



De La Salle College Dundalk Co. Louth



3rd January, 2017.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please find the Christmas Report for your son/daughter, on VS Ware, accessible through the school website. Use the username and password provided to you by text to access your son's/daughter's report. I believe that the Christmas Exams give an accurate picture of how each student is performing while also giving valuable experience in examination technique to all students. I would ask you to discuss the results with your son/daughter and encourage them to realise their full academic potential. Student Enrichment Services will provide study skills seminars on Saturday, 14th and 21st January, 2017. Please see the appropriate leaflets on the school website. These seminars have been very beneficial to students in the past and are highly recommended.

Uniform:

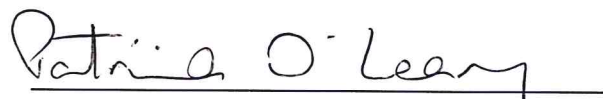
The uniform is a very important element in the overall culture of the school. It identifies our students and should be worn with pride. The school jacket is a compulsory part of this uniform and is the only jacket allowed. Where there is a genuine reason for not wearing any part of the uniform, this should be explained by a note in the Student Journal and shown to the Form Teacher. Any problem with the uniform should be resolved as soon as possible. Each student's name should be on his/her jacket.

Social Media and mobile phones feature strongly in the lives of teenagers these days. It is vital that they are used responsibly and that young people appreciate this. Use of mobile phones is forbidden during the school day. If a phone is being used by a student it will be confiscated and returned only to a parent/guardian at the office, at which point the parent will be asked to check the phone contents to ensure that no recording or photo of any member of the school community has taken place.

Thank you very much for your support for the Hamper Appeal for St. Vincent de Paul and for the homeless. It is very much appreciated. I would like to remind parents who have not paid the voluntary contribution and would like to do so that this can still be done on-line or at the office. Many thanks to those parents who have already made a contribution. Your voluntary contributions are vital to help maintain and improve school facilities. This year, along with help of a SEAI Better Energy Community Grant, your contributions helped to insulate school buildings and replace windows in the school gym.

School re-opens on Monday, 9th January, 2017 at 8.55 a.m. With every good wish for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,


PATRICIA O' LEARY,
PRINCIPAL.