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Parent / Carer Newsletter

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year. We have had a wonderful half-term and, as I'm sure you can see from the newsletter, we had an excellent finish to the last school year with many educational visits taking place including to China and to Lourdes.

We had excellent GCSE and A Level results in the summer of 2024 and our sixth form has continued to grow. Our year 12 now has 144 students, this is our highest ever entry of students into our sixth form. They have settled in well as you can see from the team building day and they have really come together as a year group. We have our Post 16 information evening on Thursday 31 October 2024 at 6pm to 8pm, this is for our current Year 11 students.

Year 7 have settled well into school; we had a wonderful Year 7 Welcome Mass which was a joyful beginning to their time at De Lisle. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend this celebration.



De Lisle Conduct Card - Advent 1	
Be Punctual (ready to learn)	
Wear your uniform correctly (be respectful)	
Conduct and manners (keep yourself and other safe)	
Name: _____	Form: ☐



We have been trialling a new approach to our rewards system at De Lisle College this half term. Students do continue to receive house points and Golden Tickets; we have asked students to take these home before posting them in our Golden Ticket box so that they can be rewarded at home. We have then drawn winning Golden Tickets, and students have received either a gift voucher, free drink, free meal or a lunchtime queue jump with a friend. This has been extremely popular with the young people. We are also continuing with our 'unsung hero' assembly at the end of this term to reward all those students with blank conduct cards.

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We have been really pleased with students' uniform recently, thank you for your support with the black socks; students look really smart. Thank you for your support with the lanyards and ID cards, if students lose or damage these, they need to replace them at the finance office.

Please could we remind you of the importance of your child's attendance. It makes a significant difference to the progress that they make at school. Please see the image below.



Towards the end of our newsletter we have shared our Personal Development and RSE curriculum, please look out for more details about this on our website soon. We have a new subject leader Mrs Pass for personal development.

Last week was the feast day of Saint John Henry Newman, so with his words I wish you a happy half-term break and look forward to seeing all the young people on the return to school on Monday 28 October 2024.

***May the Lord support us all day long,
Till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest, and peace at the last.
Amen.***

Mr C Maher
Headteacher



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Lourdes Trip 2024



Back in July, 18 De Lisle students went on the St Thomas Aquinas CMAT pilgrimage to Lourdes with students from the different secondary schools in the Trust. After a mammoth 24-hour coach journey, we arrived in Lourdes, where we spent a week of prayer, fellowship and journey as a group. We were so blessed to be joined with Fr David Jones from the Parish of St Mary's in Loughborough who accompanied us with joy and wisdom. We took part in a range of activities during our pilgrimage which included Emmaus walks in Gavarnie, taking part in the torchlight procession, international Mass, a reconciliation service and lots of group prayer and formation. A real highlight was stumbling across a first-class relic of St Maximillion Kolbe, and taking time to deepen and enrich our faith life through the inspirational life of St Bernadette. Each of our students took something different away from them. One of our students said, "Lourdes was a great experience for me, and I felt that it deepened my faith and made me closer to God. I also got the chance to make many new friends. I believe that even if you are not Catholic or another religion, this trip is deeply meaningful for you and allows you to make long-lasting memories and friendships". Another student told us, "My favourite memory of Lourdes was when we attended the torchlight procession. I felt really in the presence of God when people of all different countries all joined in to sing 'Ave Maria' behind the statue of Mary".

Miss L Shelton
Lay Chaplain



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China Trip 2024



In July, 27 intrepid year 9 Mandarin Excellence Programme students travelled to Chengdu in south-west China for an incredible 2-week adventure, accompanied by Mr Lissaman, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Aird. The trip was organised and subsidised by the MEP team at University College London, in collaboration with the British Council and the Department for Education.

The trip was primarily aimed at helping students to improve their language skills: students spent a large part of each day in Mandarin lessons, where they worked alongside Chinese peers who had been specially recruited to help them practise their spoken Mandarin. In the afternoons, they engaged in a huge range of cultural activities such as fan painting, dragon dancing, taiqi, Chinese cookery and games. They also went on excursions in the surrounding area, including a very rainy visit to the Dujiangyan irrigation system, which gave them the opportunity to appreciate the beautiful Sichuan countryside, and a trip to visit the iconic panda breeding centre.

