



# LA SALLE COLLEGE P R O S P E C T U S

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#### Subjects offered – Senior Forms (Form 4 – Form 6) / (Years 10 – 12)

<u>Core subjects:</u> English Chinese Mathematics (Compulsory Part) Citizenship & Social Development

Mathematics Curriculum – Extended Part Module 1 (Calculus and Statistics) OR Module 2 (Algebra and Calculus) Three Electives from the List: Physics Chemistry Biology Economics Chinese History Geography Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Design and Applied Technology (DAT) Business, Accounting and Financial Studies (BAFS)

<u>The Fourth Elective (only for students having exceptional talent or interest):</u> Other languages, e.g. French, Spanish, Japanese etc. Music Visual Arts Physical Education Ethics and Religious Studies

#### Service-Learning Curriculum in the Senior Forms (since 2021-22)

Service is an integral part of Lasallian education. With the help of the Service-Learning and Leadership Office (SLLO) of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, our College combines Positive Psychology and "Values-In-Action (VIA)" advocated by Professor Martin Seligman to formulate new school-based Service-Learning curriculum. More than 15 teachers are trained by the SLLO to exercise their expertise to enrich students' learning experience, forming a link to the curriculum through a process of understanding community needs, planning service activities, taking actions, forming structured reflection, and demonstrating learning of the impact of the undertaking, so as to nurture empathy and enhance the sense of responsibility as a local citizen.

Our team currently consists of 15 teachers and 400 students, serving more than 10 local NGOs and primary schools, over 500 people in the community every year. Coordinated by the Lasallian partners, our service will be extended to the East Asian district.



## VIBRANT SCHOOL LIFE

- 25 School sports teams
- 10 cultural/ music teams
- 3 uniform groups (St. John Ambulance, Red Cross, Boys' Scout)
- Student Association (SA) & 50 ECA clubs and societies covering academic, interest, sports, cultural and service groups; SA working members are recruited from all form levels, emphasizing student leadership training.
- Nearly 80% Form 5 students have been leaders and almost 70% of the students have been the office bearers of the SA, Clubs and/ or Teams by the end of Form 6.





#### **PASTORAL CARE**

- Emphasis on fostering Lasallian values of faith, service and community, as well as the Catholic core values
- Faith formation and evangelization programmes are organized by teams such as the Student Formation Team, Lasallian Youth Movement (LYM) whereas the Catholic Society and Legion of Mary help nurture the spiritual life of students and to maintain a rich Catholic culture.
- Range of student support services (e.g. guidance, discipline and careers and life planning) are available for students.
- Support from school social workers from the Caritas Hong Kong and the educational psychologist from the EDB
  Students with special educational
- needs are well catered for.
- Specially designed curriculum on values and positive education during Form Teacher Periods
- Introduction of VIA character strengths into the school curriculum and ECAs to nurture students' character development





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## EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

#### Sports

- Sports talents are nurtured through 25 types of sports offered to our students.
- Every year, about 350 of our students take part in various school teams.
- Besides our sports teachers, professional coaches are hired to train and enhance our students' skills and techniques.
- High-performing sportsmen are selected to represent Hong Kong at international tournaments.

#### **Aesthetic Education**

- An essential Other Learning Experiences (OLE) programme for the whole person development of students
- Aesthetics workshops and talks (e.g. music performances and music appreciation talks, drama appreciation, dance and visual arts, speech and public speaking demonstrations) are held regularly for students.
- Outstanding music teams Wind Orchestra, Chinese Orchestra, Symphony and String Orchestra, Senior Choir and Treble Choir; around 300 student members belong to the music teams and students are provided ample chances to participate in both local and overseas performances and competitions.
- Besides our music teachers, professional conductors and musicians are hired to train and enhance our students' performing capacity.

#### **Gifted Programmes**

- Both local and overseas programmes are coordinated for high-achievers so as to further stretch their potentials.
- Local programmes are offered by tertiary institutes, e.g. HKU, HKUST, and HKAGE. Overseas programmes for the gifted are offered by institutes such as Johns Hopkins University and the Federal Institute of Technology in Switzerland.
- Academic teams of the College always compete in high-level competitions, e.g. the Physics Olympiad, Math Olympiad, Chemistry Olympiad and Informatics Olympiad.
- The College provides opportunities for capable students to acquire other languages, e.g. French, Spanish, Japanese and German.

#### **STEAM Education**

- Theme of the STEAM education:
- To enhance, embed and realize the motto 'We Learn, We Solve & We Create'
- We offer diverse range of STEAM programmes, both within and beyond the curriculum, to enhance our students' proficiency in coding, collaboration, design thinking and presentation skills.
- Our students gain valuable technical skills, engineering knowledge and real-life experience through visits to start-up companies and active participation in territory-wide activities and competitions.
- We provide exceptional facilities for our students, including an Aerospace Laboratory, a D&T workshop and a well-equipped STEAM Laboratory. These facilities are readily available to assist students in developing and refining their prototypes.

#### Exchange Programmes

- A variety of exchange programmes aiming at developing students' awareness of cultures, strengthening their understanding and respecting differences are offered every year.
- A wide network with partner schools in Hong Kong, Mainland Sister schools, including The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China (北京中國 人民大學附屬中學), Shanghai Foreign



Language School (上海外國語大學附屬中學), Zhejiang Zhenhai Middle School (浙江 省寧波市鎮海中學) and Torch Development Zone No.1 Middle School of Sun Yat-sen Memorial Secondary School Education Group (中山紀念中學火炬一中) and overseas schools.

• Educational overseas exchange trips to places such as Paris, Singapore, Sydney, Perth, Melbourne, Auckland and Bueno Aires are organized. The College also has an exchange partnership with a school in the Netherlands.

## STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

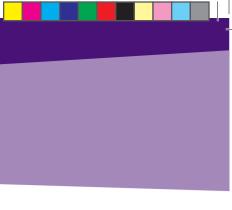
The School Textbook Assistance (TA) Scheme, the Student Travel Subsidy (STS) Scheme and the Subsidy Scheme for Internet Access (SIA) Charges are administered by the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency. For more information, please visit the website at: https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/en/primarysecondary/tt/overview.htm

#### **ADMISSION ENQUIRIES & PROCEDURES**

As an aided school, admission to F.1 in La Salle is regulated by the Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) System. Students are admitted either through the Discretionary Place (DP) system or allocated by Government from our feeder school, La Salle Primary or by central allocation.

For enquiries and procedures, please visit our school website.

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