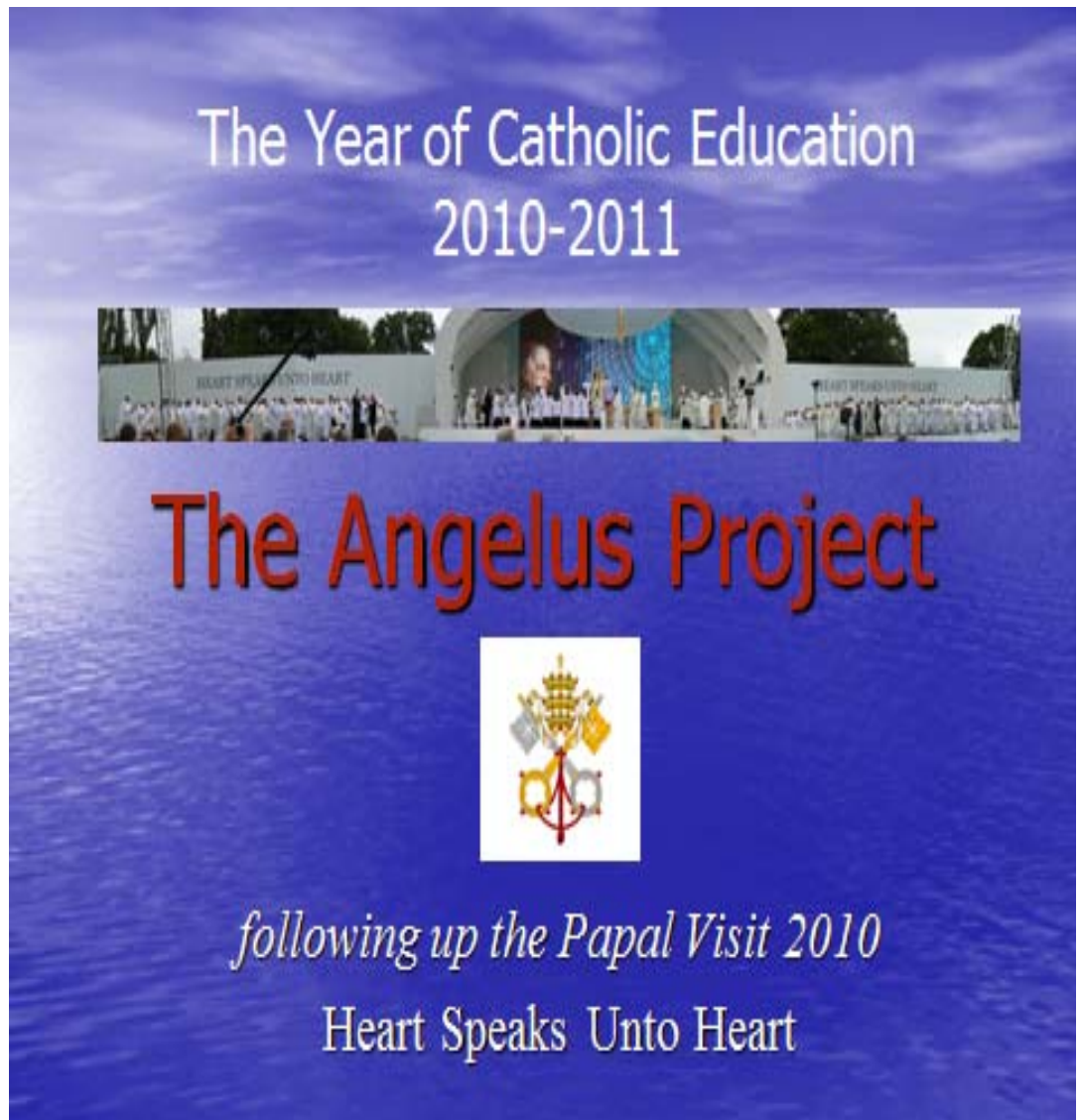


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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>FEB</b>	
<b>W/B Mon 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Week Two</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday	Friends of De Lisle Meeting 7pm
<b>W/B Mon 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Week One</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> February Monday-Friday	Geography A Level Field Course (Year 12)
14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> February Monday-Friday	Maths Week
18 <sup>th</sup> February Friday	College Closes (normal time) Half Term (Re-opens 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb)
18 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> - February Friday-Friday	Ski Holiday
<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>W/B Mon 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Week One</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday	Parent Interview Day 11am – 7pm
<b>W/B Mon 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Week Two</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> March Tuesday	Family Learning Evening
16 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday	Year 9 Options Evening

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## Football Success

Firstly may I congratulate our First 11 Football Team members who have progressed to the last 16 within the National Cup Final. They have done well. By the time this newsletter is printed they could very well be in the last 8 schools nationally, a great achievement, well done to the team and Mr Kell as manager.

