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Helping the Homeless in France

Students of French are encouraged to develop their reading skills by accessing the authentic French resource [https://www.1jour1actu.com] as often as possible. This helps them to deduce the meaning of many unfamiliar words from a familiar context. A level and GCSE students study social issues in France as part of the syllabus. The most recent feature from 1jour1actu focuses on how the charity "Les Restos du Coeur" continues to help the homeless in France throughout the coronavirus pandemic. Although the article is aimed at and typically used for students in France, it was well received by students at De Salis who were motivated by their ability to understand and interpret its meaning, despite there being no concessions for foreign learners! Well done all!

Tous les matins, **plusieurs tonnes d'aliments** arrivent au centre de Toulouse. Les Restos en achètent énormément, mais ils reçoivent aussi d'immenses quantités de produits invendus des supermarchés. Quel trafic !

Hear from our Parents, Guardians and Carers

Here at De Salis Studio College, our top priority is our students and their learning. Whilst the coronavirus pandemic has brought on undoutable challenges, we have received some very positive feedback from some of our parents, guardians and carers. Below is what Ms Oprea had to say: "I have seen the learning of my daughter move from actively on-site at school, to online on Microsoft Teams. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all teachers of De Salis Studio College for the great effort they put in ensuring our children are supported during the global pandemic we have been facing. I'm sure that it was hard for some teachers to get adapted and learn the new software they have been using. They all put an effort into making sure the students were equipped with lots of work and additional information on how to keep healthy mentally and physically during the quarantine. Many articles, PowerPoints, and news articles to update them on the thoughts of business and community on the new events have been shared. It has been a challenging time getting used to all the new rules but I have seen my daughter being encouraged to take part in many activities during their enrichment week to have a little break from the work they are set. I've always made sure to overlook the information and assignments given to get a better outlook on her learning. The school have also made sure to make a team for the well-being of students, which I think has been a delightful idea.

Teachers have made sure to provide PowerPoints on every day of the week: Motivational Monday, Textual Tuesday, World News Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday and Friday Rappin Sessions. They have created a platform for students to be able to gain access to reading, British values and so much more. In each subject, students have been assigned work to do with a due date, similarly to a business environment where you get tasks to do with a deadline. Teachers have left feedback and uploaded mark schemes to correct their mistakes and improve their overall performance.

Overall, I would like to highlight the school's great outlook on this unprecedented event and their quick reaction on setting up Microsoft Teams and Kerboodle for the students of the college. I am more than thankful for the many resources they have been set and the way their learning hasn't been slowed down in such a crucial time.

Thank you all and I hope you are all in good health."

Response to Parent

"Thank you Ms Oprea, we believe that every child deserves an education, making it extremely easy to get all staff on board with learning various new software at the start of lockdown."

Summer 2021 Examinations

The government have now confirmed that students due to sit examinations this summer will be awarded a teacher assessed grade, based on a combination of prior learning and current work.

We will be writing to all parents, guardians, carers and students in examination year groups once we have received the full guidance from the DfE, to explain this process in more detail. In the meantime, it is vital that students continue to do their best in their current work as this will form a significant part of the evidence towards their final grade. In addition, students will sit trial examinations before the Easter break in order to provide additional evidence to support these decisions.

To obtain a free copy of The Parents' Guide to Careers, please visit [https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/whats-next].

'Free School Meals' (FSM) Entitlement

'Free School Meals' is a statutory means-tested benefit, which provides a child with meals at school or college for free. If you believe you may be entitled to this benefit for your child, please attend the College reception and request an application form. The member of staff on reception will be able to advise any parents, guardians or carers who are unfamiliar with the process for claiming 'Free School Meals'. Please note that parents, guardians and carers must reapply each year for this benefit.

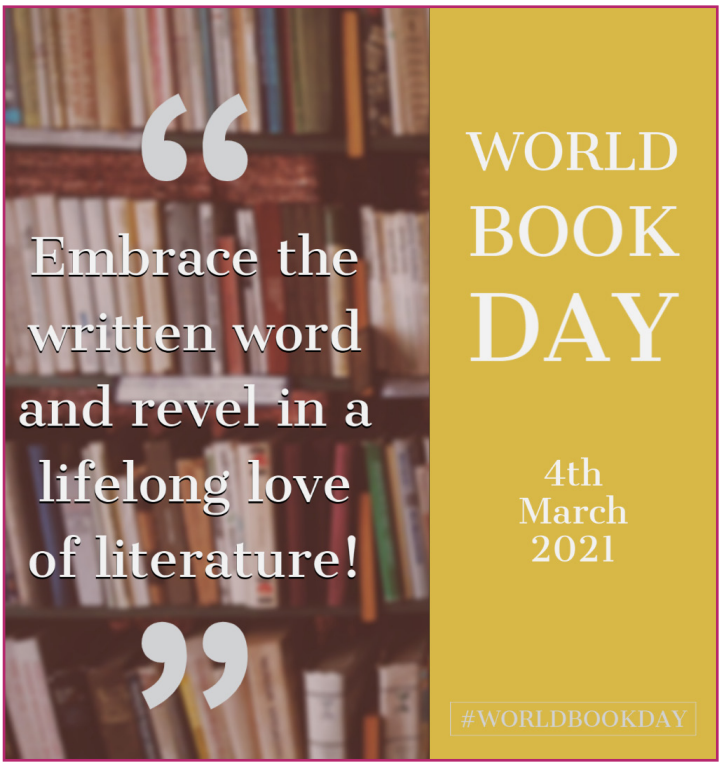
Quote of the Week

"Failure is so important. We speak about success all the time. It is the ability to resist failure or use failure that often leads to greater success. I've met people who don't want to try for fear of failing." - *J.K. Rowling*

Week Commencing: *Monday 1st March*

SPECIAL MENU

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Goujons with Potato Wedges, Beans and Vegetables	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Goujons with Potato Wedges, Beans and Vegetables	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Cheese and Onion Quiche with Potato Wedges, Beans and Vegetables	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	**Vegetarian**
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Macaroni Cheese and Vegetables	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 2	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	**Vegetarian**
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	**Vegetarian**
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Sliced Potatoes and Beans	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Pork Sausages with Sliced Potatoes and Beans	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Sausages with Sliced Potatoes and Beans	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	**Vegetarian**
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Cooked Chips and Beans	
Meal Choice 2	Quorn Nuggets with Oven Cooked Chips and Beans	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	**Vegetarian**
The daily dessert choices will be as follows: Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly or Ice Cream pots		

Full College Reopening from Monday 8th March

Following the government's announcement, we are delighted that we can welcome all our students back into college from Monday 8th March. We will be writing to all parents, guardians and carers shortly to set out our plans for the reopening, which takes into account a staggered return date in that first week to accommodate testing. We look forward to seeing all our students back in class.