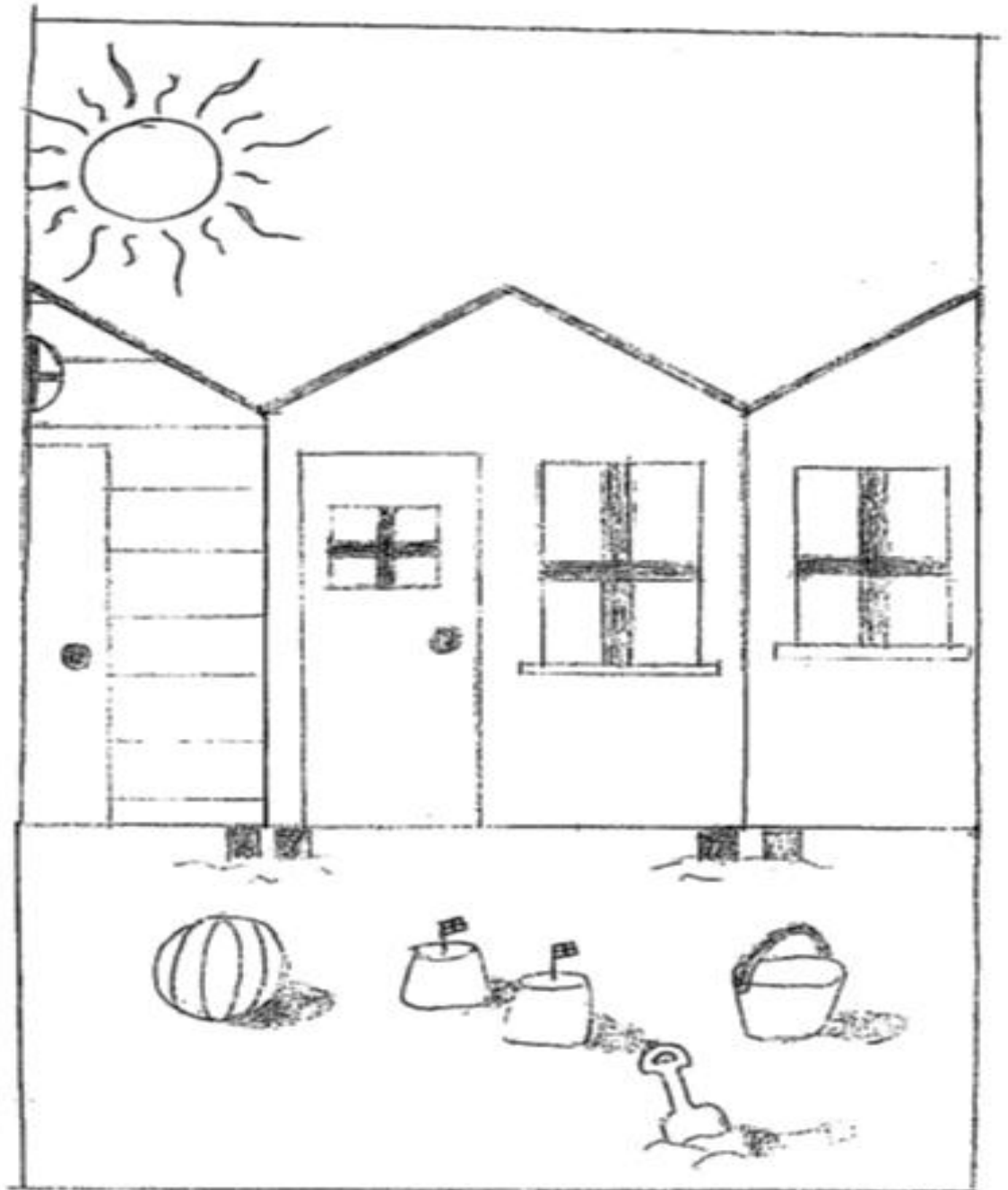


# De Lisle Catholic Science College Newsletter



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>JUNE</b>	
<b>W/B Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Week Two</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> June Thursday	Yr9 & Yr10 Theatre Group
1 <sup>st</sup> July Friday	Sixth Form Ball
2 <sup>nd</sup> July Saturday	Year 11 Prom
<b>JULY</b>	
<b>W/B Mon 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Week One</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> July Monday	New Intake Parents Evening (Yr6)
5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday/Wednesday	Summer Concert
6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> July Wednesday/Thursday	Yr6 into Yr7 Induction Days
11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> July Monday-Thursday	Activity Week
15 <sup>th</sup> July Friday	College Closes (lunch-time) Summer Holidays
<b>W/B Mon 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> September Thursday	College Opens to:- Year 7,10, and 12 only
2 <sup>nd</sup> September Friday	College Opens: ALL YEARS TO ATTEND

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## End of Year

As we approach the end of the summer term and academic year, I wish to congratulate our students who have completed their GCSE, AS and A Level examinations. The attitudes of our students within the exam have been positive and reflect a high level of maturity in the way they have approached and worked towards their examinations. May I thank the many parents who recently took the opportunity to view both Design and Technology and Art exhibitions this year, excellent exhibitions reflecting the very highest standard of work produced by our students. Likewise we will be treated to another excellent evening's entertainment with 'De Lisle Will Rock You', our summer concert based on the music of Queen.

