Parent / Carer Bulletin

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Week Commencing Monday 7th October 2024

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a quieter week here at school after the preparations for the Open Evening. We had over 750 people attend the evening and the student tour guides were brilliant. The feedback from visitors was exemplary so thank you to all those who supported.

October sees the beginning of a number of trips and events - we have the Year 7 activity days coming up as well as a space exploration event for Science, a trip to Glastonbury for Sociology students and a workshop for the upcoming production of Macbeth for Years 8 and 9. Please do make sure you read the bulletin for all of the details.

Thank you, Mr Farrer

WEEK B	CALENDAR - TERM 1
Monday 7 th October	• Y7 Activity Days Mon – Frid 9:05am – 4:15pm
Tuesday 8 th October	Y13 Reports Issued
Wednesday 9 th October	•
Thursday 10 th October	Wear Yellow Day
	• Y13 Art Trip 11:30am – 4:00pm
Friday 11 th October	• Y8 – Y11 Mental Health Workshop 8:30am – 3:00pm
	 6th Form Active 3:15pm – 4:30pm

From: Mr Hainsworth – Assistant Headteacher

Y10 GCSE Option Changes

We hope the start of your child's GCSE studies has gone well and that they are enjoying the subject they have chosen.

We are setting a deadline of **Friday 11th October** for any students who are considering changing their option choices. This is because by then it is likely that approximately 12-13 lessons worth of content will have been taught which is a significant amount for any student to catch up on.

If your child is considering an option change, please contact me via email <u>thohai@st-laurence.com</u> with the subject they would like to change to and from. Currently a large number of options are full which can make changes difficult but we will do what we can.

Dear Parents,

Please note that the school calendar for dates such as, parent subject evenings, end and start of terms, whole year group trips, work experience are all accessible on the school calendar on the website.

School Calendar | St Laurence School (st-laurence.com)

Please look here in the first instance for information. Thank you.



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 nutricious meals at school:

Catering | St Laurence School (st-laurence.com)

From: English Department

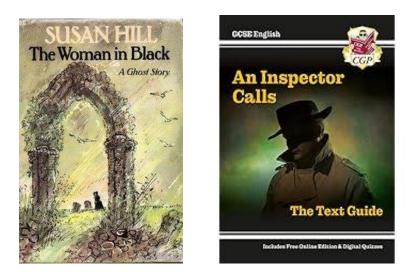
FOR YEAR 10 PARENTS AND CARERS - GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE SET TEXTS

We are asking parents and carers of Year 10 students to buy them a copy of the set texts they will study for their English Literature GCSE. This is so students have their own copies to re-read and revise from; also, having a personal copy allows students to make notes alongside the text as they read and study it.

English Literature teachers have put a reminder on Bromcom that students should have their own copy of the 'modern text' for English Literature by the end of Term 1; this will be **The Woman in Black** or **An Inspector Calls**, depending on which class they are in. Parents and carers may also wish to buy students a *revision guide* for these texts as well.

Some students who are in receipt of the Pupil Premium will have the relevant text and revision guide provided for them by the school; teachers will let these students know about this arrangement.

Thank you for your support.



From: The Drama Department

Shakespeare Schools Festival

A final reminder to parents of the cast and crew of 'Macbeth' to please return their reply slips for the performance at the Merlin Theatre on Wednesday 6th November.

We are in need of anything **TARTAN** for costumes for this production - hats, skirts, shirts, scarfs, ties, blankets etc. If you have anything that you could donate or lend to the drama department we would be most grateful

Anyone is welcome to come and watch the show - tickets are available directly from the Merlin Theatre Merlin Theatre : Home - What's On - Performances - SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

The Little Mermaid - Bristol Old Vic Thursday 9th January 2025

There was extraordinary interest in this trip with spaces being allocated within hours of the letters going home. I'm very sorry to anyone who has not been allocated a space.

Those successful will be sent a letter and will need to pay on ParentPay by Tuesday 24th October. Payments will be going live shortly. If anyone has changed their mind about wanting to go, please let Mrs Nash <u>catnas@st-laurence.com</u> know as there is a waiting list.

