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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER	
W/B Mon 5 December	Week One
Thursday 8 th December	Year 13 Parents Evening 4.30pm
W/B Mon 12 December	Week Two
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Fayre - 4.30pm-6.45pm Christmas Carol Concert 7.30pm
Thursday/Friday 15 th /16 th December	Pantomime at De Lisle 7pm
W/B Mon 19 December	Week One
Thursday 22 nd December	College Closes (lunchtime) (College Re-opens Mon 9th Jan)
JANUARY	
W/B Mon 23 January	Week Two
Monday 23 January	Parent Forum - 7-8pm
FEBRUARY	
W/B Mon 6 February	Week Two
Thursday 9 th February	Parents Interview Day
Thursday 9 th February	College Closes (normal time) for Half Term (re-opens Mon 20 Feb)
Friday 10 th February	TEACHER DAY 3

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As I write to you we are coming towards the end of the season of Advent, a time the Church asks us to prepare spirituality for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Amidst all the hustle and bustle of this time of year, we hope that our return to praying the Angelus as a community every day until the end of term supports you in your prayer life at home as a family.

I look back over the last few months and recognise the contribution made by Leicestershire's Lord Lieutenant, Lady Gretton to our community. Lady Gretton visited earlier in October to promote the 2012 Young Person of the Year Award. If you can remember Amy Turlington, when in Year 10 won 2011 Young Person of

the Year Award. The full interview with Lady Gretton and Mollie Bailey, our reporter from De Lisle News, can be seen on our website.

Also, as we head toward the end of the autumn term we reflect on the successes of the term. Congratulations are shared with our KS4 Badminton Team who won the 'Junior Team of the Year' at the Charnwood Sports Award on December 5th at the Town Hall. Also on the evening Caitlin Powell and Beth Davies-Kumadiro picked up trophies for 'Highly Commended Junior Volunteer'.

Our KS3 girls and KS4 boys and girls have also won the local partnership badminton tournament which is the first stage of the Centre Parcs National finals. We wish them every success.

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Farewells

At the end of this term we will be saying farewell and good luck to three of our colleagues.

Mr Tim Johnson moves into his well-earned retirement after over 30 years of service to De Lisle as a member of the PE Department and as exams secretary. Mr Johnson will be particularly remembered for his excellent relationships with students, who continue to talk about him many years after they have left. We wish him a happy and restful retirement.

Mr Andrew Higson leaves us after 10 years, to take up a new position as Director of Science at a school in Newark. Mr Higson has been a valued member of the Science Department and has also devoted much of his own time to running D of E, sports teams and the climbing club, amongst others.

We wish him a happy and successful future.

Mr Jacek Ziomek has contributed to our community, both as a member of the Learning Services Department and the Drama Department. We have also been able to take advantage of his Polish nationality and he has been a tremendous support to many students with English as a second language. He will be continuing this role in his new position and we wish him every success and happiness.

Christmas Celebrations

As this newsletter goes to print we look back at the College's superb performance at the Menphys Charity Concert held at De Montfort Hall. The College Menphys Choir sang with pupils from St Winefrides School in Shepshed. Congratulations are extended to the Menphys Choir and to Ciara Durcan (Year 10) in particular who wrote the Christmas song performed by the choir; an

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inspirational and moving
Christmas themed song!

We also look forward to the delights of the Christmas Fayre and Carol Concert which serves as a seasonal celebration of our Advent journey to Christmas, as well as the College Pantomime. Of course the Inter-House Christmas Noticeboard competition is well under way, and will no doubt be a treat for those visiting our reception area.

As we end our autumn term, may I wish all families and friends of De Lisle a blessed and peaceful Christmas break. May God bless all who are part of the De Lisle community wherever you may be this Christmas.

Mr C Davies
Head Teacher



A Journey of Prayer for Advent and Christmastide 2011

“Walk with Me” is a little pocket-sized reflection booklet that you may find at the back of church in many of our parishes in the Diocese over the next few weeks. Many people find it helpful in giving some structure to their efforts to spend some time preparing spiritually for Christmas. (It is produced by Alive Publishing and you can order copies directly on www.alivepublishing.co.uk and 01782 745600 – we will be using it in college throughout Advent)

Below are some extracts from the introduction by Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and some thoughts on this year’s theme. *“The theme we are going to explore is: Receiving the Word. Advent marks our liturgical celebration of the coming of the Word of God in the Incarnation. The Eternal Word comes into our*

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flesh in the stable in Bethlehem, bringing to our world a new and radiant light in which the truth about ourselves becomes clear.

The coming of Jesus into our world must be met by our receiving. Sometimes we are not so good at receiving. We can be reluctant to accept something new, something that asks us to change our habits or ways. We resist the invitation to step away from the familiar and take up new patterns of living, thinking and behaving....

May the Lord bless us all this Advent. May his word be born afresh in each one of us, so that his light may shine more brightly in our world today."

+ Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster

"Receiving The Word..."

"Advent is the time for the coming of the Word of God. It is therefore also the time for receiving the Word.

The Advent traditions of the Church teach us to be attentive

to those comings of the Word: in the stable in Bethlehem, in the hearts of all who believe and in the fullness of time when he shall come again.

During this 'Walk with Me' we shall ponder on some of what we must do if we are to receive that Word, fruitfully, within us.

This receiving of the Word is like a new birth: the Word comes to take on the flesh of our humanity, to bring to birth a new life within our humanity, to open a new hope and new love for our humanity. And this birth has to take place within each one of us who seek to be his disciples...."

The invitation is to make these few weeks count so that we are truly prepared for the celebration of the Incarnation of our God. May all of us have a joyful Advent and a happy and holy Christmas. (The "Walk with Me" prayer is offered to assist us as we journey together towards the celebration of the birth of Christ.)