As I write, Year 13 are preparing for their Leavers' Ball at Beaumanor Hall with Year 11 getting ready for their Leavers' Prom; I am sure both events will be wonderful occasions. Likewise the Leavers' Masses celebrated earlier in the term with Father David Caine were a delight and a true celebration of five and seven years of being part of the De Lisle community. It was a delight to share the occasion with parents and to listen to the shared memories of both staff and students. We wish our Year 13 students the very best as they prepare to move on and look forward to welcoming back many Year 11 students to Year 12 in September.

## Departing

### Members of Staff

The end of an academic year also sees the departure of some teachers and support staff. Mr Frank Ruffoni retires having spent the last

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thirty years at De Lisle, initially arriving as a Humanities teacher and now departing as Assistant Head Teacher. In his time he has taught hundreds of students. Over the years his teaching has included History, Sociology, Business Studies as well as Business and Economics. Mr Ruffoni has overseen the Sixth Form for many years, carefully supporting and challenging students as they move to higher education and employment, not to mention reminding them, almost on a daily basis, of the need to wear their security badges! As Assistant Head Teacher the College has seen many changes as a result of his dedicated work. Our student progress data system has improved over the years as a result of his focussed attention. Likewise our reporting system has also changed and improved. However Mr Ruffoni's greatest contribution lies

behind the scenes in his work on leading and developing the College Curriculum. He is a fount of knowledge, having worked through many different Government Curriculum models, developed positive College links with Loughborough College as well as working closely with Vice –Principals of other local schools. The personalised approach to our curriculum is largely down to his foresight and expertise. Mr Ruffoni will be greatly missed as teacher, colleague, senior Leader and friend; we wish him all the very best in the future for his retirement.

Mr John Ollivere also retires from teaching, having also worked at De Lisle for over thirty years. Having taught in Art, Design and Technology he moved to specialise in ICT. He was appointed Advanced Skills Teacher for ICT both within the College and in many other schools where he has provided

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outreach teaching and support for colleagues and children in schools across Leicestershire. More recently he has also worked to lead the ICT Department and overseen the College's Website, Fronter, and our VLE. Mr Ollivere is indeed a talented gentleman who has taught probably thousands of students over the years. We will miss his commitment to the College and wish him well in retirement.

Miss Sue Power also retires this summer; she has worked with us at De Lisle for fifteen years. As a Special Educational Needs Teacher she has worked largely with individual and small groups of children to support their learning in the basics of literacy and numeracy. Her passion lies very much in developing reading and writing skills amongst students who find both difficult. Over the years many students have

benefitted from her commitment and education to help children learn. She will be greatly missed by students and staff particularly within Learning Support.

We thank Miss Michalska, Mr Illidge, Mr Blythe, Mrs Williams, Mr Reece and Miss Radley who have worked with us to cover absent staff and colleagues on maternity leave. Thank you for your continued service to the College. No doubt we will see them again at some point.

We wish Mr Sharratt, Miss Scott and Miss Saunt our best wishes as they leave to pursue teacher training. We thank them for all they have done in their different roles at De Lisle, knowing that their commitment to students will be missed. Congratulations to Miss Rachel Johnson who completes her ICT teacher training and leaves to further her teaching career as a

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qualified teacher. To Mr Berardi who leaves to teach in Northampton; we thank him for all that he has done for us this last year and wish him well. Mr Moore leaves to take up his Pupillage to further Barrister Training in Chambers in London; we acknowledge all his work within Learning Support and his contribution to the success of our Mock Bar trial team this last year. Mr Banjo leaves to resume his ICT studies at De Montfort University and Miss Taylor leaves us after a dedicated number of years within Learning Support and more recently as teacher of RE; we wish her every success for the future. Also to Mrs Northcott who furthers her career as Cover Manager at a local school. As these colleagues leave we not only acknowledge their work over the years, we recognise all that they have given our College Community which is beyond the everyday nature

of the job, whether it be caring for individuals, leading trips and visits, running a club or society, being part of our sports teams or stage shows and concerts, 'Thank you!'

We also say 'thank you' to three others who are closely associated with De Lisle. Firstly, Father Michael Eastwood's term of office as Foundation Governor comes to an end this summer; we thank him for his continued and dedicated service to the College over the many years and acknowledge his commitment to the spiritual formation and guidance and care of our young people and staff. He will be missed on the Governing Body, however, we are pleased that he will continue to work with our community as Parish Priest of St Winefride's in Shepshed.