## New Year

The new year saw us welcome new colleagues to work at De Lisle; the following took up their positions:

Mr Agius – Religious Education Teacher

Mr Barnett – Music Teacher

Mr Bradbury - Science Teacher (Physics)

Mrs Donaghy- Psychology Teacher Maternity Cover for Mrs Perkins

Mrs Foreman – Modern Foreign Languages Teacher

Mr Illidge – English Teacher  
Maternity Cover for Mrs Perkins

Mrs O’Sullivan – Design and Technology Technician

Mr White - Learning Support Assistant

## Governing Body

We also have some changes in our Governing Body. We welcome Mrs Cooley as our newly elected Parent Governor. We also have a Parent Governor vacancy which we are looking to appoint in the near future. Nominations need to be returned by 2<sup>nd</sup> February. This vacancy is created as Mrs Reilly’s term of office as parent Governor comes to an end. We thank Mrs Reilly as parent Governor. Also thanks to Mr Reed and Dr Spencer for their service as Foundation Governors over the years as they leave the Governing Body. The Diocese is looking to appoint replacement Foundation Governors.

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The Governors recently reviewed our College approach to our Annual Sports Day which is traditionally held at the first class Loughborough University athletics stadium. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to compete in both field and track events on such a world class facility, which will be used in the near future, by both Team GB and the Japanese Olympic teams. Our current approach is in line with the University request that the event is open to students and staff only; accommodating and supervising parents as well as providing parking would be difficult for them to manage. This arrangement also allows for student safeguarding arrangements to be maintained by the College.

The alternative to using the University facility would be to use our own 300m track on

the College field which would restrict the provision of field events happening; throwing and jumping events would have to be scheduled at a different time; however using the College field would enable students and parents to watch the running events.

After much discussion the Governors have decided that the better opportunity presented to our students is to continue to hold our Sports Day at Loughborough University, allowing all students and staff to be part of the event at an excellent venue. We will therefore continue to restrict access to this event to students and staff only. We will not be able to accommodate parents at the Sports Day. Even though this may be disappointing for some parents, Governors feel that the University facility offers greater benefits to our students.

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## Year 11 Mock Exam

I am pleased to see that most Year 11 students have worked well to prepare for their Mock Exams that were held before Christmas. Many were pleased with their results gaining high target grades. However, some were disappointing and give a clear indication of what needs to be done in preparation for the Summer exams.

Yet again De Lisle students have demonstrated their examination successes through the recently published Government Education League tables for last summer's exam results. In almost every category De Lisle's results placed the College at the top of virtually every Leicestershire based League Table. What is particularly interesting is the financial league table that quite clearly indicates that De Lisle has the lowest funding per student within

Leicestershire but is the highest attaining. Well done again to our students and staff with their continued successes.

Last term saw the College retain its Investors in People Award. As a College we do not only focus on student learning but see De Lisle as a place of learning for all staff; it is good to see that the Investors in People award recognises this learning for all who work here.

## Parent Review Day

To support students with their learning we held a tutor Review morning last term and this will be followed with a Parent Interview Day on the 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Recently parent surveys have indicated they do not feel as well informed about their child's progress as they would like to be; in response we have developed the Interview Day as an

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opportunity to address this concern.

Termly monitoring reports, Annual Reports and Parents Evenings will therefore be complemented by a Parents Interview Day. This will provide all parents with an opportunity to meet with their child's Form Tutor to review overall attainment and academic progress, learning targets set in the autumn term, as well as sharing stars and strikes information.

We see this as a positive way forward to support parents who support their children and us in providing the best for each child. As indicated in the recent letter, parents will be asked to book a 15 minute appointment during the day to meet with their child's Form Tutor. We look forward to a successful day.

## Telecommunications

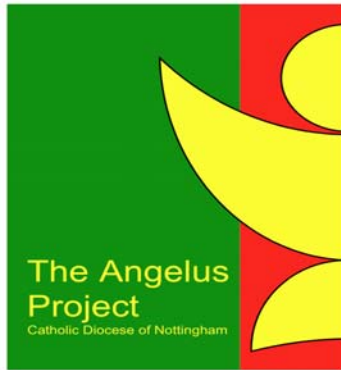
### Mast

May I thank those parents who have taken up the invite to let Charnwood Borough Council know their views about the siting of a telecommunications mast just outside the College gates? I understand that the company concerned are in the process of submitting another application as the previous one was not successful. This re-application should include consultation directly with the company and with Charnwood Council. They are looking for a suitable site which may very well be on the footpath next to the recently extended bus lay-by. Given such a location the College will object as the path is used by over 1300 students twice daily.

Mr C Davies  
Head Teacher

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## The Angelus Project



The aim of the Angelus Project in our Diocese is to build on the key messages of the papal visit to the UK; 'Heart Speaks Unto Heart'.

Praying the Angelus Prayer is a means of developing five themes from the Pope's speeches – *Communication, Service, Vocation, Sainthood* and *Prayer* through the Diocese.