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'Walk With Me'

Prayer

Lord God,
our light and our salvation,
we praise you for your gifts
of life and faith.
We thank you for the desire
that you have planted
in our hearts,
our yearning to see your face.
Help us to meet you in prayer,
to walk in your ways,
and to speak to others of our joy
and consolation in your presence.
Give us faithfulness
in this present life
so that we may come to know and
praise your beauty,
with all our brothers and sisters,
in the life to come.
We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Mr T Dugan
College Chaplain*

Changes at Home

All families go through difficult times in one way or another from time to time. This can have an unforeseen effect on children, which may manifest itself at college in a change of behaviour, mood or attitude to work. Although it may be difficult, it is important that you let the college know the reason why your child may be in distress.

New Contact Numbers

It is also imperative that you inform the college of any new contact numbers or addresses. In the event of your child suffering an accident or not feeling well we may need to contact you urgently. May I also remind you that if your child is ill or not attending college we also need to be informed.

*Miss M Camilleri
Pastoral Support Assistant*

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Lost Bus Passes

If your child loses their bus pass they will be provided with a temporary replacement which will last for two weeks.

Requests for temporary bus passes need to be made at the Front Office before 1.30pm.

A replacement bus pass application form will be given with the temporary bus pass. This should be filled in with your name and address and enclose £10. This should be mailed directly to County Hall.

Two consecutive temporary bus passes will be allowed to ensure that bus travel is available whilst waiting for County Hall to process your request.

PLEASE NOTE: Only two temporary bus passes will be allowed whilst waiting for replacement bus passes. Therefore, please ensure that you mail your County Hall replacement bus pass form as soon as you can.

If you have any problems please telephone the Reception at De Lisle.

Lost Property

Please note that lost property is kept in Reception.

Every effort is made to return lost property. Therefore, **please ensure that all school uniform and PE kit is labelled with your child's name.**

Due to the lack of space in the school, unclaimed items will be kept for **one term only**.

After this time items will be donated to charity.

To prevent the loss of property, please advise your child to keep PE Kit and items of value with them at all times. Lockers are available, but there are only a limited number available.

Mrs E McCormack
Receptionist

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Yr 11 (if aged 16 by 9th January) and Yr 12 Students

*AAT Level 2 Evening Class at
Loughborough College (160
UCAS points!):*

If you are considering a career in Finance or just want to gain some accounting experience then this opportunity may be for you. Loughborough College are offering a Level 2 AAT qualification starting on 9th January 2012 to 26th November 2012 on Monday evenings (from 6pm to 9pm). 16 to 18 year olds don't pay course fees (just the AAT membership fee, materials and exam fee - approx £100 in total). You can do a quick test on the AAT website to check that you have the skills to cope with this level. The Level 2 course attracts 160 UCAS points! You can contact Loughborough College on 0845 166 2950 to find out more. Please let me know if you are going to apply for the course.

Yr 11, 12 & 13 Brooksby Melton College Open Days

Open Days are an opportunity to meet Tutors, find out more about the courses you are considering and talk to current students. The next open days at Brooksby Melton College are as follows:

- Saturday 4th February 2012: 10am to 1pm at Brooksby Campus
- Wednesday 8th February 2012: 6pm to 8pm at Melton Campus
- Saturday 18th February 2012: 10am to 1pm at Brooksby & Melton Campus
- Wednesday 14th March 2012: 6pm to 8pm at Brooksby Campus

Book your place by calling 01664 855 444 or emailing courseenquiries@brooksbymelton.ac.uk

Yr 11 Taster Days at Brooksby Melton College
The Melton Campus are offering **TASTER DAYS** from

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December 2011 to July 2012 in the following areas: Beauty, Hair, Childcare, Performing Arts, Media and Motor Vehicle.

The Brooksby Campus are offering **TASTER DAYS** from February 2012 to April 2012 in the following areas: Agriculture, Animal Care, Countryside, Construction, Floristry, Gardening, Horse Studies, Land-Based Service Engineering, Sport & Coaching Academy and Tree work.

Please see Mrs Hitch in the Careers/Connexions Centre for an application form if you would like to attend one of these Taster Days. We would suggest you apply as soon as possible. Please note that you will need to get permission to be out of school and you will have to make your own way to the College.

Yr 10/11/12

Prospective Medical Students

Achieving top grades at GCSE and A Level is **not enough** to get you into Medical School. Most people who apply to do medicine will be capable of getting the required grades and therefore it is the non-academic activities you do that can make you stand out from the crowd. In Year 13 you will be able to apply to 4 medical schools and your aim will be to get 4 interviews. Medical schools will look at your academic portfolio, your UKCAT and/or BMAT scores and your personal statement when deciding who to interview. What you do (or don't do!) from now on can have a real impact on what you can write in your personal statement. Ideally you should be doing work experience and voluntary work over a sustained period of time - it looks better than a week in the holidays. Your

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work experience should be in a 'caring' setting and you should try and get some experience shadowing a GP and/or a hospital Doctor as you will need to demonstrate that you understand the role of a Doctor. You should be able to write about what you have learned from your work/shadowing experiences, so keeping a diary will enable you to reflect on this and should help you when writing your personal statement. See Mrs Hitch in the Careers/Connexions Centre for further advice.

Yr 12/13 Workshops Conferences

There may still be places available on the following workshops at the University of Nottingham:

4-Day Conferences:

- Medlink from 17th to 20th December 2011 and 20th to 23rd December 2011,

Visit: www.medlink-uk.net for more information and to apply online.