Secondly, Dr Rod Bond, lecturer at Loughborough

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University has been closely associated with De Lisle for many years and has worked in partnership to develop Further Mathematics A Level within the Sixth Form. He has taught many students and worked closely with our maths teachers to develop this provision for gifted mathematics students.

Finally we say 'good bye' to Father David Caine who, as Director of Vocation for the Diocese, has served our College well over recent years. His commitment to our community is very much appreciated and we wish him well as he leaves Leicester to further his priestly studies on the continent. 'Thank you Father David!'

## End of Term

With the Summer Concert, Year 11 Prom and Year 13 Ball, Sports Day, Enterprise Day and Enrichment Week ahead of us we still have much to accomplish this

term. As we prepare for the new autumn term we think ahead and remind all students of the need to ensure that their uniform matches our expectation. Girls have been informed that their skirts need to be a suitable length and not to be a short fashionable lycra style or fabric. Boys need to make sure that they have school trousers and do not purchase narrow leg fashion trousers. Likewise their school shoes need to be black shoes not black trainers that imitate school shoes. New Key Stage 4 ties are available at the College Office for Year 10 and 11, as are scarves for the winter. I certainly hope we will not need the scarves over the summer break!

Finally I urge all our Newsletter readers to visit the college website and take a few minutes to watch the latest broadcasts of De Lisle News and De Lisle Sport News. They will give a fuller

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coverage of many events and successes which have occurred this last term. Thanks to Mr Sharp and the De Lisle News Teams, they do a great job!

*Mr Davies*  
*Head Teacher*

## **“Youth Faithfully”**

Two events this year have been organised by some young people in our local Catholic Parishes to encourage their peers to get together to share and celebrate their faith in Christ and commitment to the Church. Under the title, “Youth Faithfully”, young people from our Deanery Parishes have gathered twice early in the evening at Grace Dieu Manor on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple at Jerusalem (Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>), and later in May to celebrate the Resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Supported by Parish Priests, teachers from

Catholic Schools and members of their families they listened to scripture, prayed in silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, sang sacred songs and shared some personal faith stories.

To give you an insight into what they had to say about their faith and how it affects their lives Charlotte Smith-Magee has offered her faith testimony for you to read and reflect. (Another Deanery Youth gathering will take place in the Autumn term, look out for details when we return after the summer break.)

*Mr T Dugan*  
*College Chaplain*

## **Testimony**

My personal experience of the faith I have today is a story that is quite hard to explain. I regularly get asked by people inside and outside of our school community what my motivation is to get up early twice a week, to go

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to a church and worship God. I quite often have to reply "because I just do". Unlike a lot of the students in De Lisle, I wasn't baptised a Catholic until I was eight years old, although I had always attended a faith school. It was a hard thing to have to get used to, and admittedly, it wasn't for me the most thrilling thing to have to drag myself out of bed unwillingly on a Sunday morning to attend Mass. However, it soon became a regular occurrence I suppose I just had to get used to.

For me changing into who I am today was something that began when I was eleven years old when my sister became very ill. For me and my family, watching someone you love so much be moved around from home, to hospital to various health institutes was a difficult thing to have to go through. There was always the knowledge in the back of my mind that I could lose

one of the closest people to me. What would I have done if I would have lost my big sister? I know that in this situation a lot of people like to blame, even more so when people can't find blame, they turn on their faith. They ask, "Why God would you do this to me and my family?"

I will always remember the one day that my sister was taken into hospital and I too found myself asking various questions of God. I wasn't asking "why?" I prayed and asked "what can you do to help me and my family?" At that moment, I knew there was a feeling of comfort I'd never felt before. Like someone telling me that everything was going to be okay. The path had somehow, out of nowhere been lit for me to start afresh with my faith; try again to acknowledge the fact that I was a Catholic and how I was going to use that to never feel the need to become

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overwhelmed with sadness again, but to help others.

I'm seventeen years old now, and have been an active member in my parish of St. Wilfrid's in Coalville for around five years (I can't stress the word 'active' more!) My faith to me doesn't just mean going to Church every week to pray, it's so much more. My faith means, being part of the most amazing parish ever, even if that is a very biased view! I've met some of the most wonderful people that I know; people who are there for me, people who make me laugh and people who can even make a parish rummage sale enjoyable. That was a genuine comment! I, as a person, have found that I've developed alongside my faith, participating in all my parish has to offer, such as being a musician on the odd week I take away from my altar serving duties, working voluntarily to help other members of the community,

organising events and, well, pretty much getting involved in everything they have to offer. The best opportunity it gives me is to mix with people of all ages, from the very young to the elderly. I can't deny being a part of something like that is quite incredible that makes me as an individual, feel so special.

