

De La Salle College Jersey



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHERS:

AN EDUCATION FOR LIFE

De La Salle College is known throughout Jersey for its: friendly atmosphere; academic achievement; encouragement of spiritual growth and strong community values.

Our boys excel academically, compete and win on the games field, create inspiring music, provocative art and develop in many different ways through the enormous variety of activities we provide for them.

We are very proud of our Lasallian family here in Jersey and I hope that as you browse through this prospectus you will develop an understanding of our special Island school.

Jason Turner
Head of De La Salle College



At De La Salle College we are proud of our traditions of providing a non-selective all-round education, a clear Christian foundation based on Lasallian values, a curriculum tailored to the needs and talents of boys, and an environment in which we celebrate our boys' successes in whatever field they excel.

Key to the boys' success is our focus on providing a friendly, supportive environment where they can approach the challenges and opportunities we provide with confidence. Ours is a happy, thriving school where the boys learn both the academic skills and the personal qualities which will serve them well throughout their life.

Gary Coutanche
Headteacher of the Primary School



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THE SPIRIT OF DE LA SALLE

De La Salle College takes its name from St Jean Baptiste de la Salle (1651-1719), who founded the Brothers' Order in the France of Louis XIV. Today the Order has establishments in over 80 countries. In 1917, Brothers of the Order opened De La Salle College in Jersey and so the journey began.

Our Catholic Christian education promotes charity, in the form of mutual respect, courtesy and trust, so that we go about our daily work in a well-ordered and friendly community. We value every pupil as unique and encourage each boy to have high expectations.

Every student is helped to reach his highest potential academically and develop spiritual awareness and social responsibility. A Lasallian education provides our boys with the moral principles and the generosity of spirit that guides and supports them through life.

A WARM COMMUNITY

School life at De La Salle has a strong pastoral element to promote high academic achievement and a sense of social community and responsibility.

Every boy at De La Salle will belong to one of our Houses. Their House will form an important part of school life. The House system encourages team work, healthy competition and provides positive affirmation.

With small classes and a caring, talented staff team, our boys make excellent progress, achieve high academic standards and excel in sports, music and art. They actively participate in all areas of school and Island life.

A REWARDING LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The curriculum at De La Salle Senior School is broad and balanced with a wide range of subjects. Through high quality teaching and resources, we provide an inspiring experience to our boys and encourage in them a love of life-long independent learning.

The study of Religious Education is central to the curriculum at De La Salle College and all boys take public examination courses in Religious Studies. Respecting the beliefs of non Catholic boys and the consciences of all, we aim to communicate and share a lively, articulate and critically aware Christian faith.

“...we provide an inspiring experience...”









STARTING THE JOURNEY

In the Primary School, the curriculum is based around the development of key skills in reading, writing and numeracy.

Boys in Key Stages One and Two follow the National Curriculum (Jersey). This ensures that they are taught the full range of subjects and that they develop at an early age the essential literacy and maths skills they need. The curriculum is designed to make the learning as engaging and active as possible, and we pride ourselves on the number of visits and visitors who enthuse the boys and stretch their capacity to learn.

BUILDING A FUTURE

Every boy's progress is monitored carefully as they make the transition from Primary School into the Lower School in Years 7 and 8.

Throughout the Senior School, teaching is tailored to each boy's ability. Everyone is given encouragement to succeed in a wide range of subjects which go beyond the National Curriculum (Jersey). Each boy's learning styles and aptitudes are identified

quickly to ensure they maximise progress and achieve their potential.

The Upper School curriculum begins at the end of Year 8. All boys take a core curriculum of seven subjects together with five options. This broad academic base prepares boys to select from a wide range of A-level subjects.

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

Sixth form study at De La Salle is orientated towards preparing boys for university life, lifelong learning and a fulfilling transition into adult life. The academic programme concentrates on A-levels in a broad range of subjects to best capture the intellectual imagination of pupils. Our programme of enrichment helps boys to develop a depth of knowledge and skills through community projects and foreign expeditions. Our Sixth formers are encouraged to foster a sense of community, social responsibility and, through the mentoring of younger boys, they develop their own leadership skills. Good relationships with local partners, including employers, ensure that our boys aim high and get the best possible preparation for the future.