Pope Benedict's overarching message on his visit to the UK, under the theme, '*Heart speaks unto Heart*' was, above all, about growing in holiness, about responding to God's infinite love for each of us, about vocation. We are asked to ponder on what Newman refers to as the "*definite service*" assigned to each one of us; to consider how we can all work for the

building up of the Church, "*helping young people along the path of spiritual and human growth*" and to encourage teachers and other professionals, "*never to lose sight of their calling to use their talents and experience in the service of faith...*" "*...the life of faith needs to be the driving force behind every activity in the school, so that the Church's mission may be served effectively, and the young people may discover the joy of entering into Christ's 'being for others'.*"

In speaking directly to young people of Westminster Cathedral, Pope Benedict urged them to make time for prayer and to make space for silence in their lives for, "...it is in silence that we find God. And in silence that we discover our true self. And in discovering our true self we discover the particular vocation which God has given us for the building up of his church and the redemption of our world."

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The Holy Father went on to say, at the vigil in Hyde Park, "Dear young friends: only Jesus knows what "definite service" he has in mind for you. Be open to his voice resounding in the depths of your heart: even now his heart is speaking to your heart. Christ has need of families to remind the world of the dignity of human love and the beauty of family life. He needs men and women who devote their lives to the noble task of education, tending the young and forming them in the ways of the Gospel. He needs those who will consecrate their lives to the pursuit of perfect charity, following him in chastity, poverty and obedience, and serving him in the least of our brothers and sisters. He needs the powerful love of contemplative religious, who sustain the Church's witness and activity through their constant prayer. And he needs priests, good and holy priests, men who are willing to lay down their lives for their sheep. Ask our Lord what he has in

*mind for you! Ask him for the generosity to say "yes!" Do not be afraid to give yourself totally to Jesus. He will give you the grace you need to fulfil your vocation."*

The visit of Pope Benedict XVI and his words as 'Heart Speaks Unto Heart,' has left us with the challenge of moving things forward, of building on that enthusiasm and on that sense of belonging to something so much bigger. Of asking ourselves how we can I grow in holiness and be a good witness to my faith? And so, we have the opportunity to pick up the inspirational themes of Pope Benedict XVI's message of Communication, Service, Prayer, Vocation and Sainthood, which we have entitled 'The Angelus Project' and carry it as our Diocese prepares, alongside the athletes, for the Olympic Games in 2012.

After half term, leading up to and throughout Lent, we will

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again share the Angelus Prayer together every morning. Please join us at home by finding a convenient time to pray it together as a family.

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 affect 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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## Uniform

We appreciate that the weather has been cold recently and alternative footwear has been worn. However, students must bring their shoes to wear in college even if they feel it necessary to wear alternative footwear to travel in and out of college. This includes **Ugg boots and trainers**, which are not acceptable for college shoes and must not be worn throughout the college day.

Could we also bring to your attention that earrings for boys are not part of the college uniform and they should not be worn at any time in college. We would also like to stress that covering earrings with a plaster is not acceptable.

Thank you for your co-operation and if anything is unclear regarding college uniform this information is on our website.

*Year Progress Leaders*

## Year 9 Options

### Evening

Please make a note in your diaries of the amended date for the **Year 9 Options Evening**. It will now be held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm**. PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, due to limited space, we can only accommodate a maximum of 2 people from each family as we simply do not have enough room in the hall. This can either be 2 parents/carers or 1 parent/carer plus your child in Year 9. We hope that this doesn't cause you too much inconvenience. Letters will be sent out nearer the time.

## Year 9 Options

Once Year 9 receive their Options Booklets (we are aiming to have these ready by half term) students won't have to get their option choices in until week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> April. Students will have until the end of that

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week (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April) to get their Option forms in. If your child would like any advice and guidance choosing their options then please tell them to visit the Careers/Connexions Centre and see Julie Hitch or Shobie Culverwell.

## Personal Adviser

### Interviews

#### (Yr 9 to 13)

If you would like to speak to Shobie Culverwell (Connexions PA) to discuss your career ideas/course choices or if you have any other issues that may be affecting you at school, then please fill in one of the orange Referral sheets in the Careers/Connexions Room. **Please note, if you are given a slip with the date and time of your interview on and you have decided you no longer need one, please let me know so that your time can be used by another student.**

## British Gas Open Afternoon

### (Information on paid training and apprenticeships for Year 11, 12 & 13 students)

British Gas in Leicester are holding an Open Afternoon on Monday the 7th February 2011, at their Academy in Aylestone Road, Leicester, LE2 7QH (Sat Nav - LE2 7QJ)

This is an exciting opportunity to see the facilities offered by British Gas, and understand the jobs with training that will be offered in the Leicester area throughout 2011. There will be experts on hand to answer queries about the paid training and apprenticeships. Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 who may be considering an Apprenticeship may find this event very useful. It will run throughout the afternoon starting at 1.00pm, and will start on the hour every hour until 4.00pm. (Please arrive in plenty of time to start on the hour). The sessions will last

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for approximately 70 minutes.