Another thing that I quite often get asked is doesn't my faith get in the way of me being a normal teenager? For all of those who know me, I think you would agree that the answer is in fact no. Faith isn't something which instantly changes you as a person; it's something which is always there for you if you need it, like it was there for me since I was eight. Discovering why exactly I needed it was the difficult part.

I know that it's difficult to be a young person with faith in today's society. This doesn't necessarily apply to just Catholicism; it could be any

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faith at all. You can quite often find that people our age are the subject of ridicule and this is why a lot of us can forget who we really are in the process of growing up. But I'd like to think that we at De Lisle are ambassadors for all those young people who can be normal teenagers on the outside, but hold our faith close to our hearts. I hope you're as proud as I am to be a part of that group of people.

Testimony By:  
Charlotte Smith-Magee

## 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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## Lost Bus Passes

For the duration of June and July 2011 **only** a charge of 50p will be required for each temporary bus pass provided by the Receptionist. Each bus pass will last for two weeks. This charge will be made instead of applying for a replacement bus pass from County Hall.

Mrs E McCormack  
Receptionist

## Careers Department Student Finance 2012: What Every Student and Parent/Carer Needs To Know!

There are a lot of myths and some confusion surrounding the new student finance system for 2012. Martin Lewis from Money Saving Expert has written a guide which includes 20 of the key facts explained in plain English.

Go to:

[www.moneysavingexpert.com/students2012](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students2012) to find out more.

## Get into Theatre

If you are considering a career in the theatre, then visit

[www.getintothetheatre.org/careers-in-theatre](http://www.getintothetheatre.org/careers-in-theatre). You can explore 80 different jobs in the theatre split into 4 different categories: creative jobs; management jobs; technical jobs and other jobs. In addition, the website provides information on the qualifications you may need, including options 14+ and 16+ and higher education. It also includes a section on work experience, information on current opportunities (you can select by area) and much more.

## Labour Market Information

When making decisions about post-16 and post-18 options students need access to up-to-date labour market

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information (LMI). LMI is important to help young people understand the changes in the labour market and the opportunities available to them when they have finished school, college or university.

Now students can visit [www.connexionsleics.org/1811/jobs-market.html](http://www.connexionsleics.org/1811/jobs-market.html) and click on the various links (including 'Labour Market News', 'Where the jobs are', 'Pay wizard' and more). They can also click on the Sector Skills Council Directory link and visit their respective careers websites.

In addition, we would strongly recommend visiting:

- <http://www.prospects.ac.uk/industries.htm>, the 'Industry Insights' page of Prospects (a graduate careers website). Here you can visit each industry and read about future trends in addition to other very useful careers information.
- <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/ier/ngrf/lmifutur>

[etrends/](#) - this site has labour market information on 25 sectors and broad occupational groups focusing on future changes in the labour market and skills.

## **Accountancy Apprenticeship Opportunity at L'boro College**

Loughborough College are offering an Apprenticeship in Accountancy where you would work for an employer 4 days per week and attend Loughborough College 1 day per week for a year to do the AAT qualification. This is a new opportunity so we haven't been given all of the details yet. However, we would expect them to be asking for C grades at GCSE minimum. You can apply for this via the Application Form in the Loughborough College prospectus (we have copies in the Careers/Connexions Centre) and fill in 'Accountancy only' where it

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asks you for the 'Course applied for'. Please be aware that you will need to be employed in order to do this apprenticeship and will have to find your own employer. The college will help you with this, but they cannot guarantee that they will find an employer for everyone who applies.

## Personal Adviser Interviews

### (Year 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.**

## Year 12 – Will You Be Applying For Medicine/Dentistry/ Veterinary?

- **UKCAT**  
([www.ukcat.ac.uk](http://www.ukcat.ac.uk)): There are 26 **Medical and Dentistry** schools that require you to take the UKCAT University Admissions Test (online test). You will need to check if the universities you are applying to will require it. The test helps universities to make more informed choices from amongst the many highly-qualified applicants to medical and dental programmes. The UKCAT does not contain any curriculum or science content; nor can it be revised for (although we would recommend you familiarise yourself with it through the practice test on their website). You must have registered to take this test by 23rd

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September 2011. However, we would advise you to register immediately to ensure that you get a slot at your chosen test centre (e.g. Leicester) otherwise you may have to travel a long way to another test centre. The last testing date is 7th October 2011.