Both students and staff were overwhelmed by the hospitality and generosity shown to them by their Chinese hosts: nothing was too much for the teachers, language peers, volunteers and organisers. Many of the Chinese students arranged for deliveries of bubble tea for their De Lisle language partners from local tea shops during the morning lessons, and students returned to the UK with suitcases overflowing with gifts.

Our thanks go to Mr Lissaman and Mrs Richardson for accompanying the trip, as well as to the wonderful group of parents who were unstintingly supportive and enthusiastic in getting behind the trip. Most of all, thank you to all the students who travelled to Chengdu: they were wonderful company and a credit to themselves and to the school.



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Result Day 2024

Our Year 11 students at De Lisle have achieved outstanding GCSE results this year. With an Attainment 8 score of 5.34 and a Progress 8 score of +0.6, their hard work has truly paid off. Eighteen students earned a grade 7 or above in every subject, with 63% of the year group securing at least one grade 7 or higher. Nine students achieved five or more grade 9s, and two exceptional students earned eight grade 9s and one grade 8.



Our Year 13 students also celebrated excellent A-Level results, with 23% of grades at A or A*, 41% at A*-B, and 64% at C or above. Six students achieved all A and A* grades, with the highest achiever securing four A* grades, and two others gaining three A* grades each, earning their places at first-choice universities.

We are incredibly proud of all our students and their remarkable achievements this year. Congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students!



October Feast

The October Feast is officially underway at De Lisle College! Students with 100% attendance and no lates throughout the month of October will be rewarded with free chips and a side as a thank-you for their dedication.

This initiative encourages everyone to stay committed, show up on time, and make the most of the school month. Let's work together to boost attendance and punctuality—and enjoy some well-earned treats!



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LIBRARY NEWS



During September, our Year 7 students have been taking part in library induction lessons. This has been a great opportunity for them to find out what's available and how to get the best from their library.

It has been lovely to see so many students coming to the library at break and lunchtimes this term and borrowing lots of books, using the resources for homework or simply relaxing.

Several of our new Year 7 students have already gained the Bronze Reading Award and their bronze owl badge and have moved on to the Silver Award, which is very impressive at this early stage in the term.



Rising to the (Chemistry) Challenge



In the summer term of last year six of our year 12 chemists took part in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge for 2024. This consists of an examination in which students' chemistry knowledge and problem solving abilities are put to the test. Our cohort this year, under the guidance of Miss Corten, achieved great success with every participating student receiving at least a copper award and two being recognised with a silver award. This is the first year all our participating students have achieved an award at these levels, truly a testament to their abilities in the face of the exceptionally difficult questions posed. Congratulations go to Emily, Evelyn, Lucy, Madison, Philip and Sofia for their success.



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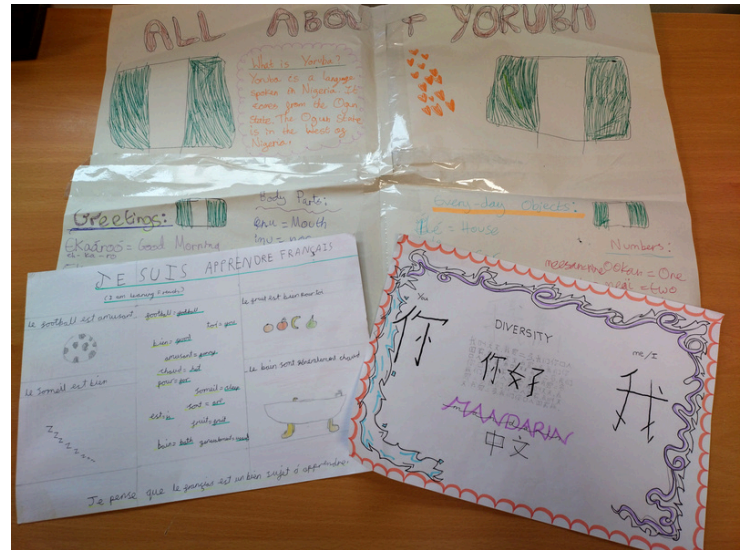


European Day of Languages



On Thursday 26th September the MFL department participated in European Day of Languages, which is a day celebrated across Europe to promote and encourage language learning. Students participated in multilingual activities in lessons and a language-themed quiz during prep time.