Students will need to make their own way to the event and must ask permission to be out of lessons that afternoon. If you would like to find out any further details please contact Carole Willsher, Recruitment Attraction Manager, Telephone: 07979 566 400 or email:

[carole.willsher@centrica.co.uk](mailto:carole.willsher@centrica.co.uk)

**Leicester Hospitals Medical Work Observation Programme Applicants**  
Could Year 12/13 students who have applied and been accepted on this programme, please let Mrs Hitch know.

## **Year 11 Interviews For Post-16 Courses**

Our Year 11 students will be attending post-16 interviews shortly and we would suggest that they prepare for these to increase their

chances of getting a place. The 'LIAISE' group of post 16 learning providers have put together a PowerPoint presentation which can be used by students. You can download the PowerPoint from [www.connexions-leics.org](http://www.connexions-leics.org) click on 'Courses' and then 'Options After Year 11' then 'Year 11 options'. Scroll down to find the presentation. If you are applying for Level 2 courses then you may find the following leaflet useful: 'Going on to Level 2 courses at college – giving it your best shot!' It can be downloaded from [www.connexions-leics.org](http://www.connexions-leics.org) click on 'Courses' then 'Options After Year 11' then 'Year 11 options'. Scroll down to find the leaflet. Students can access the above either at home or on the computers in the Careers Room. Please call in during your break or lunchtime.

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## **Armed Forces Careers Exhibition At Grantham 5th April 2011 For Year 9/10**

This event is for Year 9 and 10 students interested in finding out more about Careers in all **3 of the Armed Forces**. Previously it was advertised as an Army event, but it will now include the Army, The Navy/Royal Marines and the RAF. If you are interested in attending and haven't yet given your name and tutor group to Mrs Hitch please do so as soon as possible. It is open to both boys and girls. We can take a maximum of 25 students and we only have 6 places left!

Further details will be sent out nearer the time to those students who have expressed an interest.

## **Thinking Of A Career In Medicine/Veterinary Medicine?**

As the competition for places at Medical/Veterinary School has grown, so has the need for young people to prepare earlier for a successful application. From GCSE and AS level choices, through to early work experience, there is a great deal that can be done to help students increase their chances of being offered a place. Top grades at GCSE and A Level will not necessarily result in the offer of a place at medical/veterinary school. Students will need to offer a lot more than just academic success – many talented students won't even get to the interview stage.

I will shortly be offering workshops to Year 10 and Year 11 students who are considering medicine, to outline what will be expected of them and how they may

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be able to increase their chances of getting in. Last term I requested names of interested students, so if you haven't yet given me yours, please do so by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you are considering VETERINARY MEDICINE, please come and see me for information on what you can do to prepare for your application.

## **Interested In Health & Social Care Or Childcare?**

If you are in Year 11 and are considering a career in Health & Social Care or Childcare, have you thought about applying for an Apprenticeship? I would like to organise a talk from a Training Company that offer a 10 week training programme based in Leicester City (transport costs will be met by the organisation) followed by an apprenticeship where you will earn £2.50 per hour

(approx £95 per week depending on your hours) until you achieve the NVQ2 qualification. This would particularly suit students who are expected to achieve D to G grades at GCSE although it is available to anyone. Interested students should give me their name and tutor group by January 31<sup>st</sup> (so far I only have 2 names). The talk is likely to be held one lunchtime, in the Careers/Connexions Centre from 1pm to 1.30pm approximately.

## **Apprenticeship Vacancies**

Are you interested in doing an apprenticeship after Year 11/12/13? If so, have you registered on the National Apprenticeship Vacancy Matching Service (NAVMS) [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk). You can also check for apprenticeship vacancies by looking in the Jobs Section on the Connexions website

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[www.connexions-leics.org](http://www.connexions-leics.org).

See Mrs Hitch if you need any help with this.

## VLE Careers Room

You will find many very useful website links in the 'Careers Room' on the VLE. Make sure you have your username and password. You can access the VLE via <https://fronter.com/leicestershire/> or the De Lisle website <http://www.delisle.org.uk/> and click on FRONTER. Take a look, it may help you with your career/course research – everything is in one place for you so you don't have to spend hours searching. There are many websites, workshops and resources on the VLE for students considering Medicine and we would advise students from Year 9 upwards to start preparing early by having a look at some of these.

## Year 11/12/13 William Davis Apprenticeships- Don't Miss Out On This Fantastic Opportunity!

For any Year 11, 12 or 13 students considering a career in the Construction Industry and would like to learn a trade, these Apprenticeships are a great opportunity.

The following apprenticeships are available at William Davids Limited in Loughborough:

- **2 Carpenters/Joiners and Bricklayers:** 3 year apprenticeship leading to NVQ Level 3 (equivalent to A Levels). Qualifications are not vital but they would prefer a Grade D in 4 subjects at GCSE.
- **2 Plumbers and Electricians:** 4 year apprenticeship. For *plumbing* they require min Grade D GCSE in English, Maths, Science and D&T and for

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*Electrician* they prefer min Grade C in these subjects.