- **BMAT** ([www.admissionstests.cambridgeassessment.org.uk/adt/bmat](http://www.admissionstests.cambridgeassessment.org.uk/adt/bmat)): The BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) is a subject-specific admissions test taken by applicants to certain **medicine, veterinary medicine and related courses**. It is a 2 hour pen and paper test consisting of 3 separate sections. The BMAT does not require a great amount of extra study as it relies on skills and knowledge that candidates should already have but we would advise you to familiarise yourself with the format through doing the past papers on the website. Only a few institutions

require you to take this test, so you need to check if yours is one of them. **The test takes place at De Lisle on Wednesday 2nd November at 9am.**

- **WORK EXPERIENCE:** Students applying for **medicine, dentistry or veterinary** should already have been doing plenty of **relevant work experience**. Try and get some more over the summer and make sure that you take notes about what you have learned from your experiences as universities are not interested in seeing a long list. Think about whether your experiences have changed your views about the NHS, healthcare, doctors, veterinary surgeons etc. How do you think your experiences may help you in the future? Have your skills improved (communication, team work, interpersonal, time management etc.)? Is there anything you saw or did that really stands out and

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if so, why? What have you learnt from it? You need to reflect on everything you have experienced so you can use it when you write your personal statement.

If you can, try and set up some additional work experience or volunteering that continues over a sustained period of time. But not to the detriment of your school work as your grades will need to be high. For medicine, experience in a range of health or care settings will be useful; residential care home, GP practice, Hospital, Community volunteering, hospice etc. For veterinary, you should aim to get as much experience as possible in different settings (at least 6 weeks) – local stables, farm, zoo, kennels, veterinary practice (and a visit to an abattoir can be useful). When writing your personal statement you need to ensure that you will stand out for

the right reasons and that you fit the criteria set by each of the universities you are applying to. Do plenty of research; there are resources in the 'Careers Room' on the VLE that you can look at as well as resources in the Careers/Connexions Centre so please make use of them. If you need any information, advice or guidance then please come and see Mrs Hitch in the Careers/Connexions Centre before we break up.

## **Year 11/12/13 Thinking Of Not Going To Uni?**

Have a look at [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk). It is full of useful information for students considering the pros and cons of not going to university. It also includes vacancies for apprenticeships, management trainee programmes and other alternative paths to a degree.

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## Year 11

### LeCAP Applications

All students should have heard from their first two choices by now. If you have not been offered a place by either of your first two choices then LeCAP will automatically send the application to your third choice (if you have one). See Mrs Hitch or Shobie Culverwell in the Careers/Connexions Centre if you want to talk to someone if you are worried about your application. If none of your choices have been successful then call in and see us as soon as possible, as there is still time to apply for an alternative. Your career prospects and future earning potential could be severely limited if you don't continue in education or some form of training (including apprenticeships).

## Year 10

### Post-16 Options and LeCAP

When you return to school after the summer it won't be long before you will be choosing your post-16 options. All students have been given a copy of the 'It's Your Choice' booklet which includes a section in the middle for parents/carers. Students should be completing the Action Points throughout the booklet. The more informed you are the better your decisions should be. Therefore, over the summer, we would recommend that you make use of a range of resources including:

- Careers Software (Kudos, Careerscape, Higher Ideas and U-Explore) – you have all been given a leaflet telling you how you can access these (or go to the Careers Room on the VLE for details of how to logon)

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- Websites such as [www.coursefinder-leics.org](http://www.coursefinder-leics.org) and [www.connexions-leics.org](http://www.connexions-leics.org) and other career-related sites

- The Careers Room on the VLE (many useful websites, opportunities and resources are listed here.)

You may also benefit from talking to:

- Subject Teachers, Tutors, students currently studying the subjects that you are interested in, parents/family/friends who may be working in a job role that you are considering.

- Careers Staff – Shobie Culverwell (Connexions Personal Adviser) and Julie Hitch (Careers Coordinator) for a Careers Interview or informal chat. We would suggest you do this sooner rather than later.

Next term, students will be filling in their online LeCAP form (Leicestershire Common Application Process) for applications to De Lisle, FE Colleges/other

6<sup>th</sup> Form Colleges and Apprenticeships. Students have already started working on their 'Personal Statements' during the recent extended tutor time. We would recommend that they do further work on them over the summer. Students will also need to be thinking about the reasons why they want to choose a particular option so they can complete this section on LeCAP. Parents and students can find out more information about LeCAP from the Connexions website ([www.connexions-leics.org](http://www.connexions-leics.org)).

## 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).

*Julie Hitch*  
Careers Coordinator

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## To all Parents/Carers and Students in Year 8

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all year 8 students, parents and carers who I have worked with over the past two years. It has been a privilege in helping and supporting all year 8 students and having the support of you as parents. I will be taking on a different role within the college next year and so will not be a year progress leader. I will miss working with such amazing students in this capacity.

Thanks again.

*Mrs K Chambers*

## Parent Forum

The newly-established Parent Forum has met 3 times in recent months and I would like to give you some feedback on the issues discussed and action taken. The first meeting covered the topic of Communication.

Suggestions included changes to the format of the newsletter which are currently being reviewed in time for the start of the next academic year; a request for parents to update their contact details which has now been put on to SLG; a guide to the monitoring grades which is now on the website. A most productive meeting!