From: Mrs Baldwin – Outdoor Education Coordinator

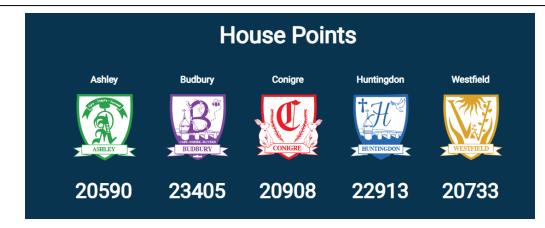
Year 7 Campwell Farm - The trips are starting on Monday 7th October. Please check the list to ensure you know which day your child is going to the Farm on. If you haven't yet handed back the **Medical Form**, this needs to be done prior to the trip to enable students to be able to go.

- LG1 Monday 7th
- LG2 Tuesday 8th
- LG3 Wednesday 9th
- LG4 Thursday 10th
- LG5 Friday 11th
- LG6 Monday 14th
- LG7 Tuesday 15th
- LG8 Wednesday 16th

Things to bring: waterproof coat and trousers, food and a drink, personal medication, extra layers as it can get cold there, pencil case and wearing a sensible pair of shoes to do the walk in.Students will be back at school by **3:45pm**.

Year 11 Bronze DofE - Please make sure your child has completed all 3 sections on e-DofE with their assessor reports signed off. Help on how to do this has gone out to your child. They will be invited to attend the award presentation on Monday 14th October via the tutor bulletin.

Year 10 Bronze DofE - Deadline for the programme planners is Friday 11th October. If your child needs help completing theirs, they can go to S1 after school on Wednesday 9th October for support.



To report a student absence please ring the Attendance Line by 8:30am on 01225 309501

From: Ms Browne and Mr Bruten

Journalism and Photography Workshop - Tuesday 15th October

We are delighted to be welcoming Joe McCann, Operations Manager of Wiltshire Publications, to Connect club on Tuesday 15th October.

Joe will be talking to students at our school magazine about his own career in the media. He will also be bringing his photography kit along and discussing the world of a press photographer.

Joe's organisation often takes our students for work experience, and we are very grateful for his time. If you know a student who is interested, they need to sign up for Connect Club on Bromcom to join us. For more information, contact <u>heabro@st-laurence.com</u>

From: Mr Blowers – Director of 6th Form

Dear Parent/Carer & Students,

You are warmly invited to our 6th Form Open Evening on Thursday 7th November 2024 in Trinity Hall

The format will be as follows:

Students in Ashley, Budbury and Conigre 1-5

Presentation from the Headteacher, Head Students & Director of 6th Form at **5pm in Trinity Hall** where you will also receive Named Prospectuses. Then you will be invited to tour around the school and visit subjects to gain more information

Students in Conigre 6-10, Huntingdon & Westfield:

Presentation from the Headteacher, Head Students & Director of 6th Form at **6pm in Trinity Hall** where you will also receive Named Prospectuses. Then you will be invited to tour around the school and visit subjects to gain more information

Individual student letters will come home with further detailed information about the event. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Yours faithfully, Aidan Blowers

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	Open Evening 6th Form Thursday 7th November 2024 5:00pm - 7:30pm	
Form Centre		In the Wiltshire Music Centre of the second of the second
www.st-laurence.com	Ashley Boad Bradford on Avon Wiltshire BA15 1DZ	Rectingtor Rudge Westbury

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From: The PE Team

As part of the weekly bulletin, we will be giving updates of sporting results and upcoming fixtures. Congratulations to all students involved.

<u>Results</u>

Netball

St Laurence A 10 - 6 John of Gaunt (Year 9) St Laurence B 21 - 7 John of Gaunt (Year 10)

Rugby

St Laurence 4 - 3 Kingdown School (Year 8) St Laurence 15 – 20 Kingdown School (Year 9) St Laurence 10 – 10 Corsham School (Year 7) St Laurence 4 – 7 Corsham School (Year 8)

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 8th October

Year 11 Rugby vs Corsham (Away, return to school approx. 5:45pm)

Tuesday 15th October

Year 9 Rugby vs JOG (Away, return to school approx. 5:30pm)

Wednesday 16th October

Year 7 Rugby vs JOG (Home)

Thursday 17th October

Year 8 Rugby vs JOG (Away, return to school approx. 5:30pm)

Tuesday 22nd October

U14s Girls Football vs JOG (Home)