Many students entered the department competition to design a poster introducing an additional language which they speak or are learning. The runners up were Josh (7C1) with his French poster and Neve (8C2) and Rebecca (8M2) for their Mandarin poster. The winner was Timi (7M2) with an excellent poster about the Yoruba language. Well done everyone!



Mrs. Goodacre Phillips

Think Essay Competition Success



We are delighted to say that one of our Sixth Form students, Jessica, was longlisted in the Royal Institute of Philosophy's 'Think' essay competition. Her entry was entitled 'Could a machine think'? The standard was incredibly high and to be longlisted is a great achievement. More details of the competition can be found on the website: [Think Essay Prize Longlist Announced - Royal Institute of Philosophy](https://www.royalinstituteofphilosophy.org.uk/think-essay-prize-longlist-announced).



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Netball Tournaments



On 10th September the Year 10s took part in the first of two Netball Tournaments. They all played fantastically well and grew as the competition went along. They had 3 narrow losses but won their final game so came away with a positive attitude to build on for the next competition. The second tournament took place on 25th September and again the girls gave a great account of themselves and all games were very close. Well done to all who took part.

On Thursday 26th September the Year 7s took part in the Charnwood Schools Netball Tournament. They got off to a blistering start beating Rawlins 8-1 in the first game. The second game was equally as competitive as they beat Woodbrook Vale 7-0. With just the final game to go the girls were feeling confident and took this into the final game to beat Charnwood 4-0. A special mention must go to Coco, who scored 14 of the 19 goals. They will be taking part in another tournament in the coming weeks and we wish them all the luck in this.



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On Wednesday 9th October, the year 7 Netball team travelled to Loughborough High School to compete in the Team Leicestershire Netball Competition. Our first game was against our close neighbours Charnwood College who we beat 3-0. Next up was Loughborough High School and going into the second half it was close at 1-1. The game was end to end with lots of good attacking and defending on display from both teams but in final minutes, De Lisle pipped them with a late goal to win the game 2-1.

The final game of the tournament was against Amherst School and the girls were fully in their stride by then and ended on a high 7-0. All of our goals came from Coco and Adelola. The team will now go on to represent the Charnwood Schools Partnership and compete against other partnerships across Leicestershire, hopefully culminating in a final at Loughborough University in January.



Sporting Achievement in British Triathlon Super Series

On the 7th and 8th of October, Emma competed in the British Triathlon Super Series Grand Final at Mallory Park and came 2nd in Great Britain in the under 16's. She is currently 14 and was competing young for her age group.



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Year 9 school football tournament



On the 12th of September, the Year 9 De Lisle boys football team took to the pitch for the first set of fixtures of the new academic year. The squad, comprising mostly of players from last year's summer term fixture, travelled to Rawlins for the first half of the CVL tournament. Ably supported by Year 12 referee Sam and media correspondent Jacob, the boys played three fixtures out of a total seven. Below follows Jacob's account of the three fixtures:



The De Lisle Year 9 football team took to Rawlins academy for their first football fixtures of the year. As the rain finally stopped pouring, the boys were raring to get started.

The first game took place against Iveshead. Lined up in a 4-2-3-1 formation, with Fadhil leading the line, the game kicked off. A very entertaining game, with lots to be done in the middle of the pitch, five minutes in Iveshead took first blood. De Lisle stayed strong with an immediate response straight after kick off. Iveshead kept fighting but a strong brick wall at the back, commanded by Arthur, and good goalkeeping kept the game close. De Lisle's chances kept on coming but struggled to find the back of the net. However, just after the halfway mark, on the right wing, Chester, won the ball back on the edge of the box and pinned it into the bottom corner to bring the equalizer, drawing it level. Iveshead's main chance came from winning a free kick on the edge of the box, but a comfortable save from Harvey kept the scoreline even. Chances for both teams kept coming but with brilliant defending from Arthur and Ollie, the scoreline stayed the same. With the final whistle blown, the opening game ended with a 1-1 draw. The solid defence and well-won battles in the middle of the park led to a strong first performance from De Lisle against a tough opponent.