Your hours would be 8.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. You would attend college for part of the week and be on site the other days. You must enjoy working outdoors and using your hands. If you are interested then please get further details and an application form from Mrs Hitch in Careers. **The closing date is Friday 25th February so get your applications in early.** These positions are highly sought after and you will be competing with students from all of the local schools. They are really worth the effort so if you need any assistance with your application and hopefully, subsequent interview, then we will be happy to help you.

## Feedback

If any of our students attend an event/course/workshop that I have advertised I

would be grateful if they would give me some feedback about their experience (positive or negative).

Mrs Julie Hitch

Careers Coordinator

email:

[julie.brown@delisle.leics.sch.uk](mailto:julie.brown@delisle.leics.sch.uk)

Tel: 01509 268739 Ext 245

## Pantomonium

The Panto was very successful and really got us into that 'festive feeling'. Once again I was extremely proud of our students who always produce excellent performances. But the success is down to your support, and I would like to thank you all for supporting the Drama Department once again. Mr Sharp has produced an excellent DVD which is on sale for the bargain price of £2.50.

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## Coming Up.....

This term is a busy month for the department. At the end of January, Year 11 have their 'Devised Practical Performance' and their 'Scripted Performance' will take place on April 5th and 6th 2011. Year 12 have their AS Performances on March 8th 2011, 4.30 - 7.00pm. Tickets are available from college (these are free).

Year 13 also have their A2 Performances on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 4.30 - 7.00pm, again tickets are available from college. To support all these events there is an after-school rehearsal workshop every Wednesday, at 4.00 - 5.00pm.

## New York



And of course the Drama New York trip leaves on Monday 21st February. They are at 'Philadelphia' on 33rd St., just round the corner from MACYS.

Once again there is a fun-packed itinerary, and I would like to wish staff and students an amazing time.

Mrs E Monks  
Head of Drama

## Music

Firstly, the music department would like to thank you all once again for your continued support at Christmas, our busiest time of the year. Our students deserved the Christmas break following a very busy term.

We started December with the annual MenPhys Charity

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Concert at De Montfort Hall. Each year we take part in this fantastic Carol Concert by performing a Christmas song with the choir. This year was extra special, as we performed a song written by one of our very talented Year 12 'A' Level music students, Niall McNamee. The song is titled 'A Soldiers Christmas Promise' and tells a story of a soldier longing to be home at Christmas time. The song was a great success, and resulted in a radio broadcast with Oak FM, where Niall was interviewed, and the song was played on air. Hear it for yourself by logging on to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and typing in 'A Soldiers Christmas Promise'. Niall and the choir did a fantastic job and once again highlighted how talented our students are here at De Lisle.

The festivities did not stop there, and with the MenPhys concert over, we began rehearsing for our own college Christmas festivities,

which this year took a slightly different twist. This year we held our own Christmas Mass following the Christmas Fayre, with carols sung by our choir, readings read by students from the Drama department and Christmas music played by our whole college orchestra. The evening was a great success and everybody left in the festive mood. The singers even raised money for our learning area's charity 'Help The Heroes' by carol singing for two hours during the Fayre.

After a peaceful Christmas, the Music department are well rested and we have already begun rehearsing for our next performance. The A Level students will be hosting a recital evening of their Performance pieces towards the end of March, so watch this space. We have also started all of our extracurricular music clubs in preparation for the annual music Summer Concert.

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I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Barnett to the Music department. We hope you enjoy being a part of our busy and dynamic department.

*Miss L Grimes  
Head of Music*

## Science News...

### Top of the Bench

Emily Mullen, Sarah Danaher, Harjuno Perwironegoro and Hannah O'Brien represented De Lisle at the local heat of 'Top of the Bench' Chemistry competition that was recently held at Loughborough University.

Our team came fourth, but were unfortunately only one mark short of being joint third, which may have enabled them to proceed to the regional final of the competition.

## Teacher Placement at 3M

De Lisle Science teacher Mr Buttinger recently attended an industry placement day at a local company 3M Health Care, which enabled teachers from a number of local schools to gain an insight into 3M's use of Science in the development and manufacture of the latest healthcare technologies.

During the day teachers were given a tour of the manufacturing facility and were given the opportunity to talk to a variety of professional scientists to find out about the application of Science theory to their working practices. 3M's Science Ambassadors also gave advice on Science related career routes.

Teachers who attend this type of event gain a wealth of information that they can then use to enrich their lessons whilst links between the schools involved and

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local industry are strengthened.

## 'Physics in Action' Lectures

Year 12 Physics students were again given the opportunity to attend the University of London's annual 'Physics in Action' lectures. The speakers were all experts within their own fields and provided students with a varied programme of talks.

A senior examiner also gave students invaluable advice about how best to prepare for their forthcoming examinations.

Mrs N Gibson  
Science College  
Technical Manager

## Cashless Catering

Can we please remind students and parents to ensure sufficient funds on their son/daughter's cashless catering account in order to purchase their break or lunch.