The second meeting began with a presentation of our Behaviour for Learning programme and from this came the suggestion that the B4L policy could be written in more parent-friendly language. This policy is currently being revised

The final meeting of the year involved discussion on how parents can be more involved in the children's learning, which also lead on to the airing of some concerns by parents about how difficult it is to keep track of not only what their children are learning but what progress

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they are making. The better use of student planners as a means of communication between school and home was one practical suggestion offered. There was also the opportunity for the school to explain in more detail, the reason behind the decision not to offer Work Experience. A small group of parents have also kindly offered to attend the New Intake Parents' Evening in July to promote the Parent Forum but also to be there to answer any questions the new parents might have, as another way of helping parents understand their children's learning.

The meetings are held every third Monday of each half term from 7.00-8.00pm and as a group we are keen to involve as many parents as possible. It is an excellent opportunity for staff and parents to exchange ideas and move the school on in terms of giving our students the best possible experience.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at: [elizabeth.sumpter@delisle.leics.sch.uk](mailto:elizabeth.sumpter@delisle.leics.sch.uk)

## Uniform Planning Ahead

As the summer break draws even closer, I would like to help you prepare for those arguments that always take place when shopping for new school uniform. Certain aspects of the uniform policy need reinforcing so that all students return in September correctly dressed.

### GIRLS

No lycra skirts will be allowed (the very tight skirts which ride up when walking.)

Skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh. As a guide, when the student has their arms by their sides, the skirt must not be shorter than the end of their fingertips.

No skinny leg trousers.

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Shoes – no canvas pumps/plimsolls allowed.

## **BOYS**

No skinny leg trousers.

Shoes – no trainers, no canvas pumps/plimsolls.

The length of girls' skirts and the number of boys not wearing proper shoes, have been particular issues this year, and we ask for your cooperation in addressing these over the summer.

Mrs E Sumpter  
Assistant Headteacher

## **Economics & Business**

Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 were all issued with text books in September. Can they ALL be returned as soon as possible please.

Mrs E Roberts  
Teacher

## **Year 5 Lab Days at De Lisle**

Throughout June, Year 5 students from local and feeder primary schools were given the opportunity to come into De Lisle and gain an insight into how science is taught at secondary school.

On arrival they received a health and safety talk before being taken to the laboratories, where they were then able to experience a science lesson and see a number of exciting experiments being demonstrated.

De Lisle Science teachers together with Year 9 students who had recently gained their BA Silver awards, were responsible for delivering this event and photographs of these activities can be found on the college website.

One of the many positive comments that we received was from Ellie Edwards (St.

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Mary's) "this was a great experience and I cannot wait to come to De Lisle – it was fun!"



Hannah O'Brien (9NS) with a group of Year 5 students from Bishop Ellis Catholic Primary School

## BA CREST Awards

Year 8 students from De Lisle and Castle Donington, Shepshed, Limehurst, Garendon and Woodbrook Vale High schools who attended the 'Mission to Mars' after school Science Club have recently completed their BA CREST bronze awards. They have learnt about the different aspects of space travel and a visit to the Challenger Learning Centre at the National Space Centre in Leicester enabled them to participate in a simulated 'Voyage to Mars'.

Working as a team they were able to successfully complete their mission.



Year 9 students from De Lisle, Castle Donington, Limehurst and Woodbrook Vale High schools attended our Forensics Club where they were given the opportunity to learn about and use a variety of different forensic science techniques.

Their BA CREST silver award projects documented how they had used these techniques to work out the perpetrator of a crime and produce a court report. Acting as expert witnesses they were then able to present their findings to their parents at a presentation evening at the end of the course.

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Dr Audrey Matthews also organised a crime scene investigation day for the group at De Montfort University that included a programme of activities both within their scene of crime house and laboratories. This visit enabled students to use the techniques that they had learnt in school in a more realistic environment.



## DeLisleology 9 is out!

DeLisleology is our in-house Science magazine, 76 pages long, filled with articles from our students and various external contributors. We GIVE a copy of DeLisleology to each family currently having at least one child at

De Lisle. This copy is sent home via the youngest child of each family currently at De Lisle. Therefore, for instance, every Year 7 child should have brought their family's copy home by now!

So far this year's issue of De Lisle's Science magazine has now been distributed to Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13. It will be distributed to this year's Year 11 students when they return in September (as next year's Year 12 students). Current Year 12 students will be receiving their copies by the end of June.

If any of you have not received your family copy of DeLisleology 9, please ask your child to request their copy from their Form Tutor, or ask me for a copy.

*Mrs E Threadgill*  
*DeLisleology Editor*

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Since our last newsletter we have released a new De lisle News and a Sports News, you can enjoy these on the college website now. We are proud to be able to showcase all that's positive about the college and the achievements of our students inside and outside of college.