We moved onto the second game against Castle Donington and after a good first performance it looked hopeful. Following a second downpour of rain, the game kicked off and De Lisle were fast to press with an immediate chance. Fighting like monochrome warriors all over the pitch, created an entertaining first match. An end-to-end game with Castle Donington having their first chance of the game which was stopped by a brilliant fingertip save from Harvey who brilliantly managed to deflect the ball onto the crossbar. With the usual



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great defending, Castle Donington could not make it past the back line, battles being won in the midfield and chances were being made in attack – De Lisle were in ascendancy. But disaster struck in the final few minutes of the game, as Castle Donington won a corner, and the resulting ball sneakily crept into the back of the net! However, heads did not drop, with De Lisle's fast press the ball was quickly won back and precisely swung into the box where Chester, waiting at the back post unmarked, scored the equalizer, giving him his second of the tournament. De Lisle's quick response left the nerves high for Castle Donington towards the end of the game. The final whistle was blown, resulting in another 1-1 draw.

The final game kicked off against Rawlins. Put pressure by De Lisle's press, as if chasing prey, which resulted in many chances throughout the game. Rawlins found the back of the net early in the game, taking the scoreline to 1-0. Chances were being created by De Lisle during the game, but they were unable to reach the goal. Unfortunately, the final whistle blew and the last game of the tournament resulted in a 1-0 loss.

It was an impressive performance by De lisle against some extraordinarily strong opponents. Some incredible saves from Harvey in goal, strong performances from the back line, specifically from the centre back pairing of Ollie and Arthur. With battles being won in the midfield and lots of chances being created in attack, the De Lisle team showed some great morals, passion, and overall amazing skill. With three more games to go, all was left to play for in the next round of fixtures.



Despite results not all going in the direction envisioned, the boys played admirably against some of the toughest teams, and all players displayed the characteristics and spirit that all De Lisle students can. Fighting for each other on the pitch, they left a superb impression and were hungry for the next set of fixtures. With things still in our hands, training promptly proceeded in anticipation on the 3rd of October, when the concluding half of the tournament was scheduled to take place. With fixtures remaining against Limehurst, Woodbrook Vale, local rivals Charnwood and the undefeated Loughborough Grammar School it is sure to be a hot ticket. Special thanks and mention, to Sam for his impeccable refereeing performance and media correspondent Jacob for bringing you live reporting from the fixtures.



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Year 8 – STEM Curiosity Cube



Merck, a leading science and technology company, arranged for their mobile science classroom to visit De Lisle on Friday 20 September. The solar-powered classroom was created from a shipping container and has travelled throughout Europe. Local volunteers from the world of science, including researchers from University of Leicester, led workshops throughout the day for over 150 Year 8 students.

The workshops were based around the life cycle of a T shirt and the science behind sustainability. This included:

- Learning about synthetic and natural fibers, examining them through microscopes and categorizing them based on their level of sustainability.
- Designing and testing a windmill that produces enough renewable energy to power a model t-shirt factory.
- Using a threading machine to learn how old clothing can be sorted, shredded into fibers, and re-spun into thread for new garments.



We are grateful to the Merck organisation for arranging this engaging and informative day for De Lisle students, and to the volunteers who ran the workshops throughout the day.

Chris Greenwood – Careers/Guidance and Sixth Form Officer





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Year 12 Team Building Day



On Friday 20th September, year 12 enjoyed a day of team building activities here at De Lisle, led by a team from Beaumanor Hall. Our young people enjoyed a range of activities and had fun working together outside the classroom. It has been an excellent start to their time here in our sixth form. Well done to all the students for getting involved.



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MacMillan cake sale



On Wednesday 2nd October our 6th form students held their own MacMillan cake sale in the Ambrose Centre. It was a fantastic event with a great atmosphere held in honour of those who are or have been supported by MacMillan. Amongst our 6th form students we have some excellent bakers and we were treated to a range of amazing creations, including biscoff rocky road, chocolate fudge cake, brownies of every variety and cherry crumble slice. Thank you to all our students who supported this vital fundraising.

Mrs R Jackson
Head of Year 12 and Teacher of RE



We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all staff who participated in our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon held on Monday 30th September. It was such a warm and inviting atmosphere that truly reflected our school's mission of being rooted and grounded in God's love. Together, we raised vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, which will provide essential care and assistance to those affected by cancer.

We appreciate your support and participation in this meaningful initiative. Together, we can continue to uplift and care for our community!