- Vet Medlink from 2nd to 5th April 2012

Overnight Conferences:

- Business & Management from 17th to 18th December.
- Exploring Chemistry from 18th December to 19th December
- Exploring Physiotherapy from 17th to 18th December
- Forensics CSI from 17th to 18th December
- Criminal Law April 2012 (date TBC)
- Physics April 2012 (date TBC)

Visit www.workshop-uk.net for more information on the courses above with the exception of Medlink.

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What Should I Study, Where Can I Study It, Will I Get A Job At The End, What Will I Earn?

www.bestcourse4me.com can help you find the answers to these questions. BestCourse4me is an independent, charitable career advice website for students. It links information collected from the Higher Education Statistics agency and the Labour Force Survey, to show employment outcomes linked to specific courses and universities. We would suggest that students/parents treat this as an additional tool to be used in combination with the many other resources available to them, in order to ensure that they are able to make informed decisions.

The site can be particularly useful for A-Level students when making their UCAS applications; AS level

students beginning to make choices about their university courses and subsequent employment; and for GCSE pupils, when thinking about what courses will be required for their chosen careers.

FOCUS ON APPRENTICESHIPS What Are Apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships are an excellent way of gaining qualifications and workplace experience. As an employee, you can earn as you learn and gain practical skills and experience from the workplace. Key benefits include: earning a salary; getting paid holidays; receiving training; gaining qualifications and learning job-specific skills.

Most apprenticeships follow a standard format that comprises: a National Vocational Qualification (NVQ2 or NVQ3), functional skills (Maths, English, ICT)

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and a Technical Certificate. The learning/training provider provides the knowledge and develops skills while the employer provides the practical experience to put those skills to the test. Training can be classroom based, in a workshop or in a workplace, depending on the subject and the learning/training provider.

Once the apprenticeship has finished there is the opportunity to carry on working (and perhaps continue to the next level of apprenticeship), maybe get promoted or go on to higher education in a college or university.

Apprentices are paid at least £2.60 per hour initially (approx. £95 per week). However, some employers pay a lot more and research has found that apprentices earn an average of £170 net pay per week.

How To Register On The National Apprenticeship Service

The National Apprenticeship Service is an online system whereby employers and learning providers can advertise and manage their apprenticeship vacancies, and potential apprentices can search, apply and then manage their applications for Apprenticeship and Advanced Apprenticeship opportunities. The system is free and is available at www.apprenticeships.org.uk.

Apprenticeships are available in many different sectors (see the website for the full list). If you would like to search for apprenticeships and apply online you will need to follow the steps below:

STEP 1 Register your details

- Go to Apprenticeship Vacancies and register your details by clicking the

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'Register now' link under the 'New User?' tab

- Create a username and password that you will remember
- You'll receive a confirmation email sent to your inbox. You must click on the link in the email to activate your account. This link opens a window to your 'MyHome' page

STEP 2 Create your 'MyHome' page

Your 'MyHome' page is your secure space. You can use it to:

- Search for Apprenticeship vacancies and save your search results
- Log your areas of interest (e.g. business administration, customer service, engineering etc.)
- Manage your applications

STEP 3 Search for your match

Search for Apprenticeships that match your interests by:

- Occupation/job role
- Employer
- Keyword

- Learning provider (e.g. college)
- Location/postcode (e.g. Leicestershire)

STEP 4 Browse your results

You can click on any of the listed vacancies for more information. Each listing gives detailed information about the job, including the employer, training, pay and the qualifications you will be working towards. You can save your search results, so they are easy to access at any time, or start a new search.

STEP 5 Manage your future

Once you have found the job you want, applying is easy. The application form is simple, secure and reusable, so you can respond to as many vacancies as you like, and save you application forms. You can view the status of your applications and manage them online.

Call in to the Careers/Connexions Centre if you need any help with your application or with registering on the site.

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Want An Apprenticeship In The Automotive Industry?

1. Babcock is one of the UK's leading providers of automotive training.

They support training programmes for companies including: Volkswagen, Subaru & Isuzu, Chrysler, BMW, Kawasaki, Fiat, Ferrari and Hyundai. Go to www.babcock.co.uk/automotivevetraining and complete their online application form to register your interest. Your details will be matched against any opportunities that arise in your local area.

Babcock are also offering John Deere apprenticeships in the following specialisms: Agricultural Engineering, Parts Technician and Turf Technician. Apply at www.babcocktraining.co.uk/info/landbased or email for more information at automotive@babcock.co.uk.

2. Remit are a large specialist training provider who arrange all aspects of the apprenticeship from recruitment to completion. Remit's sales team contact employers nationwide to locate apprenticeship placements. Interviews are then arranged at these companies for Remit applicants living in the area. Go to www.remit.co.uk to find out more and/or to apply for an automotive or automotive technical apprenticeship online. Remit also provide apprenticeships in other sectors including Passenger Transport, Food & Hospitality and Beauty & Hair.

Advanced Apprenticeship In Mechanical & Production Engineering

Slack & Parr in Kegworth are once again offering their award-winning Apprentice-

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ships in Engineering. We would recommend that you apply as soon as possible.

Slack and Parr have two manufacturing divisions on site: (1) Chemical & Textile engineering (design and manufacture of high precision gear type metering pumps for the man-made fibre industry) and (2) Hydraulics (design and manufacture of flow dividers and special purpose valves). You can find out more information by emailing Bryan Harrison (Training Officer) at b.harrison@slack-parr.com or you can apply via the apprenticeship website www.apprenticeships.org.uk. Type in 'Engineering' in the keyword section and select 'Leicestershire' for location.

You will need to register on the site before you can apply for the position.

Interested In A Career In Construction?