To save queuing at break times at the cash loader it is advisable for students to load their account upon arrival in college or alternatively make payment via cheque at the Cash Office. Thank you.

Mrs J Smith  
Finance Office Manager

## Chinese New Year Celebrations

### 兔年

De Lisle's Canteen will be holding a Chinese New Year dinner to celebrate the 'Year of the Rabbit.'



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Tickets will be on sale from Monday 31 Jan until Monday 7 Feb.

The dinner will be held over two days on Wednesday 9 Feb and Thursday 10 Feb

Numbers are limited.

Cost: £2.10 per person

No pasta will be served on those two days, but sandwiches and jacket potatoes will be available.

## Menu

Sweet and Sour Chicken

Roast Pork Chinese Style

Braised Chinese Mushroom with Tofu and Chinese Vegetable (V)

Stuffed Pepper with Vegetable Szechuan Style (V)

Fortune Cookies

Home-made Mandarin Sorbet

I would like to invite any suggestions from both students and staff for any special request.

Mr P Luk

Chef Manager

## Library...

**Here at De Lisle, we believe that literacy changes lives and it is for this reason we all work together to encourage young people to read a diverse range of material and foster a love of reading and to improve literacy skills.**

**Did you know?**

1 in 6 people in the UK struggle to read and write.

Poor skills compromise health, confidence, happiness and employability.

Higher literacy skills can reduce an individual's likelihood of being on state benefits from 19% to 6%.

**How can I help?**

**Helping your child to read well is possibly one of the most important things you can do.**

**Unless young people experience reading as a pleasurable activity, they will stop reading and choose more enjoyable alternatives.**

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Show enthusiasm for your child's reading and make it fun. Encourage them to read a variety of material e.g. stories of different genre, biographies, non-fiction, poetry, newspapers etc.

Develop the library/reading habit.

Be a good role model and read often. Young people who see their mother and father reading are more likely to enjoy reading and to read more frequently.

Studies show that regularly reading out loud to children will produce significant gains in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and the decoding of words. Whether your children are pre-schoolers or preteens, it will increase their desire to read independently (Please see link below).

<http://school.familyeducation.com/top-10-ways/improve-reading-skills/38329.html#ixzz1BJBzE1Tw>

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT A LOVE OF READING IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR CHILDRENS ACADEMIC

SUCCESS THAN THEIR FAMILY'S WEALTH AND CLASS. OECD (2002)

## Library Clubs This Term All Welcome

Film and Book Club -  
Wednesday lunchtime  
12.35pm to 1.20pm

*New club: watch a film, read the book, and take part in discussions.*

Chess Club - Thursday  
lunchtime 12.35pm to 1.20pm  
*Friendlys until half term and UK Chess Challenge until Easter*

Warhammer Club - Friday  
lunchtime 12.35pm to 1.20pm  
*Tournaments, painting, battles and scenery building*

Mrs A Badock  
Librarian

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## Cross Country



We may have entered a new year, but for our runners we have nearly come to the end of another season. The League ended just before Christmas, and I'm afraid we went out with a whimper rather than a bang. Poor turnout at the final race in Market Harborough meant our Year 7 boys failed to complete 4 races (so no league position), and in other age groups we were overtaken by other schools. As expected our Junior Boys team confirmed their status by winning their league, despite 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the day. Year 7 Girls, Junior Girls and Inter Boys all finished in the dreaded 4<sup>th</sup> place. Individually, both Ollie Spencer and Joe Wales claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their age group leagues.

January brings new hope, and the County Schools Championships at Ratcliffe College! This time, despite low turn outs, we ended up on the right side of the results. Year 9 Boys rallied from some late losses of personnel to clinch the County title quite comfortably, and are now on for the treble! Ollie Spencer added individual silver to his league medal, and the bronze he gained at the clubs equivalent 2 weeks earlier (running against Year 10's). With small fields in most races our teams picked up 3 sets of medals through consistent performances – Year 7 Boys 2<sup>nd</sup>, Year 7 Girls 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Year 8 Boys 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was great to see Lizzie Mellor back after dreadful luck with injuries, but sad to see her pipped for bronze so close to the finish.

The last event of this season is the County Relays at Shepshed on March 5<sup>th</sup>. I

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will be approaching some people about doing this event, but regulars need to let me know if they are keen to participate. Warning to the Year 9's – we may need to do time trials for selection purposes!!!!

Mr Sawyer

## Learn To Love Better

Before you switch off, thinking 'Mushy stuff? Er, no thanks', just stop a second. Even if you've not got that special someone in your life who sets your heart a-fluttering and turns your legs to jelly, you'll still have friends and family who you love (not in that way necessarily, but as mates at least. Go on - admit it- you do care, don't you?!). So maybe it's worth stopping for a second, and seeing what we can learn about loving better. Here are just two top tips: 1) Don't just use your lugs to listen. Listen to the things people don't say, as well as the words they do. If your

mates and family feel like you're really paying attention to their lives, they'll feel more loved and valued - which has got to be a good thing, right? 2) Believe the best (and forget the rest!) So you'll have probably seen them at their worst, with that huge zit on their chin or their head down the toilet - but reminding them of all that guff isn't necessarily going to make them feel supported is it? Instead, focus on the best bits of them, remind them of the good times, tell them they do something well. Yes, it's still really important to let them know if they're doing something dodgy, and to gently correct them if they keep mucking up in the same way - but it's just as important to big them up a bit, whether they need it or not. Who knows - you might just make their day!

