



WELCOME TO DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

*"You can perform miracles by touching
the hearts of those entrusted to your care."*



De La Salle
School

HOW WILL DE LA SALLE SCHOOL HELP ME GET READY TO COME TO SECONDARY SCHOOL?

We are delighted to welcome you to De La Salle School and have put together this booklet to help you to feel confident and informed about what to expect when you arrive. We are looking forward to meeting you and working with you.

We know that lots of you will be excited and possibly nervous about joining us. Starting Year 7 is a big step, so we do as much as possible to help you get off to a good start. Don't worry.

In the holidays, you will visit our school for several days to get to know some teachers and the layout of the school, and to meet your friendly new classmates. You will also take part in some fun activities. You may even get to try out practical subjects such as cooking. Your first day at school on Friday 3rd September will also be a special transition day just for Year 7s.

Don't worry if you don't know anyone when you start because there will be lots of other pupils in the same position and you will make new friends very soon.



HOW SHOULD I GET READY FOR MY FIRST DAY?

We expect high standards of presentation from your very first day so you will need to make sure you are wearing the correct uniform.

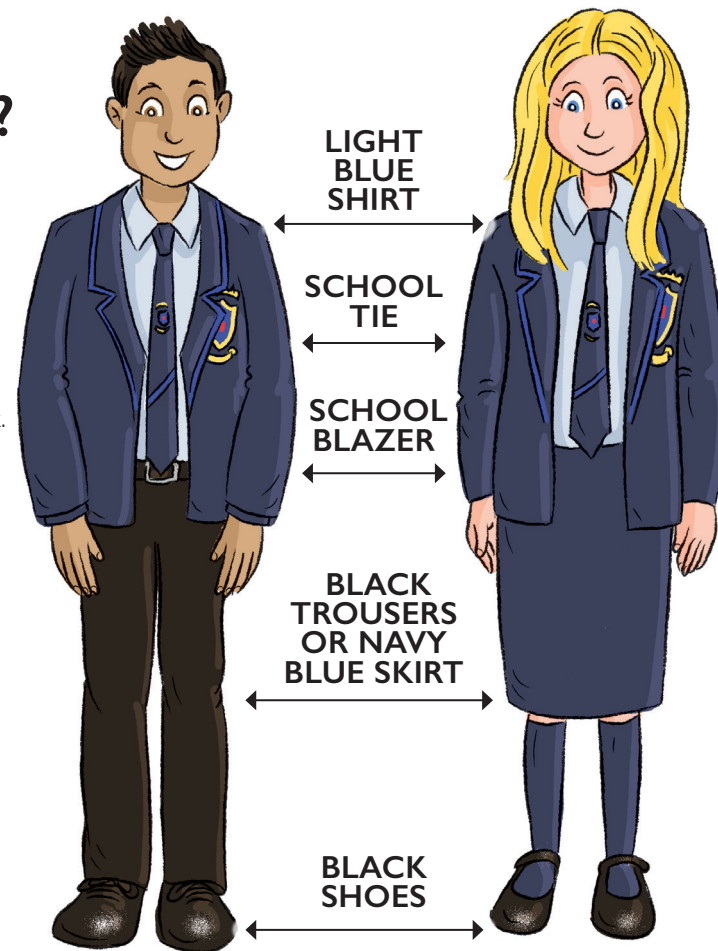
All uniform and personal items must be labelled.

Our students are proud to wear their uniforms. We will provide your parents/carers with a full list of the uniform you will need, including PE kit. No jewellery is to be worn.

You will need to bring along a school bag, reading book and pencil case which includes the following:

- Two black pens
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator
- Highlighter

A dictionary is desirable but not essential. Mobile phones must be switched off during the school day.



WHAT HAPPENS IN A SCHOOL DAY?

The school day runs from 8.30am to 3.00pm. Registration is used for assemblies, collective worship and progress monitoring by Form Tutors.

You will move across the school to different classrooms for different lessons. Don't worry about getting lost – just ask for help. You will soon know your way about. An average day consists of:

From	To	Activity
08:30	08:50	Registration
08:50	09:50	LESSON 1
09:50	10:50	LESSON 2
10:50	11:10	Break
11:10	12:10	LESSON 3
12:10	13:10	LESSON 4
13:10	14:00	Lunch
14:00	15:00	LESSON 5

Subjects you will learn are English, Maths, Science, Religious Education, History, Geography, Modern Foreign Languages, Computing, Art, Design and Technology, PE with Dance, Music, Drama and PSHCE.

We have lots of fantastic facilities, including:

- Sports hall
- Activity studio
- Fitness gym
- School hall with stage and lighting
- Recording studio
- Outdoor sports pitches
- Fully equipped science classrooms
- Technology rooms
- Computer suites
- Library



WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

Our school follows the example of a man named St. John Baptist De La Salle, the patron saint of teachers. As a school, we call ourselves Lasallians because we follow the teachings of De La Salle and the Brothers. We are a Lasallian community.