- Visit the redeveloped bconstructive website at www.bconstructive.co.uk. You will find a lot of useful information about the many job roles in this sector and you can register on the site and apply for apprenticeships.
- Visit the JTL website (www.jtltraining.com) for information on Electrical, Engineering Maintenance, Heating & Ventilation and Plumbing apprenticeships. You can apply online from their website.

Connexions Website Jobs/Apprenticeship

You can also find Apprenticeships on the Connexions Website. Click on 'Jobs' and select 'Job and Apprenticeship Vacancies' from the drop down menu. You will be able to search by

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sector and location. When you find a vacancy you are interested in you can fill in an enquiry form online. Pop into the Careers/Connexions Centre if you find anything you are interested in.

Mrs J Hitch

Careers Coordinator

Email:

julie.brown@delisle.leics.sch.uk

Tel: 01509 268739 Ext 245

confidential service, and students do not have to tell Mrs Sealy why they want an appointment. Appointment slips will be sent to students via their register in a sealed envelope.

All appointments will be held in the Care Centre.

Mrs Kate Sealy

Coordinator of Learning

Support Services

Medical Issues For All Students

Whilst we do not have a full time Nurse on site we do have a Community Nurse who is a regular visitor to De Lisle. Her name is Christine Sleight and she comes in most Wednesdays. If any students would like an appointment with Christine please see Mrs Sealy in the Learning Services Centre (i1) above reception. If Wednesdays are inconvenient for you then Christine will make herself available at other times. This is a

Monitoring Student Progress

One of the most frequently asked questions by parents, is how will I know how my child is progressing.

At De Lisle, these are the main monitoring/assessment points.

The first monitoring is completed in November to coincide with the Tutor Review morning, giving students an opportunity to have individual time with their form tutors, to discuss their progress early in the

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year. This monitoring is then sent home to parents. Years 11 and 13 also have Parents Evening in Nov/Dec.

Year 11 will receive reports and monitoring at the end of January. This is then followed by the Parent Interview Day, held in February, following a 2nd monitoring for all students by staff. This is an opportunity for all parents to spend quality time with form tutors, discussing their child's progress across all subject areas, as well as general topics such as attendance and behaviour.

At this time, it may be decided that a further meeting is needed with specific subject tutors and an appointment will be made for either the Year 7, 8 and 9 Parents Evening on March 8th or the Year 10 and 12 Parents Evening on March 22nd. Subject tutors may also request appointments with specific parents. This is, of

course, a change to previous years, but again we feel that this will allow for a more productive and less hurried meeting, as well as less queuing!

This is then followed up by reports and monitoring for all years, as well as a 2nd Tutor Review morning in June.

The dates for all of the above can be found on the college website on the calendar.

Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who attended the last meeting. Although there were only a few of us, the evening was highly informative, thanks to Mr Lissaman's presentation on assessment and monitoring at De Lisle.

We do hope that more of you will consider joining us in the future as we really value parents' views and contributions.

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The dates for the next term's meetings are: Monday 23rd January and Monday 5th March, both 7.00-8.00pm. Ideas for agenda topics are welcome and you can contact me via email at: elizabeth.sumpter@delisle.leics.sch.uk

Polite Reminders on Uniform and Hair

We would like to remind all students that the college policy on uniform mentions '*no unnatural hair colours*'. Just recently, we have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving with very red hair. Subtle tones are, of course, acceptable but bright red is certainly not 'natural'. We would appreciate the support of all parents in discouraging this recent trend.

Also, college policy is that boots are not to be worn. This does include ankle boots. Should the weather turn very bad then we would ask students to bring a change of

shoes for inside the college building.

Thank you for your support in eliminating the wearing of canvas shoes, (although one or two pairs creep back in now and again), but there is one further reminder that 'skinny' type trousers are not suitable as college uniform.

Mrs E Sumpter
Assistant Headteacher

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

New Drama Space

We started the new term in our re-furbished Drama space. We now look very professional with a black box theatre space with lighting. Students are quickly making this their new home and are enjoying using the space.

As usual we have been very very busy, but had lots of fun along the way.....

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- * GCSE Drama practicals in early October.
- * 'De Lisle's Got Talent' was another very successful evening organised by Yr 13.
- * Panto auditions (more of that later.)
- * Years 12 and 13 have been to the Curve to see a very alternative production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and to the Nottingham Playhouse to see 'The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui'. Again a very different production! Students are now busy devising their own scripts for their AS/A2 practical exams.
- * Auditions for 'Joseph'

During 'Creative and Active' Week Years 12 and 13 had workshops on our new sound and lighting system which was fantastic. I'm sure when you come to one of our productions you will agree what an improvement it is.

Trouble In Pantoland

Yes we are entering Panto season. This year it will be a joint effort of both staff and students on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December. Tickets are now on sale at the Front Office: Adults £5/ Concessions £3/Family Ticket £14.

Joseph



We have also had auditions for our production of '**Joseph's Technicolour Dreamcoat**' and the cast has now been decided and rehearsals will commence in January. The production will be on at the end of March so watch out for publicity and ticket sales in the New Year.

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Looking forward....

Year 12 will have their AS practicals in February.

Year 13 will have their A2 practicals in March.

GCSE practicals will be in April and May.

'Joseph' 21st, 23rd and 24th March.

Mrs E Monks
Head of Drama

Design Museum Visit

In Year 13 Design & Technology Product Design students have to invent a new innovative but marketable product – totally of their choice. This could be designed and made from any material from wood, metal and plastics, graphics or textiles.

To support the 'Information, Inspiration and Influences' section of the project work, Year 13 D&T Product Design

students visited the Design Museum in London.



If you've not been before, I can't recommend it enough.

Inside and out, the Design Museum just oozes 'cool', 'contemporary' design – it also reminds us, what fantastic talent we have in this country.

British designers, have such a superb reputation as 'world leaders' abroad, and yet it is seldom celebrated in this country!

