



De La Salle School

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Wednesday 11th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: End of term information

At the end of another busy year I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the support you have shown to the school over the last year. Our 50th Anniversary year has certainly been a memorable one. Please see some key information below in relation to the end of term and the start of the new year.

I would also like to extend my thanks to all staff here at De La Salle. Their continued determination to achieve the best for the students at the school is a daily inspiration

Early finish on Tuesday

Just a reminder that as usual, school will finish at 12:20pm on Tuesday 18th July. Please ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place for your child. All students should go straight home after school.

This day will also be a non-uniform day for all pupils and staff. There will be no charge to take part.

Back to school arrangements

Year 7 and Year 11 return to school on Wednesday 6th September at 8.30am. All students are required to attend school as normal from Thursday 7th September.

Staff Changes

We have a number of staff retiring or moving on to new challenges in different schools. We wish them all the best for the future.

Staff leaving us at the end of term are:

Mr Crouch is retiring after more than 42 years of service. He is our longest serving member of staff and we will certainly miss having him in school! Mr Crouch is one of the few members of staff left who was a teacher while I attended DLS as a student. His dedicated service to our community was marked by Bishop Alan at our anniversary mass at the start of the year. We wish him every happiness in his retirement.

Mrs Powell retires at the end of the academic year following 15 years of dedicated service to the school as an LSA. The role of an LSA in school is absolutely crucial in supporting the day to day running of the school. The relationship that develops between students and LSAs is always special and I know that she will be dearly missed. We also wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Mrs McMahon is also retiring at the end of this academic year. She leaves a fantastic languages department behind. In recent years, under her leadership, the MFL department has gone from

strength to strength and we are so grateful for the time she has dedicated to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to excel in learning a modern foreign language. Again, we wish Mrs McMahon a very happy and restful retirement.

Mr Maynard, Ms Restall and Mr Nethersole are all moving on to new challenges next year. We wish them every success in their new venture and hope that they remain a friend of the school in the future.

As a result of staff leaving we have the following new starters:

Mrs Amato - Head of Modern Foreign Languages
Mr Kerin - Assistant Headteacher - Teaching and Learning
Mr Cain - Subject Area Leader - Music
Mrs Newson - Trainee Teacher of Geography
Mrs Wiggins - LSA
Mr Annkah - Teacher of Science
Mr Richens - Caretaker

We also have some current staff moving into new roles from September:

Mrs Harrison will be taking the post of Head of Maths
Mr Girling will be relinquishing his Head of Year position to be the new Pupil Engagement Leader.
Mrs Plant will be taking the post of Head of Year

I'm sure you will join me in wishing our new starters and those starting new roles, every success for September.

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Our latest edition of the school newsletter will be available very shortly. Please take a few minutes to read it if you can.

Wishing you all safe and happy holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Norris
Headteacher