Mr H Cafferkey
Lay Chaplain



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Year 7 Welcome Mass: A Joyful Beginning



On Friday 27th September, our school community came together to celebrate the Year 7 Welcome Mass, a truly special occasion marking the beginning of a new chapter for our newest students. The Mass was not only an opportunity to seek God's blessings on our Year 7s but also to reflect on the life and legacy of St. Vincent de Paul, whose feast day was at the heart of our celebration



Throughout the Mass, students participated with enthusiasm, proclaiming The Word, reading the prayers of the faithful, altar serving, and joining in the hymns. They were reminded that, like St. Vincent de Paul, they are called to make a difference in the world by showing kindness and compassion to those around them.

This celebration was also a wonderful reminder of our school's mission, rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, as we strive to form students who are not only learners but also servants to others. Our motto, "Do what is right, not what is easy," resonates deeply with the life of St. Vincent de Paul, who always chose the path of love and service, even when it was challenging.



A heartfelt thank you to the parents, carers, and staff who supported this celebration. We look forward to walking alongside our Year 7 students as they grow in faith, knowledge, and service throughout their time here at De Lisle.

Let us continue to pray that they are inspired by the example of St. Vincent de Paul, always seeking to serve and love others in all they do.



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Performing Arts In De Lisle



1. Performing Arts Enrichment



This half term we introduced Dance and Drama clubs to our enrichment timetable during prep. Thanks to huge success we will continue to offer this to students in year 7, 8 & 9 next half term. During the sessions we introduce students to the fundamental performance principles of each subject, in a relaxed and collaborative environment. These clubs offer a fantastic opportunity to explore creativity, build confidence, and have fun! Whether you're passionate about acting, love to dance, or just want to try something new, this club is the perfect space for you to develop your skills. Places are limited to 30 students, please sign up using the Arbor app.

Enrichment doesn't stop when the bell rings! We also offer After school music, dance and drama clubs from Tuesday to Thursday. Ensemble orchestra group brings together all our talented musicians to learn and play a range of music. This group is most appropriate for those above grade 4 and meets after school every Tuesday. Finally, the ever popular Steel Pan group is back on a Thursday afternoon from 3:30 for a small fee students can be introduced to this exciting musical instrument. For more information please speak to Mrs Fisher.



2. Dance Workshop

The year 10 Performing Arts (Dance) students recently took part in a dance technique and performance workshop led by an ex-student and professional practitioner. Students learnt several phrases and a larger performance piece which helped students develop their dance technique to help prepare them for the BTEC Performing Arts course. The workshop lasted for 3 hours, and all students involved worked extremely hard for the duration of the workshop, leaving all students feeling extremely tired afterwards!



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3. Hairspray - key stage three performing arts trip

Last week, our Key Stage 3 students had the fantastic opportunity to attend a theatre trip to see Hairspray at the Curve Theatre. The production was filled with energy, color, and catchy songs, captivating both students and staff alike. The story's powerful messages about acceptance, diversity, and standing up for what's right resonated with the students, making it not just an entertaining experience but also a valuable educational one.

Our students were engaged throughout the performance and left inspired, with many expressing an interest in drama and musical theatre. It was a wonderful trip that showcased the magic of live performance and left a lasting impact on everyone involved. Look out for more opportunities for theatre visits in the summer term.



4. Menphys Concert



As we look forward to Advent, we all think of the wonderful Menphys concert that brings together school choirs across Leicestershire in a wonderful celebration of music. This year we are taking a group of 15 students to join with Ratcliffe College for the performance. We were delighted to see so many keen students joining the choir this week, whilst places are limited please speak to Mr Dellaca for more information.



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5. Oliver

We are thrilled to announce that this year's school production will be the timeless musical Oliver! Students from across all year groups, from Year 7 to Year 13, have been rehearsing twice a week to bring this beloved classic to life. From the energetic "Consider Yourself" to the moving "Where Is Love," our talented cast has been hard at work perfecting their performances, and we can't wait to share it with you. This production promises to be an exciting showcase of the incredible talent and dedication of our students, both on stage and behind the scenes.

With such a large, enthusiastic cast and crew, Oliver! will be a production to remember. We are extremely proud of how students from different year groups have come together to collaborate, rehearse, and support one another throughout this journey. The commitment they have shown, balancing their schoolwork with twice-weekly rehearsals, is truly commendable. We hope you will join us for what promises to be an unforgettable evening of song, drama, and a celebration of the arts in our school community! Keep an eye out for ticket information coming soon!