The De Lisle News has now expanded to include De Lisle TV; three TV's around the college which carry streamed information programmes on a wide variety of subjects. These TV's also carry our own content and as well as the News we are able to feature sports and charity events often the same day. This allows us to report on cup wins, school visits, and house events. The TV's have become a great way of advertising forthcoming events and for staff, visitors and students to see what

happens in lessons and the college.

We hope the TV's and the News have become an enjoyable and informative part of student life, but it needs the support of everyone to continue to grow. As parents we would encourage you to let us know of any achievements or activities which you think we should cover in the future. We are open to any new ideas, for example, anyone who has an amazing hobby or interest that we could feature. Also due to our expansion, we are also now looking for new team members, both for appearing in front of the camera, but also to get involved behind the scenes with the filming and editing. So budding journalists we want you!

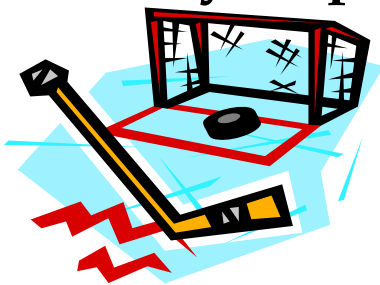
May we take this opportunity to say a public thank you to all the team who have worked so hard throughout the year. We would particularly like to thank our

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Year 13 students who will be leaving us this summer. Our anchors Jasmine & Michael and reporters Steph, Matt and Tom - it has been such great fun working with you. You will all be missed and you will be a very hard act to follow. We wish you all the very best in life, we look forward to seeing all the wonderful things the future has in store for you. You are all amazing people and it has been a privilege to have shared this experience. In the words of Ron Burgundy "You stay classy!"

Mr T Sharp

## De Lisle Hockey Trip



Once again the boys and girls in the hockey teams made the trip to Neunkirchen in

Germany to take part in their Pentecost Hockey Festival. Once again the teams played well, but unfortunately not well enough to win one of the sections, but won a lot of friends along the way, the team from Frankfurt asking the times of our U16 boys' matches, so they could watch! There is now a Harry Litt fan club established there.

We did not have our extremely hot sunny weather for the whole trip; this was reserved for the Sunday only. But fortunately the rain was only light on the other days with some warm sunny spells mixed in. The students and staff managed to come back with healthy tans.

Many thanks to all the students for their effort, support and commitment throughout the whole of the tour. It was a pleasure to be with them, and their behaviour was exceptionally good. Many thanks also to Mr Connor, Mr Baker and

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Mrs Copson for their help and support. We now look forward to next year!

Mrs J Summers

## Denominationalism

In heaven there will be no religious labels. If someone has the right to call Jesus 'Lord', you must treat them as your brother or sister regardless of which church they attend. We're all related by blood - the blood of Jesus! The Bible tells us to 'preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace' (Eph. 4:3 NAS). Notice, God doesn't tell us to create unity, He tells us to preserve it. Comedian Elmo Phillips used to tell this story: 'In a conversation I had recently, I asked, "Are you a Protestant or a Catholic?" My new acquaintance replied, "Protestant." I said, "Me too!" I asked, "What franchise?" He answered, "Baptist." "Me too!" I said. "Northern Baptist or Southern Baptist?" "Northern Baptist," he

replied. "Me too!" Finally I asked, "Northern Conservative Fundamentalist Baptist, Great Lakes Region, Council of 1879, or Northern Conservative Fundamentalist Baptist, Great Lakes Region, Council of 1912?" He replied, "Northern Conservative Fundamentalist Baptist, Great Lakes Region, Council of 1912." I said, "Die, heretic!" Seriously, do you know what Jesus prayed for? 'That all of them may be one ... so that the world may believe.' A divided church is a wounded and weak church. What would happen if we downplayed our labels and put our contents on display instead? Maybe we wouldn't need signs outside our door to attract people, because they'd be drawn by the love of those inside. Worth thinking about, isn't it?

Taken from Word 4u 2day, available free at [www.ucb.co.uk](http://www.ucb.co.uk)

Mr A Bostock

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*Loughborough Group for People with Disabilities*

*Reg. Charity No. 518375*

## **Please Help and Donate any Unwanted Books**

(Adults and Children's Books – Fiction and Non-Fiction)

To

The Loughborough Group for People with Disabilities.

We have a bookshelf in Morrisons Supermarket in Loughborough to help raise money for such events like a trip to Lourdes coming up this July, as well as ongoing costs to run monthly club nights, days out etc etc...

