Parent / Carer Bulletin

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Week Commencing Monday 27th January 2025

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you found the Year 9 Options Event helpful and informative. It was a pleasure to see so many of you engaging with staff and learning more about the subjects available to your child as they begin to shape their academic future. We hope the evening provided clarity and guidance on the various pathways and that you feel more confident in supporting your child with their decisions.

As we continue through the term, I would like to remind you that reports for both Year 7 and Year 9 students will be issued this week. These reports will provide insight into your child's progress so far and offer an opportunity to reflect on their achievements and areas for improvement. We encourage you to review these reports with your child and discuss their next steps, ensuring they have the support they need to succeed in the coming months.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mr Farrer

WEEK A	CALENDAR - TERM 3
Monday 27 th January	•
Tuesday 28 th January	•
Wednesday 29 th January	•
Thursday 30 th January	Y7 & Y9 Reports Issued
	Y10 UKMT Challenge
Friday 31 st January	•

WEEK B	
Monday 3 rd February	Y11 & Y12 Photography Trip
Tuesday 4 th February	Y12/13 Atomic Agency Trip
	Y12 Holocaust Conference
	Y12 Safe Drive Roadshow
	 Y7 U12 Girls Football Quarter Final
	 Y12/13 Glass Art Workshop
Wednesday 5 th February	Y12 Reports Issued
	Y8 Author Visit
Thursday 6 th February	 School closes at 1.30pm
	 Y9 Subject Consultation Meetings
Friday 7 th February	•

In this week's bulletin:

- An Invitation from the Drama Team
- Whopping Uniform Sale Day
- Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde for Year 10 Students
- Online Safety Health and Fitness Apps
- Community News Pages 7-8

.... And lots more!

Sent on behalf Beeline Coaches

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Re: St Laurence SL1 – Paxcroft/Hilperton to St Laurence School

I'm writing to provide an update on the SL1 Paxcroft to St Laurence School bus and the challenges we're currently facing with overloading due to the bus's seating capacity (maximum of 53 seats).

To ensure all students who rely on this service can travel comfortably and without disruption, we've introduced the following ticketing priorities:

- Weekly tickets purchased on Mondays will guarantee a seat
- 3-day and 4-day tickets, used on consecutive days, will also secure a seat

Unfortunately, due to the current high demand, students purchasing ad-hoc tickets are unlikely to secure a seat. For those needing occasional travel, we recommend exploring public bus or train options.

The service is designed for **regular** daily users, and at this time, we cannot guarantee seats for ad-hoc travel. While we are constantly reviewing the situation, current demand does not justify the addition of a second bus at a ticket price that would remain affordable for families.

We understand this may cause some inconvenience, and we greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to provide the best possible service for our students.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us at 01985 213503 or info@beelinecoaches.co.uk

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Kind regards, Rob Wickett General Manager, Beeline Coaches

From: Mrs Nash – Head of Drama

GCSE Practical Exams

Year 11 are busy preparing for their practical scripted examinations. This will take place on Wednesday 12th February when an external examiner watches the pieces and assesses them.

To help ensure that the students are completely prepared there will be an open dress rehearsal on **Tuesday 11**th **February** in the Drama Studio, **starting at 6:00pm**. We hope that family and friends will come and support and would also recommend that GCSE Drama pupils in Year 10, as well as Year 9 pupils considering taking GCSE Drama attend.

KS3 Drama Clubs

There will be **NO** KS3 Drama Club on Tuesday 28th or Wednesday 29th January due to auditions for the whole school summer production of 'We Will Rock You'. Audition materials are still available to collect from Miss Davies or Dr Barclay and students can find more details of the auditions on posters displayed around the school.

UNIFORM SALE – Can you help?

We have a large amount of second hand uniform, generously donated by our parents and carers, for sale. Most items of uniform are available and in all sizes. 100% of proceeds goes towards a range of resources and activities for the benefit of our students.

A handful of staff have volunteered to run the sale but more hands are needed – if you can spare any time to help out during the sale please email admin@st-laurence.com

All are welcome – including well behaved younger children!

Our sale of pre-loved uniform is taking place on:

Wednesday 12th February 4:00pm – 6:00pm Trinity Hall

DO YOU KNOW...?



There is a parent run Facebook page dedicated to buying, selling or swapping uniform.

Join the group at: St Laurence Buy Sell Swap School Items / Uniform



From: Mr Chadwick - Director of English

Parents and carers of Year 10 students

Has your child got their copy of DR Jekyll and Mr Hyde by RL Stevenson?

In terms 4 and 5, Year 10 students will be studying The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by RL Stevenson for the 19th century text part of their GCSE English Literature course.

