. Avid fan, Miss Whetton described it as “a really enjoyable game” and that “the team did really well”.

A fantastic experience, with special thanks to Year 13, Mariela, who came into school during study leave, to support and coach the team - and even referee the match!

Thank you to all who took part and Mr Haste for supporting - we hope to see you next academic year at Thursday Football (whichever day of the week it is!).



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North Charnwood Schools Area Championships

On Wednesday 5th June, De Lisle took a strong team of athletes to the area schools championships held at Quorn Playing fields.

Finley (U13) got the team off to a flying start with an exciting 1500m, managing to hold off a last second sprint finish and take 1st, with Thomas and Teddy coming in 6th and 7th respectively.

Phoebe won the U15 girls 1500m convincingly, in a combined race with the U15 boys in which she also finished 2nd! Kian came in 3rd with Tad 4th.

Neve and Isla finished 1st and 2nd respectively in the U13 girls 100m.

In the U13 boys 100m, Alex finished 1st, with Harry 3rd and Rocco 7th.

Sophia finished 4th in the girls U15 100m. Rufus ran a blisteringly fast race to win the boys U15 100m.

Next came the 200m and De Lisle continued to impress with their efforts and results. David finished the U13 boys 200m in 1st place with a lead of almost 20 metres!

Megan came 3rd in the U15 girls 200m. In the U15 boys race it was a De Lisle 1-2 as Ephraim came in 1st closely followed by Zach.

Keira won the U15 girls 300m with Katie coming in 3rd. Oliver and Jeffrey made it another 1-2 for De Lisle in the U15 boys 300m.

In the U13 boys 800m, Theo finished a very respectable 4th, followed not too far behind by Serge in 8th.



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Josh and Melchi finished 3rd and 5th in the U15 boys 800m to wrap up an incredible evening of individual athletics with De Lisle winning 9 of the 14 track events they entered into!

The successful evening was capped off by some exciting relay races. The U13 boys got off to a blistering start with Alex on the lead leg, who passed the baton to Harry down the back straight. After a slight issue with the baton exchange, Rocco took the top bend before passing to David to bring De Lisle home in 3rd.

In the U15 girls event, the quartet of Katie, Kiera, Megan and Sofia gave a fantastic account of themselves to finish 5th, in a very closely fought race.

The U15 boys was set to be an interesting race as it included the De Lisle winners of all 3 sprint events. Jeffrey took the first leg by storm and handed over to Kian with a good 15m lead. Another fumble with the baton meant they went into the 2nd leg in last place and Kian did fantastically well on the back straight to make up the lost ground. Ephraim very quickly closed that gap again and Rufus took the baton for the final leg back into 1st place to win convincingly. The dropped baton did mean a disqualification but absolutely nothing can be taken away from the boys to show sheer resilience in the face of adversity and to continue the race in the manner they did.

In the field events, Neve won the Under 13 girls high jump with a clearance of 1m 30cm. Well done to all our other competitors who also represented the school in the field events; Katie, Riley, Oscar, Kody, Deniz, Piers, David, Chigo, Enzo, and Jenson.

Members of staff and parents commented on how fantastically well every single De Lisle athlete supported one another. Every student who represented the school should be commended on, and be proud of, their positive attitudes and efforts.

Those that finished first in their events were then to go on to represent North Charnwood in the Leicester Schools Championship held at Loughborough later that month.



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Leicestershire and Rutland Schools Championships 2024

Nine De Lisle students were part of a larger team representing schools from the North Charnwood partnership in the Leicestershire Schools Championships held at Loughborough University Athletics Stadium on 20th June 2024.

Alex narrowly missed out the Under 13 Boys' 100m final with a heat time of 14.08 seconds.

Jeffrey finished 6th in the Junior Boys' 300m final in a time of 42.69.

David 6th in the Under 13 Boys' 200m final in a time of 29.30 seconds- a fantastic run to gain some more valuable running experience.

In the Junior Boys' 100m Final, Rufus ran 12.53 to finish 8th in a very closely contested final that was only split by 2 tenths of a second from 2nd to 8th.

Finley ran a brave race in the Under 13 Boys' 1500m final and led from the front for most of the run. He was just pipped on the sprint finish to finish 4th in 5 minutes 11 seconds.

Ephraim finished in 3rd place in the Junior Boys' 200m final in a time of 25.66, just 0.6 off the lead in a hotly contested sprint race.



Neve claimed a silver medal in the Under 13 Girls' High Jump with a clearance of 1.20m.

Betty built on a fantastically quick heats race to win the 300m Intermediate Girls' race by over 2 seconds in a time of 43.10 seconds.

In the Junior Girls' 1500m final, Phoebe led from the front early on and maintained a big lead throughout to finish the race in 1st place in 4 minutes 49 seconds, almost 20 seconds ahead of her nearest competitor.

Congratulations to all of those students who represented North Charnwood.



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De Lisle Sports Day 2024



De Lisle celebrated Sports Day over a number of days in National School Sports Week, both at school and at Loughborough University's international athletics stadium. A wonderfully supportive atmosphere was created by the students, who were treated to some excellent individual and team performances. Several records were broken and the lead changed hands a number of times throughout the afternoon. Ultimately, Clitherow wrestled the sports day title from last year's winners, More, in the last few races. Thanks to the staff and 6th formers for running the events and congratulations to all the participants for their efforts.