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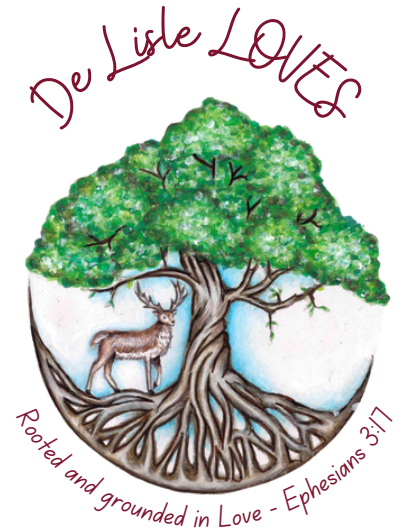
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Personal Development and RSE Curriculum

Our mission is to be rooted and grounded in God's love, so that each student receives the highest quality Catholic education and knows that they are loved deeply by Jesus Christ.

- All students experience the **Love** of Jesus Christ every day.
- Everyone is given the **Opportunity** to grow.
- Everyone **Values** themselves and each other by 'doing what is right, not what is easy' in the words of our school motto.
- Above all, we will grow actively in our faith by seeking a personal **Encounter** with Jesus Christ, so that we bear witness to the good news and to the teachings of the Church.
- We **Serve** our neighbours near and far as missionary disciples.



The intent of the personal development curriculum is rooted in the mission of the school. The focus is to help our students to understand that they are 'rooted and grounded in love' and that this has an impact on every aspect of their life, both now and in the future. We want our students to be equipped to be citizens in modern British society, to understand their place in the world and the contribution they can make to our world. Our planned and mapped curriculum focuses on supporting our learners to live the best lives they can, in the broadest sense.



Unique features of our curriculum include an annual focus on transition, and what this means at different points for young people. We recognise the importance of mental health and wellbeing throughout our curriculum and include a focus on anxiety within our curriculum. We focus on educating our students to understand how they can keep themselves safe on and offline, including looking at risks within our local area.

Although our curriculum is mapped to build pupils' knowledge year-on-year, we also want to be responsive to what our pupils need. **In order to best tailor our curriculum to our pupils' requirements, we're asking all parents to use this link to fill in a survey: [Wellbeing Barometer 2024 - 2025: Secondary](#)**



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All Relationships and Sex Education [RSE] lessons will be delivered in accordance with the Church's moral teaching. Our delivery of RSE is strengthened via the use of 10-10 curriculum resources. This is a Catholic, fully integrated and holistic programme in RSE, which has been cross-referenced against the DfE Statutory Guidance for RSE, and truly enables students to live a life 'rooted and grounded in love' (Ephesians 3:17).

The programme follows the model Catholic RSE curriculum that is broken into three modules:

1. Created and Loved by God
2. Created to Love Others
3. Created to Live in Community

Our personal development curriculum is enhanced by a rich extra-curricular provision, which includes sporting opportunities, the Arts (including drama and music) and off-site visits. We seek to nurture the talents and interests of our students. A wide range of external speakers enhance our annual provision.

In addition to our planned curriculum strands, protected characteristics are mapped against the wide range of fiction which our students read.

Curriculum Overview

click here!



**Transition
and
Wellbeing**



Diversity



**Staying
Healthy**



**Community
and Careers**



**Living in the
Wider World**



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Free on-site parking.

For more information please
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OCTOBER HALF TERM

As the October half term approaches 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. Visit the Pausa café in Dunelm stores and you'll get a free kids' meal when you spend £4. The offer is available all day every day. Kids get a free hot meal, two snacks and a drink. Click to see more cafes and restaurants offering meals for free/less.



Things to do

Click on the leaves to see half term workshops taking place at Rutland County Museum.



Click on the pumpkins to see free and low cost family friendly activities in Leicester.



More things to do

Leicester Museums have loads on for children over half term including a railway day, witches and warlocks kids craft day and a hidden gems workshop.

Click on the train to see what's on!



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 car for some inexpensive food inspiration!



October half term art competition

We would love to see some wonderful pieces of art from our pupils during the holidays. The theme is 'Autumn leaves' so we would love to see artwork of Autumn leaves that you have encountered over the holidays! There is a prize for the winning primary pupil and one for secondary! Photos of the pupil holding their art work should be sent to: kstuart-jones@aquinas-cmat.org and should state the 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 4 November 2024 at 9am.**