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# De Lisle Catholic Science College

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Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, LE11 4SQ  
Head Teacher Mr C. Davies B.A., M.A.

Celebrating 50 years of Catholic Education  
1959 - 2009

18th January 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 13 students

## STUDENT FINANCE MEETING

You are invited to a meeting at the college at 7pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February to be given the information and instructions to apply for student finance for Higher Education next year.

It is recommended that all students applying for university entrance for September 2011 and those taking a gap year attend. It is advisable for any other student not applying at this time, but considering doing so in the future to also attend. It is strongly recommended that at least one parent/guardian should also attend.

The meeting will cover what finances are available for Higher Education students and most importantly how to complete the online application forms. I will be joined by Kirsty Wilkinson from De Montfort University who will present part of the meeting and be available for questions.

I hope Student Finance Application packs will be available on the night and afterwards from the Sixth Form office for anyone unable to attend on the night. Please complete the reply slip below and return to your son/daughter's form tutor by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at the latest.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Mumford  
Head of Sixth Form



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

## STUDENT FINANCE MEETING - Return to Form Tutor by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011

Name of student: ..... Form: .....

Number of people attending: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Telephone (01509) 268739 : Facsimile (01509) 233643 : Website [www.delisle.org.uk](http://www.delisle.org.uk) : Email [enquiries@delisle.leics.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@delisle.leics.sch.uk)

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**6.30pm - 9.15pm**  
**Tuesday 15th March 2011**

**During the evening your family will be given the opportunity to participate in three different activities.**



**There is a limit to the number of people who can attend each activity and therefore all places have to be booked beforehand.**

**(Please note that places will be allocated on a first come first served basis).**



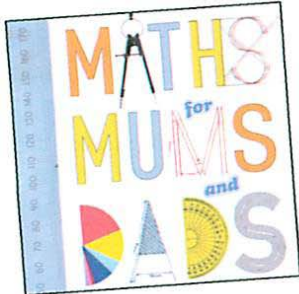
**The booking form provided needs to be completed and returned to your child's form tutor before Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011.**

**(Please note that no booking forms will be accepted after this date).**



**Each family will receive an individual schedule of activities, these will be passed to form tutors to hand out to students when school re-opens after the half-term holidays.**

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## Maths for Mums and Dads

Take the Pain out of Maths Homework

A practical session looking at how the teaching of Maths has changed over the years in.

## Kitchen Chemistry

Is red cabbage always red?  
Come and find out why the answer is no!



## Forensic Science Cluedo

Delve into the fascinating world of the science of forensics in this game of life-size Cluedo.

## Make Your Own Soap!

Make your own personalised bar of soap.  
Choose the colour, fragrance and shape of your soap to take home with you on the night.  
You will also learn about the science and history behind the manufacture of soap.



## Learn to Learn

What does good learning look like?  
How do you learn best?

Find out your own individual learning style, plus tips & exercises to help you learn in different ways.



## Is food a good fuel?

Discover which foods have the most energy stored within them.



## DNA? Don't kNow Anything?

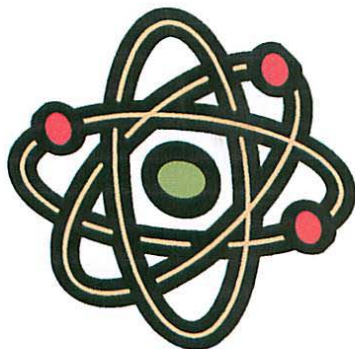
The news and the papers are always going on about genes & DNA but what is it really all about and why is it so important?

This session is a short introduction to genetics from the history behind it to the forensic techniques that have developed from it. And the best bit? The chance to make an edible model of DNA!



## Fam Jam

At this fun family jamming session you'll be able to have a go at playing lots of different types of musical instruments.



## Fun Physics

The search for the missing particle. Find out how the Hadron Collider at CERN aims to solve this mystery.

## Sports Night Options (in the Gym & Pool)

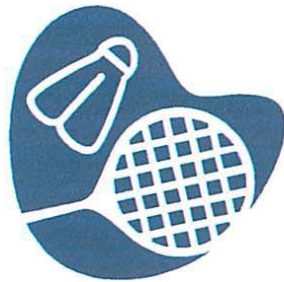
### Aqua Aerobics

For the girls and ladies

A fantastic watery workout  
Don't forget your cozzie & towel!



It is recommended that you wear trainers and tracksuit bottoms to participate in the following activities.