The exhibitions showing at the moment are 'Terence Conran – The Way We Live Now', 'This is Design', and 'Designers in Residence'.

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Every Year 13 D&T Product Design student attended the visit, and it was fabulous to see their enthusiasm for the products exhibited.

We all had a superb day and returned to Loughborough feeling totally inspired...

A great educational and creative day out!

The following is written by Emma, Bekki and James:

“On Tuesday 22nd November, both Year 13 Product Design groups went on a trip to London. Whilst there, we visited London Design Museum and studied exhibits by Terence Conran and the ‘Designers in Residence’. These exhibits have inspired us in our current projects. Later in the afternoon, we visited Covent Garden and

the London Graphics Centre and viewed different graphic material. Overall, the whole day was very influential as we got to see pieces of design that will hopefully continue to inspire our designs in the future.”

The following is what ‘Time Out’ of London says:

“A major exhibition examining the impact on contemporary life of the designer, restaurateur and retailer Terence Conran, who established the forerunner of the Design Museum in 1982. The show examines Conran’s influence through the Conran Design Studio, founded in 1956, the Habitat chain of home furnishings stores, which first brought modern design to the High Street in the 1960s, and Conran Holdings, a design group with restaurants, shops and an architecture and design practice that operates all over the world. The Conran Foundation has recently donated a cash gift of £7.5

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million and the value of the sale of the lease of the current DM building at Shad Thames to help fund the museum's planned move to the former Commonwealth Institute building in Kensington."

Mrs C Chapman
Head of D&T

Ringway Time Capsule Challenge WINNERS!

On Wednesday 23rd November, 8 of our students along with a number from Gardendon, were invited to the burial of a time capsule on Burder Street, Loughborough. Hairs stood on end when the seconds counted down and the cylinder disappeared beneath the soil; not to be seen again for 50 years!... and they had every right to be excited. Half the content of this capsule was down to their hard work and dedication. Our chosen theme was 'My Loughborough' – a

real snapshot of the life and times of Loughborough as it is now.

We only had a few weeks to put it all together, and had to work fast! I have to commend each student for how much free time they gave over to this project. What impressed me most was the attention to detail and the research that went into everything they did (to be expected, I suppose, of history experts). We met local author Joan Morey, who donated her books and talked to us about the Loughborough of her ancestors. Students asked questions and learned a lot from her.

They really shone through during the 'Dragon's Den' style presentation, where the judges were stunned by their confidence and style.

I am very proud of everyone who participated:

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Samuel Carpenter 8AE
Matt Butcher 8AE
Avishka Edirisinghe 8AE
Louis Gravelis 8CH
Ben Hutchings 8CH
James Dudfield 8CH
Josh Pimm 8JE
Portia Berry-Kilby 9MJ

It was brilliant to see so many parents at the ceremony to show their support of the efforts of our young people. In 50 years' time, there will be a whole new generation present to see our objects being unearthed – which shows how generational this entire experience has been.

So, their final responsibility is to remember, and to remind me (in my old age) to help them dig it up again in 2061! (Write it on your hand, and I'll set a reminder on my phone...)

Mr A Perry
History Club

Goodbye Mr Higson

At the end of this term we will say goodbye to Mr Higson after more than ten years at De Lisle. He will be greatly missed by many members of staff and students, and we wish him every success in his new school.

As a consequence of his departure, Mrs Line will be joining the Science faculty from January. We are very glad to welcome her back and we are sure that our students will be glad to see her return. There will be a number of changes to the Science timetable to accommodate this change in staffing. This has been arranged to reflect the experience and expertise of our staff and to ensure the best outcomes for our students.

Mrs J Laidlerand the
Science Faculty

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Nuffield
Science
Bursaries

SCHOOLS
& COLLEGES

The Nuffield Foundation Science Bursaries for Schools and Colleges has once again had a successful year with 51 Year 12 students from across Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, carrying out 4-6 week STEM research projects over the summer holidays. The projects gave students a chance to work alongside practicing scientists and engineers, contributing to research or development projects in universities, industry, field centres, and research institutions.

Two De Lisle students successfully gained placements through this scheme this summer; Lauren

Quinn worked within the Department of Diabetes at Leicester Royal Infirmary, whilst Evgeny Saveliev's placement was with the University of Leicester's Psychology Department.

A celebration evening for all of the students concerned was held at the British Geological Survey, Keyworth, in early October and this gave students the opportunity to display their projects and for local STEM Ambassadors to assess their work for their gold CREST award accreditation. One student explains her project as follows:-

"As part of my Biology and Chemistry AS Level studies, I had the opportunity to complete a Nuffield Bursary for five weeks over the summer holidays. I was based at the University Hospitals of Leicester and worked with Professor Melanie Davies who is a world authority on type 2 diabetes.

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The aim of my bursary project was to investigate whether serum potassium levels were associated with an increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes mellitus. After statistically analysing the data, I found that this association was clinically significant and illustrated the need for a randomised controlled trial, which would show causation. I am currently looking forward to presenting these results as an abstract at Diabetes UK 2012.

My Nuffield Bursary has given me an amazing insight into the world of research, including the rewards and challenges of working independently and using my initiative to solve problems. I would encourage anyone who is passionate about studying the sciences at university to apply for a Nuffield Bursary placement, as it really is an incredible opportunity".

Lauren Quinn (13CN)

East Midland Airport Funding

A bid for funding from the East Midlands Airport Community Fund has been successful and as a result the student's gardening club has received £500 so enabling them to further enhance the environment in the school's quad area.

This funding has been used to buy a greenhouse and a bird nesting box with camera so in spring students will be able to start propagating their own plants and see footage of birds raising their young.