The bookshelf has been successfully running for 2 ½ years now and so far raised £5,500 BUT we are running out of books – Please Help ☺

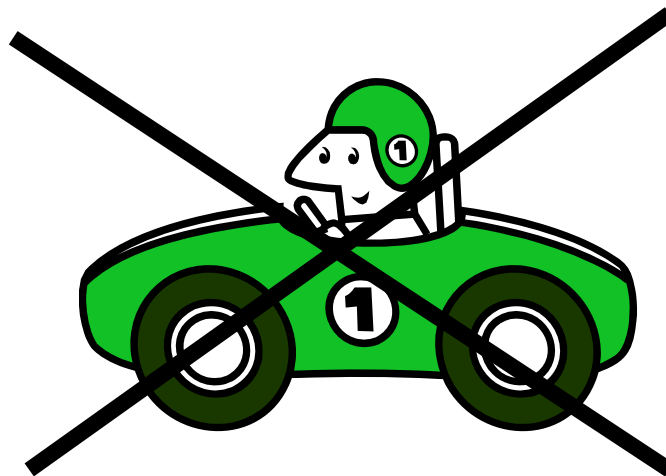
A Collection Box is located in:  
'The Front Office' at De Lisle

Alternatively if you have too many books to bring to school, please contact Stephanie Saville on 01509 556755

**Thank You**



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*

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NAME		
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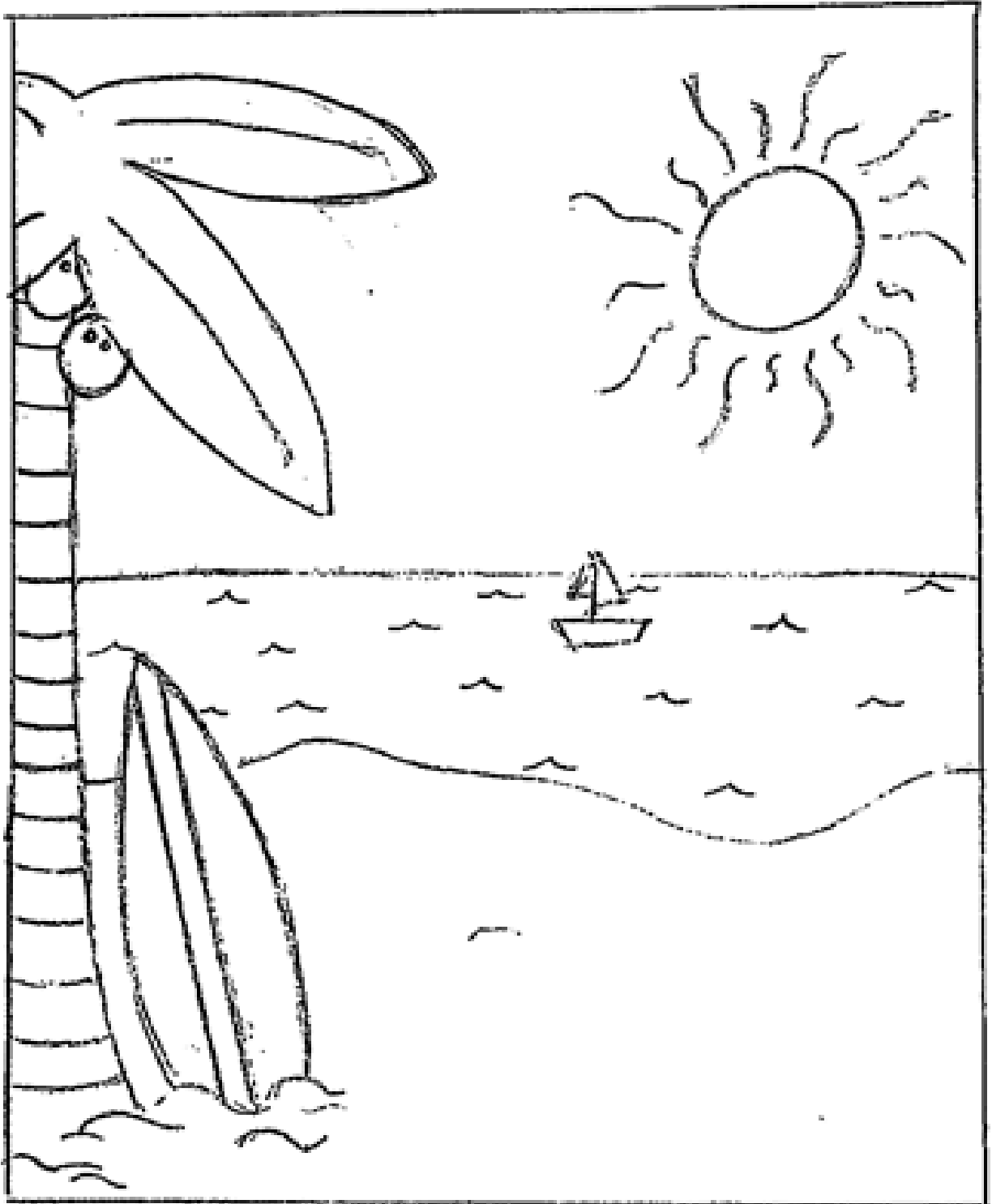


# PARENTS IF THE BUS FAILS TO TURN UP!!



**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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