### Multi-sport session

An ideal opportunity to have a go at a variety of indoor sports, including badminton and the multi-gym



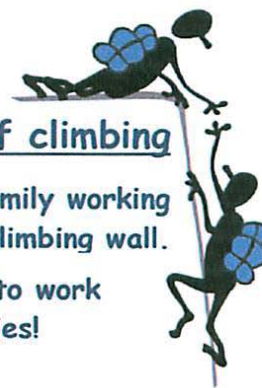
### Lads & Dads

Get the heart pumping!  
Have a go at circuit training

### An Introduction to the world of climbing

This session is designed to get all the family working together, to get to the top of our climbing wall.

It is a great way for the family to work together to reach for the skies!



# Family Learning Evening

6.30pm - 9.15pm Tuesday 15th March 2011

## BOOKING FORM

Students Name		Form	
No. of adults		Children's ages	
Please select <i>five</i> different activities and list then in order of preference (1 being your first choice through to 5)			
Maths for Mums & Dads			
Kitchen Chemistry			
Forensic Science Cluedo			
Make your own soap			
Learn to Learn			
Is Food a Good Fuel			
DNA Don't kNow Anything			
Fam Jam			
Fun Physics			
Aqua Aerobics			
Multi-Sport			
Lads & Dads Circuit Training			
Introduction to Climbing (7 years old & over only)			

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## WELCOME

We are looking forward to offering you the chance to join this workshop

You will be invited for an informal chat to meet us and ask us any questions you may have about the group sessions. We can then decide together how this group can be useful to you. Please feel free to bring a carer or key worker to support you.

In the past common themes we have considered have been:-

- Recognising and coping with your own emotions
- Communication and Social Skills
- Life Skills and Problem Solving
- Understanding Self esteem
- Taking risks
- Dealing with conflict

## What next?

Come to meet us at the pre group appointment to find out;

- WHAT IS IT ABOUT
- WHEN IT IS
- WHO RUNS IT
- WHAT TO EXPECTED T
- HOW WILL IT HELP ME

**You will need to sort out your own transport and lunch on the 2 days**

**Call now to make sure you get a place as they are limited**

See back of flyer for info

## Charnwood PAYP Project



## **Feeling good** **Keeping safe**

Together we will;

Explore the link between thoughts, feelings and actions.

Use a practical approach to problem solving,

Take account of your own experiences and explore what has and has not been helpful for you.

There will be a bit of talking, games, creative tasks and practising new skills.

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## Feedback

### WHAT WAS USEFUL ABOUT THE WORKSHOP?

- 'I liked making my own Personal network'(S age 17yrs)
- I know now what's happening to me when I panic (P,age16yrs)
- It was good to be with others who feel the same(A,age16yrs)
- 'It helped me to talk to my Dad and sort out some stuff (D age 15yrs)

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## When is it happening?



For young people in years 7, 8 and 9

**Dates:** 25/1/11& 1/2/11& 8/2/11 & 15/2/11 & 1/3/11 & 8/3/11

**Times:** 1.30 till 3pm

**Venue:** Twenty: Twenty  
Schofield Centre  
Greenclose Lane  
Loughborough  
LE11 5AS

**CONTACT:** Debbie or Alan via:

Phone 0116 2252800 or 0116 2252992  
and leave a message for them to call you back or via

Email: [feeling.good@twentytwenty.org.uk](mailto:feeling.good@twentytwenty.org.uk)

For a referral form or more information

Thank you

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see and create a  
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## Charnwood PAYP Project



## Feeling good Keeping safe

Using the Protective Behaviours  
program

"We all have the right to feel safe all of the time"

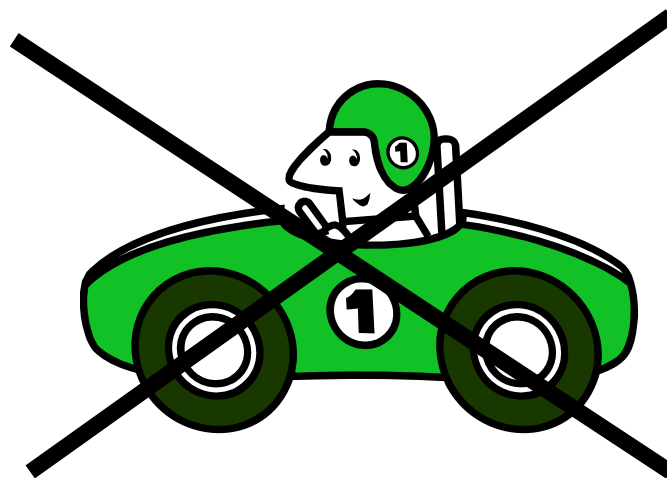
"We can talk to someone about anything-even if it's awful or small"

Presented by CAMHS

Leicestershire Partnership   
NHS Trust



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

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
BANK	BARCLAYS
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*

.....

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.

# The Year of Catholic Education 2010 - 2011

Five themes from Pope Benedict's Speeches:

- Sainthood
- Service
- Vocation
- Communication
- Prayer



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