Airkix

The National Space Centre, Leicester has recently been asked by Airkix, the indoor skydiving company, to devise a series of relevant Science activities that school children can undertake when visiting their centres.

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Our Y11 triple Science students were invited to the Airkix centre at Milton Keynes for the purpose of trialing and evaluating these new activities. The sessions included both theory and practical experiments on topics such as forces and aerodynamics.

As a reward for all of their hard work in the morning students were given the opportunity to have a unique indoor skydiving experience in the afternoon.

If you would like to see what a great time they had flying, the latest De Lisle News broadcast contains a video of their flights. Just go to the school website and click on the link.

Astronomy Evening

The BBC2's Stargazing Live series captured the public's attention earlier this year. Presented by Brian Cox and Dara O'Briain these programmes had an average audience of 3.9 million viewers and more than 40,000 people went along to a Stargazing LIVE event for a first taste of basic astronomy. A second series will be broadcast between 16th – 18th January 2012 and the themes of the three programmes will be the Moon, the Milky Way and life on other planets.

Following the success of a 'Moonwatch' evening that we held with Garendon High School a couple of years ago, we are currently planning to hold a similar event on 19th January 2012 to coincide with the Stargazing Live's dedicated school day.

The evening's programme will include a variety of astronomy related talks and activities and for the first time

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students and their families will be given the opportunity to visit the newly opened observatory at Loughborough University.

So if you are interested in attending this event, further details will be sent out shortly via students' tutors and the parentmail system.

*Mrs N Gibson
Science College Technical
Manager*

Children In Need Raises Over £1600

Thank you for supporting one of our many annual charity appeals. There is always a very special family atmosphere when our college unites behind a worthy cause, again, spectacularly led by our senior students, dressed in a variety of crazy costumes, including 101 Dalmatians. There must have been a considerable amount of cake baking the night before as the cake stations were set up with tables groaning under their

weight. The break bell brought the hungry hoards and within 15 minutes over £300 pounds went towards Children in Need.

Thank you bakers!

Written by one of the students:

For Children in Need 2011, my friends and I did a cake sale. We decided to dress up as characters from Alice in Wonderland; Georgia O'Brien was the red queen, Hannah O'Brien was the white queen, Ciara Durcan was the white rabbit, Alicia Lowe and Holly Udall were Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee, Rebecca Streton was Alice and I was the mad hatter.

We made over 200 cakes and raised £216.45

Overall, I think we did a good job and the whole school looked amazing in all their outfits.

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National Anti-Bullying Week 'THINK WORDS CAN HURT' 14-18 Nov

The Student Council reminded our students of their responsibilities to speak with respect and sensitivity towards each other. The Acts of Worship reflected on the way the word of GOD should be our guide to the words we speak.

REPORT ALL ACTS OF BULLYING. BULLYING HAS NO PLACE IN OUR COLLEGE!

Mr A Emery

De Lisle News

De Lisle News is proud to welcome some new team members for the first edition of the year. We are joined by Michael and Rameeka who take over as anchors and reporter Mollie whose first assignment was to interview the Lord Lieutenant of

Leicestershire, Lady Gretton. Those of you who have been following the news from the very start will remember Tom, our very first anchor, who is now a regular on Central TV. Well, his sister Grace is following in his footsteps and joins us as one of our presenters. There are other members of the team both new and familiar who you will be seeing over the next few months.

If you are a sports fan then you will want to tune into the De Lisle Sports News. Here our regular team bring you all the action and results from all the latest matches. I hope you will support and encourage our teams by becoming regular viewers of the news and hope you enjoy the reports they present to you. We would really value your feedback and if you have any comments or suggestions for the news, please contact us at..... dnews@delisle.leics.sch.uk
Thank you for watching.

The De Lisle News Team

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Library News

Research has shown that there is a clear link between children who read more and academic success in all subjects. The valuable time taken by parents and guardians to discuss books, reading to them and with them, is a very important link to nurturing a love of books and reading.

Booked Up

Over the next few days Year 7 students will be bringing home their free 'Booked Up' fiction book. Back in September, each Year 7 student chose from a selection of twelve fantastic books aimed at their age group. This book will be their book to keep, however when they have finished the story they might like to swap it with a friend in their year group.

Booked Up is a national programme run by Booktrust and is generously supported

by children's book publishers and part-funded by the Department for Education (DfE).

The goal of the Booked Up programme is to encourage and support reading for pleasure by providing each Year 7 pupil in participating schools, with a **free** book from a list of specially selected titles. Now entering its sixth year, Booked Up has distributed millions of books to children across England.

When the free book arrives please take the time to help your young person by encouraging them to read the book and by discussing it with them.

You can also visit the Booked Up website at:

www.bookedup.org.uk

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Chess

The Winter Chess Tournament is currently under way with 40 very keen players from Year 7 through to Year 13. The tournament is run on a points system with 3 points for a win, 2 for a draw and 1 for a loss. There are small prizes along the way and praise slips for those gaining 6/9/12/15 points and for good sportsmanship. Trophies will be given to the Year 7/8 top player and the Years 9/10/11 top player.

*Mrs A Badock
College Librarian*

Christmas Quiz

We have started fundraising again for our students who are visiting Namibia in 2013. They need to purchase materials to help re-store and re-decorate schools in Namibia. Money raised at our Christmas Fayre on 14th December (please see poster

at the back of the newsletter) will be put towards the Fund. A Christmas fun quiz has been put together for staff/parents/students. This can also be found at the back of the newsletter.

All entries are to be returned to Reprographics no later than Monday 19th December at 50p per entry. Winners will be notified by 21st December.

Extra entry forms are available from Reprographics if required.

Enjoy and Good Luck...!!