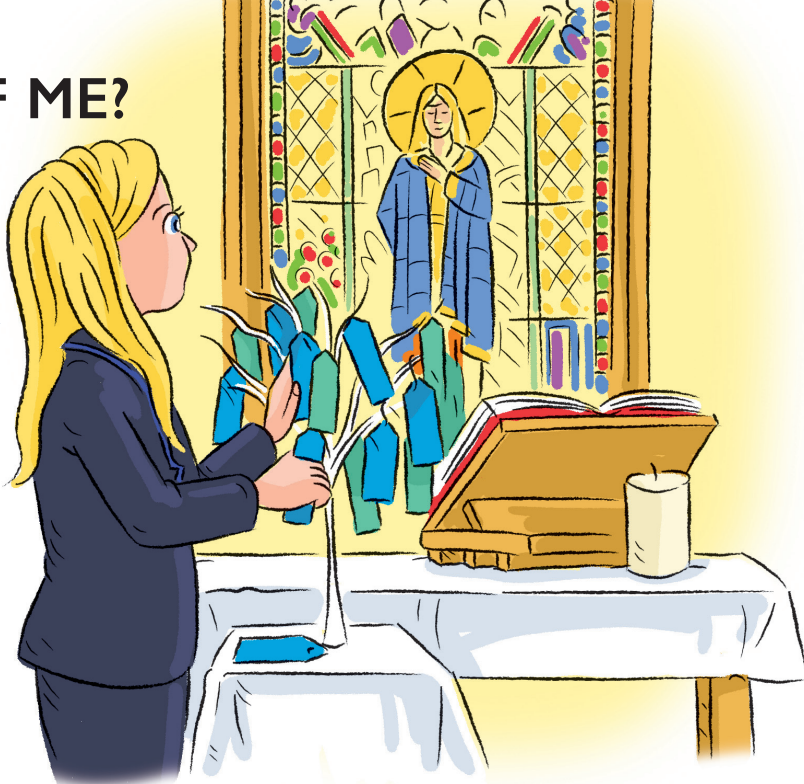
Our 5 Core Values

- Faith in the Presence of God
- Concern for the Poor and Social Justice
- Respect for All Persons
- Quality Education
- Inclusive Community

Religious life

Each year group has its own weekly assembly. Masses are held on Holy Days and on special occasions such as the feast of St. John Baptist De La Salle (Founder's Day). Friday morning community Mass is held every week at 09:00 in the school chapel.

Through RE lessons you will learn about different faiths and each class has the opportunity to meditate in small or large groups, especially encouraged before exams. Pupils are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of liturgical celebrations and retreats.



Rewards

Behaviour standards are displayed in every classroom and around school, and pupils meeting these standards will be rewarded under the star point system. Our three 'stars' are:

- Lasallian Star • Pastoral Star • Academic Star

WHAT EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CAN I TAKE PART IN?

School life is about much more than just great lessons. You can take part in lots of activities and clubs where you'll make friends, have fun and develop important life skills.

- Watersports trip to France
- Drama Club
- Bushcraft
- Science Club
- First aid
- Film and TV Club
- Residential retreat to Castlerigg
- NOW Festival and Shakespeare Schools Festival: the opportunity to perform at professional venues
- Choir
- Dance Club
- Public speaking
- Gardening
- Most sports including football, netball and rugby
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Debating
- Geography fieldwork trips
- Cinema and panto trips
- Upcycling Club
- And many, many more...

There is something for everyone.



HOW WILL YOU LOOK AFTER ME?

Pastoral Care

You will be part of a 'pastoral form class', supported by a Form Tutor, Head of Year and Pastoral Support Manager. This means you have the dedicated support of a range of professionals in school, offering you a stable environment in which to grow and progress.

We are enormously proud of all our pupils but understand that sometimes a pupil needs extra support to reach our high standards. If this occurs the school will – through the pastoral teams – liaise with pupils and parents/carers to check poor behaviour, restore good order and accelerate progress. We are committed to helping you become the best you can be.

Chaplaincy

Our chaplaincy team is led by our Chaplain, Sam, who is available to listen to and serve the needs of all within the school community. Our Chaplain offers a listening ear, a loving heart and a wise mind in helping all to navigate their ways through the challenges of life. We also have a dedicated chapel which is used for school and community worship, and as a peaceful and safe space for all.



Notable Alumni

Andrew Langtree, actor

Steve Prescott, international rugby league player

Paul Wellens, St Helens RLFC player

Emma Rigby, actress

Danielle Foster, market access research scientist

David Tench, musician

Jason Gilchrist, footballer

Michael Parr, actor

Johnny Vegas, comedian

Frank Cottrell-Boyce, screenwriter and author

We hope to see your name here in the future



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