As usual with GCSE Literature set texts, we are asking parents and carers to buy students their own copy of Jekyll and Hyde. This is so students can make notes in their own copy, have a personal copy for lessons and homework, and also for re-reading as part of their revision in Year 11.

There are various editions of this novel available. Some students like to use the 'annotation-friendly' (sometimes called 'dyslexia-friendly') editions that are published, where there is more space for student notes, and a bigger than usual font is used; however, a Wordsworth Classics or Penguin Classics edition is suitable as well. Individual class teachers might advise students of their 'preferred' edition.

Please order this text as soon as possible. Ex Libris in Bradford on Avon, or Waterstones in The Shires in Trowbridge, will be able to source a copy within 24 hours, if they do not have any in stock. The usual online suppliers should be able to do likewise.

Revision guides are also available; we recommend the York Notes revision guide (link below).

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde: York Notes for GCSE - everything you need to study and prepare for the 2025 and 2026 exams: Rooney, Anne, Stevenson, Robert: Amazon.co.uk: Books

The school will buy a copy of the novel and a revision guide for some students who are in receipt of the Pupil Premium; individual class teachers will advise students of this.

Thank you.

SCREENING OF MACBETH, WILTSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE, SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2025, 2:00pm



Screening: Macbeth - David Tennant & Cush Jumbo - Wiltshire Music Centre
www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk

The Donmar Warehouse production of Macbeth will be screening at the Wiltshire Music centre on the above date. We recommend Year 11 students take advantage of seeing this production of their GCSE English Literature Shakespeare play at a venue so close to home. Booking is open.

What's on the Menu?



Click the link to our Catering page for information on all the different ways our students can enjoy healthy and nutritious meals at school:

<u>Catering | St Laurence School (st-laurence.com)</u>

From: PE Department

Sporting Results and Upcoming Fixtures.

Results

Football

Year 7 football tournament at John of Gaunt: Wins 2. Draws 1.

St Laurence 9 – 1 Clarendon (Year 11 Boys)

St Laurence 0 – 2 Clarendon (Year 8 Boys)

Netball

St Laurence 14 – 7 Clarendon (Year 8)

St Laurence 14 – 14 Clarendon (Year 9)

St Laurence 7 – 6 Clarendon (Year 7A)

St Laurence 6 – 11 Clarendon (Year 7B)

Congratulations to all students involved.

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 28th January

Year 8 Boys Football Tournament at John of Gaunt. Return approx. 5:30pm

Wednesday 29th January

West Wilts Table Tennis Competition at Warminster Cricket Club. Return approx. 6:30pm

Thursday 30th January

Year 7 Girls Football vs St Augustine's. Return approx. 5:30pm Year 9 Boys Football vs John of Gaunt. Finish approx. 4:45pm

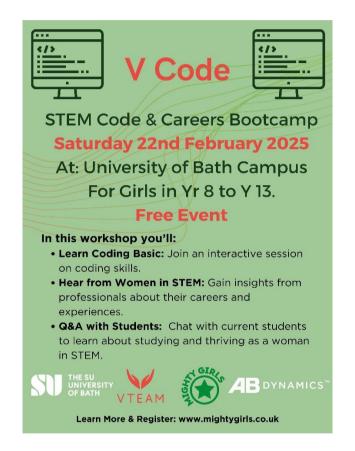
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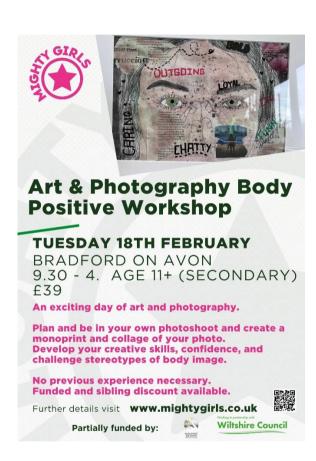


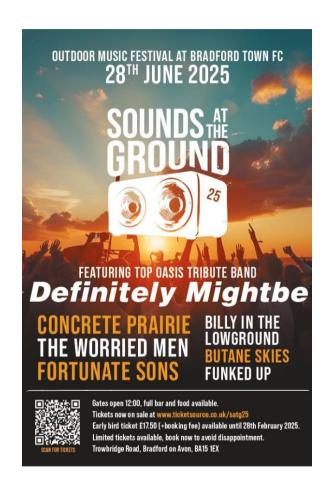


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Community News







6th Form Student to run the Bath Half Marathon in Aid of Refugee Charity

On Sunday 16th March, Year 13 student Luke Hughes will be joining 15,000 other runners to complete the "BATHHALF".

If you wish to donate and help Luke reach his goal, this is his fund-raising page: https://care4calais.enthuse.com/pf/luke-hughes-bath-half

You can find out more about Luke's chosen charity here: <u>Care4Calais | Refugee Charity | Fundraise Donate</u> Volunteer