*Mrs L Hardy
Resources Manager*

The Christmas Celebration

Our Christmas Fayre commences at 4.30pm until 6.45pm on Wednesday 14th December. Refreshments will be available being served in Dining Hall A (please see menu at the back of the newsletter.)

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Then our Christmas Carol Concert follows afterwards commencing at 7.30pm. There will be performances from the orchestra, jazz band, whole school singers and many more and a number of congregational carols.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the concert.

Tickets are available free of charge from the main reception on a first come first served basis. Please see the poster at the back of the newsletter.

Mr A Barnett

Get Online @ Home

For many of those who do not have regular access to a PC and are not enjoying the benefits of the internet, the last significant barrier to getting people connected is the cost of a PC at home.

Schools can point families towards an organisation supported by Microsoft which

offers refurbished Windows 7 computers for as little as £95.

The easy place to get your first, very affordable and internet ready computer.



The computer

- A powerful, refurbished computer.
- Designed to do all the basics VERY well.
- Internet ready.
- A space saving flat screen monitor .
- Keyboard and mouse.
- 30 day warranty, telephone helpline and a friendly "Quick Start" Guide booklet.

The Software

- Everything up to date including the latest version of Windows (Windows 7) and a range of Microsoft software for documents, emails,

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messaging, pictures and more.

- All inclusive, no subscriptions.
- All pre-installed and ready to use.
- This software will be familiar to friends and family who can help you get started.
- Security software from Microsoft to keep you safe online.
- [Accessibility software](#) to make it easier for anyone to see, hear and use a computer.

Easy ways to pay

- Pay online by going to www.getonlineathome.org
- Pay by phone: 03719 100 100.

“ See what you're missing without the internet at home ”



The price including VAT & delivery:

£165 Available to everyone

For anyone in the UK this price covers the computer, software, warranty, telephone

helpline, VAT and delivery - but no internet connection.

£95 - Available to people receiving certain benefits and to charities

The same package as above at a special, lower price for people on any of [these government benefits](#)

or for registered charities.

Get 1 month on the internet instantly

£10 extra gets you one month's pay as you go (PAYG) mobile broadband including 1 gigabyte (GB) (1000 emails worth) of data allowance.

You don't need to worry about set up. We send you a little device (dongle) which plugs straight into your computer and works straight away.

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Total price: £165

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Save hundreds of £££s a year

Pay your bills, do your shopping and get the best deals and online-only discounts. (Households offline are missing out on savings averaging £560 per year)



Search for information and advice

Never leave a question unanswered! Find your

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nearest curry house, book a weekend away, access online government information.

Unsung Hero

Forget Santa, forget Rudolph, forget Scrooge, you know who really has the Christmas spirit? Joseph. The simple carpenter (who doesn't even get a mention in two of the gospels) shows us beautifully that Christmas is all about God. So, why does God choose a kid with a GCSE in woodwork to become His only son's foster-parent? Why not a vicar or a rabbi or a king? Well, because '... Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart' (1 Samuel 16:7 NIV). And Joseph had a heart the size of Christmas. Most men of 1BC Nazareth would drag their fiancée out into the street and pelt her with rocks if they so much as suspected her carrying somebody else's child, but not our Joseph. God chose Joseph because of his good heart.

Secondly, Joseph shows us his Christmas spirit by placing God's plans above his own. Who needed the hassle of changing nappies and 3am feeds when the child wasn't even yours? Who needed all the curtain-twitching neighbours gossiping about your love-life when you didn't even have one? Who? Joseph, that's who. Joseph: the guy who was prepared to change his whole world for a baby. Joseph: the guy who would put up with the moans and groans of others all for the sake of Jesus. Joseph: the guy who held a baby with a bright future one starry night 2000 years ago.

Taken from Word 4U 2Day available free at www.ucb.co.uk

Mr A Bostock

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Name:.....Tel No:.....

1. What date is St Stephen's Day?
2. In Charles Dickens' novel 'A Christmas Carol', who was Scrooge's dead business partner?
3. The song 'White Christmas' was first performed in which 1942 film?
4. London's Trafalgar Square Christmas tree is traditionally given by which country?
5. In the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas, ...my true love brought to me nine...' what?
6. Name the original eight reindeers from the 'Twas the night Before Christmas' poem.
7. Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics '...To save us all from Satan's power, when we were gone astray..'??
8. The character Jack Skellington appears in which 1993 Tim Burton film?
9. What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant?
10. In the inspirational 1946 film, 'It's a Wonderful Life', what's the name of George Bailey's guardian angel?
11. What are the names of the three wise men said to have brought gifts to the baby Jesus?
12. What is New Year's Eve called in Scotland?
13. What Christmas item was invented by London baker and wedding-cake specialist Tom Smith in 1847?
14. In what year was Band-Aid's original 'Do They Know It's Christmas' the UK Christmas chart-topping record?
15. Which country did St Nicholas come from?
16. Who wrote 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'?
17. From which country does the poinsettia plant originate?
18. Who wrote 'Auld Lang Syne'?
19. How many points does a snowflake have?
20. What is the name of the cake traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas?

All entries to be handed into Reprographics no later than 19th December.
50p per entry.....Winners will be notified by 21st December.