New school record holders 2024

Year 7

Boys' 300m Callum 44.68
Boys' 800m Finley 2.48.75
Girls' high jump Neve 1.36m

Year 9

Boys' 300m Oliver 43.84
Girls' 800m Emma 2.47.19
Girls' 1500m Phoebe 5.26.02
Boys' long jump Anton 5.10m

Year 8

Boys' 100m Ephraim 12.20
Boys' 300m Chester 49.41

Year 10

Girls' 100m Alexandra 12.97
Girls' 300m Betty 42.97
Boys' 300m Dominic 41.53
Girls' 800m Jessica 6.13.16
Girls' javelin Martha 25.71m

Final Result



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Inter-house Sports Final Results

Year 7 girls' rounders	
1 st	Clitherow
=2 nd	Fisher
=2 nd	More
=2 nd	Sherwin

Year 8 girls' rounders	
1 st	Clitherow
=2 nd	Sherwin
=2 nd	More
=2 nd	Fisher

Year 9 girls' rounders	
1 st	Fisher
2 nd	Sherwin
3 rd	Clitherow
4 th	More

Year 7 boys' rounders	
1 st	Fisher
2 nd	Sherwin
3 rd	More
4 th	Clitherow

Year 8 boys' rounders	
1 st	More
2 nd	Clitherow
3 rd	Sherwin
4 th	Fisher

Year 9 boys' rounders	
1 st	Clitherow
=2 nd	Fisher
=2 nd	More
=2 nd	Sherwin

Y7 overall position	Points
1 st Fisher	7
2 nd Sherwin	6
2 nd More	6
2 nd Clitherow	5

Y8 overall position	Points
1 st Clitherow	7
1 st More	7
3 rd Sherwin	5
4 th Fisher	4

Y9 overall position	Points
1 st Fisher	7
2 nd Sherwin	6
3 rd Clitherow	6
2 nd More	4

Final standings (all sports and Sports Day)

Football, netball, basketball, hockey, rounders, athletics

Inter-house sports results 2023-24 Pentecost 2

Overall standings		Points
1 st	Clitherow 	968
2 nd	More	918
3 rd	Fisher	904
4 th	Sherwin	838

Pentecost 1 standings		Points
1 st	Fisher	21
1 st	Clitherow	21
2 nd	More	20
2 nd	Sherwin	18



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School Transport 24-25



We are pleased to announce that De Lisle Academy is once again partnering with Passenger Travel Solutions (previously known as Roberts Travel Group) to provide school bus services for our students.

Applications for the 2024-25 school year have been open for some time, and we would like to remind parents that the **deadline** to submit their applications is **20th July**.

To apply, please visit the following link:

[De Lisle Academy 2024 - 2025 — Passenger Travel Solutions.](#)

Ensure your child's spot on the bus by completing the application promptly.



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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

As the summer holidays approach we wanted to send our usual information sheet out to you with some ideas to keep costs down

Discounted meals

There are lots of places offering free or very discounted meals for children.

At Asda children under 16 can eat for £1 at any time of the day in Asda cafes with no minimum adult spend required.



Click on the lunch bag to see more cafes and restaurants offering meals for free/less

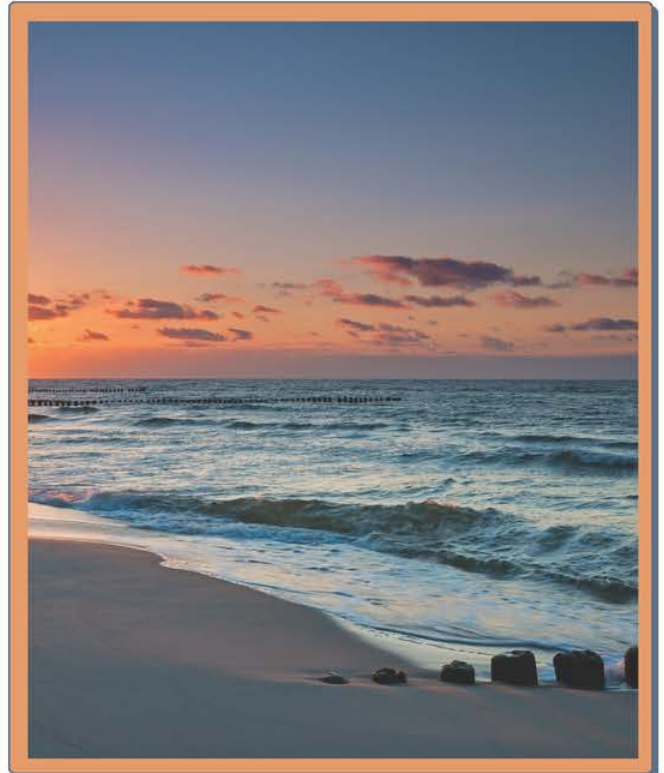
SEND offer

Leicester City Council are offering free activities for children with SEND and their siblings during the holidays. Activities include:

- Forest school
- Sporting activities
- Art and craft



Click on the forest for more detail



Things to do

Fancy a trip to the beach? Even in land-locked Leicestershire and Rutland, you can pack your bucket and spade for a fun day out. Rutland Water has an inland beach (which even has a Blue Flag Award). There is a fee for parking, but otherwise this is a free day at the beach!

Click on the bucket and spade to plan your day at the beach!



Going away?

There may be restaurants that we don't have in Leicestershire or Rutland whose discounts you can take advantage of if you are going on holiday or visiting friends and family in different parts of the country.

Click on the suitcase for some inexpensive food inspiration!



Summer holiday reading photo competition

We would love to see photos of pupils and staff reading during the holidays. The theme is 'day out' so we would love to see your photos of pupils/staff reading during a day out! A book of your choice is the prize for the winning photograph! Entries should be sent to: **kstuart-jones@aquinas-cmat.org** and should state the staff/pupil name and school name. Pupil photos should be emailed in by parent/carers and by entering you consent for your child to be featured on our social media pages.

Closing date is Monday 2 September 2024 at 9am.