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REACHING THE HIGHEST POTENTIAL

The Express Programme at De La Salle Senior School is designed to add further challenge for those boys who are identified as gifted and talented in any or all of the areas of Science, Mathematics and Humanities. At the end of Lower school, boys who have the intellectual aptitude, the requisite maturity and independent learning skills will begin to follow an accelerated curriculum that aims to allow them to complete additional GCSEs or A-levels.

BROADENING HORIZONS

Extra curricular activities play a vital role in life at De La Salle. Cultural activities and tours, which include sport, music and art, are an important part of the curriculum and all boys have extensive opportunities to participate.

SPORT FOR ALL

De La Salle College has a fine reputation for its sporting achievements at county, regional and national level and the school takes great pride in offering a broad range of sporting opportunities for all pupils, irrespective of their abilities. The most important aim of our sports programme is to cover the needs of all the boys, giving them the opportunity to unlock potential and maximise performance.

We achieve this sporting excellence by providing curricula and extra curricula time; the best facilities, expert coaching and a highly competitive fixtures programme including overseas tours.









CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

We pride ourselves on providing an excellent academic experience for all our boys regardless of their starting point. The progress made by our boys is impressive. We do not select on the basis of prior examination success. Although we are not a grammar school and as a consequence have a full range of academic ability our GCSE results regularly see over 80% of boys achieve five or more A* - C grades, indeed over 70% achieve the 'Gold standard' of five or more A* - C grades including English and Maths. The pass rate for A-levels is over 99% with 74% achieving grades of A* - C at A-level. Our students achieve an average of BBB at A-level.

We expect 90% of our A-level students to progress to higher education and we aim to prepare them for this, as well as helping them to achieve the grades necessary to gain entry to their chosen university. Advice is also provided to those who choose not to follow this path.

HELPING EVERYONE TO SUCCEED

We ensure that every boy is able to develop their academic profile whatever level they start from. Irrespective of their academic ability, every boy gets the help, encouragement and support they need to achieve the best possible results for them. We're experienced in swiftly identifying special educational needs, we then work with parents to ensure that the best progress possible is made and success achieved.

Pupils have access to guidance and support from a school chaplain who is available regularly throughout the week at De La Salle Senior School.

De La Salle does not select – and never has selected – boys for entry into the College on purely academic grounds. Our intake has always been a broad one because we have more to offer than just academic excellence. The College is concerned that boys should achieve the highest standards of which they are capable, regardless of ability.

“...encouragement and support...to achieve the best possible results...”



BEYOND EVERYDAY LEARNING

De La Salle offers much more than academic learning. One day boys could be helping to manage a new garden, another day they could be taking part in a beach soccer festival, or meeting a renowned author during book week.

Residential activity-based trips to sites in the Island and abroad make a vital contribution to the boys' personal development and their learning in many areas of the curriculum.

Boys work hard in their Houses to gain House Points for their effort and skills in learning. Inter-House competitions including football, athletics and general knowledge generate healthy competition.

De La Salle College offers an considerable range of before or after school clubs and activities, including football, rugby, athletics, tennis, badminton, gardening and chess.

Boys develop their sense of Christian responsibility for others and engage actively with the wider community, enthusiastically volunteering to raise money for a wide range of local, national and international charities.

THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

De La Salle boys enjoy a wide range of facilities that are integral to their academic, sporting and personal development. Our classrooms are spacious and well equipped. We have nine computer suites and operate both a PC and MAC network. Both the Primary and Senior School have purpose built libraries where the boys are encouraged to develop a love for reading and literature. All our classrooms have the latest in interactive whiteboards and teacher aids. We have a beautiful chapel where boys gather for class and house worship. Our extensive on site sports facilities such as our brand new sports hall, our gymnasium and our enclosed sports field are supplemented by a fleet of vehicles that enable boys to travel around the Island to enjoy surfing, golf and other sports.





ADMISSIONS

From its foundation in 1917, De La Salle College, Jersey has developed to provide a Christian education for those families who desire it. We have always welcomed boys of other denominations and faiths. Choosing a school can be a daunting prospect. We recognise that it is vitally important that you choose the right school for your son. To ensure this is a positive process the Headteacher and Senior Management Team will begin a dialogue with prospective parents and their son. We hope to be able to get to know you and your son well, to assess whether his needs and aspirations fit best with what we can offer.

For detailed information about admissions, please see the website at www.dls-jersey.co.uk or make an enquiry through the school office on 01534 754100.



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