Christmas Fayre Menu

14th December 4.30pm – 6.45pm

Refreshments served in Dining Hall A

Freshly prepared Xmas Rolls/Pizza/Cakes/Drinks

Hot Turkey and Stuffing

Hot Gammon and Apple Sauce

Brie and Cranberry

Cheese/Tomato Pizza

Sliced Lemon Drizzle Cake

Sliced Carrot Cake

Brownies/Rocky Cakes/Cup Cakes

Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate

Can Juices

Rolls/Sliced Cake £1.50, Small Cakes 75p ,

Pizza 50p ,

Cans 75p

Tea/Coffee 75p



Entrance through
Main Reception

Come along
to
**De Lisle's
Christmas
Fayre**

Wednesday 14th December
4.30pm until 6.45pm

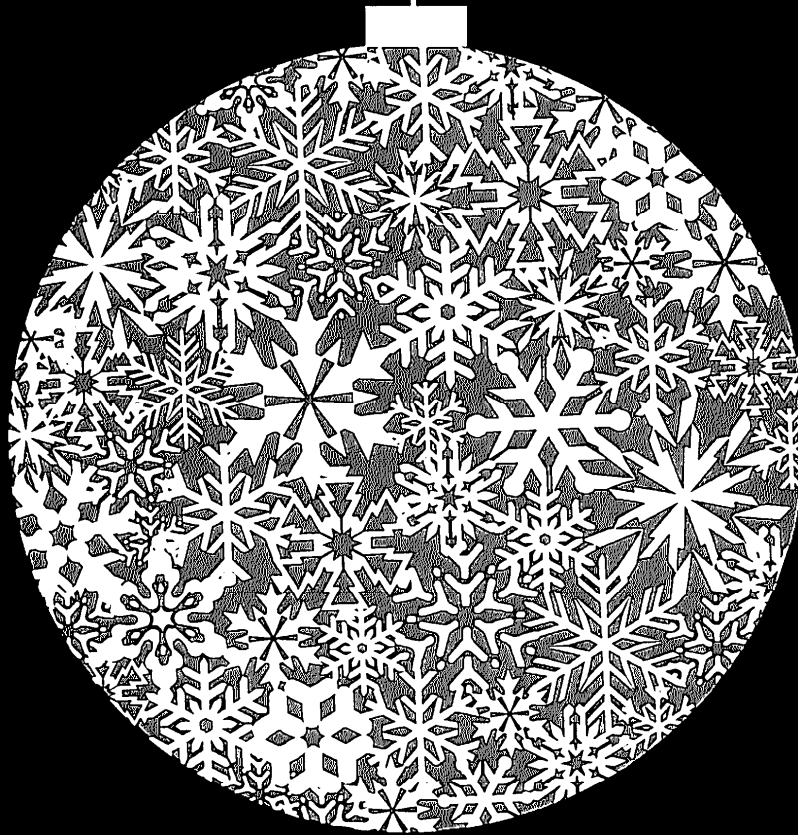
*A great selection of Craft Stalls,
Jewellery, Fairtrade,
Cakes, Tombola
and a designated Refreshments area.*

Carol Concert follows in the Hall - 7.30pm

Come along and join in our Festive Fun!



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De Lisle *Christmas*
CELEBRATION

Wednesday 14th December 2011 7.30pm

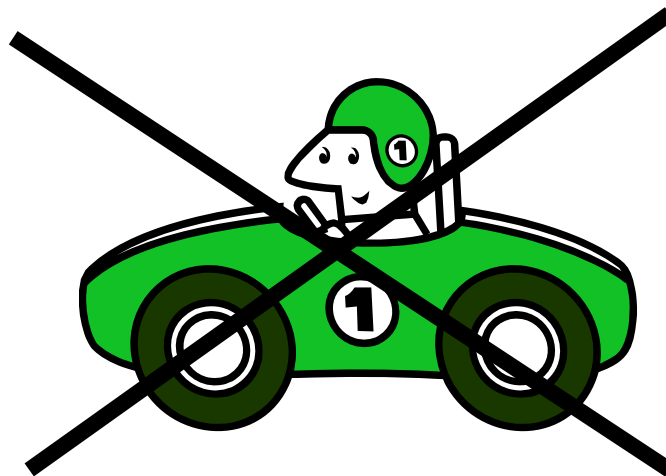
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Students should only be dropped off and picked up from the top lay-by at the end of the college driveway



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ParentMail™ is a simple and modern way to keep parents informed. The service provides schools with a way of communicating with parents instantly allowing both to benefit from fast and reliable communications.

This service is free and is registered with the Data Protection Registrar. It guarantees to keep all information strictly private. There is a confidential service with no advertising associated with the scheme.

Please complete the form below and return to the Reprographics Department.

Name(s) of Parent/Carer _____

Child's name _____ Registration group _____

Child's name _____ Registration group _____

Child's name _____ Registration group _____

Please tick

Please register me with De Lisle's email service

I am unable to take part in the scheme and would like letters sent home with my son/daughter.

Email address(s) _____

Email address(s) (please print) _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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PLANNED GIVING

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

PLEASE COMPLETE

BANK NAME	
BRANCH ADDRESS	
SORT CODE	
ACCOUNT NUMBER	
ACCOUNT NAME	

PLEASE MAKE PAYMENTS FOR THE CREDIT OF THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT

NAME	DE LISLE CATHOLIC SCIENCE COLLEGE
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BRANCH	2 BISHOP MEADOW ROAD LOUGHBOROUGH
SORT CODE	20-52-69
ACCOUNT NUMBER	90654469

PLEASE PAY THE SUM OF	PER MONTH
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COMMENCING (DATE)	
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UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

SIGNED

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NAME		
CHILD'S NAME		FORM



PARENTS IF THE BUS FAILS TO TURN UP!!



Please discuss with your children what their plan will be if the bus fails to turn up or if they fail to catch the bus for any reason

If it is late they should wait for 20 minutes after the bus was due to arrive at the pick-up point. If the bus fails to turn up after this time, options include travelling to school using public transport, travelling to school with a responsible adult e.g. parent or friend's parent or ringing the Passenger Transport Helpline on (0116 3058777) who will investigate and may arrange alternative transport. Please inform the school of the reasons for late arrival.

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