Day	Club	Location	Staff Member
Monday	Trampolining (Invite only)	Sports Hall	Mrs Voutt
Tuesday	SLS Leadership Academy	Gym	Mr Carter
	Cross Country	Field	Mr Bailey, Mr Vince
	Girls Football	Field	Mr Burrows, Mr Restorick, Mr Povoas, Mr Gregory, Mr Abrahams
	U14 Boys Football (Invite Only)	Field	Mr Woodburn
	Hockey	Astro	Mrs Voutt
Wednesday	KS4 Badminton (Week <u>A</u> Only)	Sports Hall	Mr Woodburn
Thursday	Netball (All Years)	Astro/Courts	Mr Carter, Miss Rose, Miss Bryer, Mr Westley, Mr Povoas Mr Oaten, Mr Burrows, Mr
	KS3 Rugby	Field	Restorick
Friday			

Timetab	Timetable of Y11 Mock Written Exam	inatio	ns in S	sports H	en Examinations in Sports Hall (11-22 November 2024)
Mon, 11 Nov Week B				Early Lunch	Session 2 Exam
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	German Listening – 1h05m (Lecture Theatre) French Reading - 1h30m			12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	Geography UK Paper 2 - 1h30m
Tue, 12 Nov				Early Lunch	Session 2 Exam
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	Maths Paper 1 (non-calculator) - 1h			12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	Combined Science Biology - 1h15m Separate Science Biology - 1h45m
Wed, 13 Nov				Early Lunch	
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	RE Ethics – 1h30m			12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	Business - 1h45m
Thu, 14 Nov	Session 1 Exam	Late Break	Lesson 3	Early Lunch	Session 2 Exam
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	History Paper 1 - 2h	11.05 - 11.30	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	English Language – 1h45m
Fri, 15 Nov	Session 1 Exam	Late Break	Lesson 3	Early Lunch	Session 2 Exam
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	Computer Science paper 1 - 1h30m Design Technology - 2h Food - 1h45m Sociology - 1h45m Music - 1h45m (Lecture Theatre)	11.05 - 11.30	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	French Listening – 1h05m (Lecture Theatre) German Reading - 1h30m
Mon, 18 Nov	Session 1 Exam	Late Break	Lesson 3	Early Lunch	Session 2 Exam
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	Maths Paper 2 (calculator) - 1h	11.05 - 11.30	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	Combined Science Chemistry - 1h15m Separate Science Chemistry – 1h45m
Tue, 19 Nov	Session 1 Exam	Late Break	Lesson 3	Early Lunch	Session 2 Exam
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	English Literature - 1h	11.05 - 11.25	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	Computer Science paper 2 - 1h30m Dance - 1h30m Drama - 1h45m PE - 1h15m
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Thu, 21 Nov	Session 1 Exam	Late Break	Lesson 3	Early Lunch	Session 2 Exam
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	Maths Paper 3 (calculator) - 1h	11.05 - 11.25	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	German Writing – 1h40m French Writing - 1h40m
Fri, 22 Nov	Session 1 Exam	Late Break	Lesson 3	Early Lunch	Session 2 Exam
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	Geography Global Paper 1 - 1h	11.05 - 11.25	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	Catch-Up
Y11 Mock Timetabl	Y11 Mock Timetable Winter 2024 (General)	-	•		ſ

Online Safety

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GAME

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

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CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

DANGER OF **GROOMING**

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BULLVING AND ABUSE







Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

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REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

See full reference list or guide cope at: National conege com/guides/in-game-chat

Meet Our Expert

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CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

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COMMUNICATION IS KEY

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New!!! Film Club After-School Event for Year 7 Students

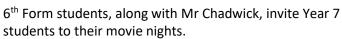


Friday 11th & 18th October F16

1 movie shown between 2 sessions

RATATOUILLE

Snacks allowed! But be weary of allergys (nuts etc.)



Showing 3 films over 2 nights, from 3:00pm – 4:15pm (including the film to be shown over two nights) in F16, students are welcome to bring snacks and drinks (please be mindful of potential allergens such as nuts etc).

Booking is through the Clubs and Trips area of Bromcom and is free of charge.



CREATIVE VOICES WORKSHOPS

This is a Paid opportunity for all 14-18 year olds



WORKSHOP ONE

WED 30TH OCT 4-7PM SAT 2ND NOV 10-4PM SUN 3RD NOV 10-4PM must be able to attend all above dates. At University of Bath campus GRAFFITI ART MAKING & DISCUSSIONS

WORKSHOP TWO WED 13TH NOV 4-7PM SAT 16TH NOV 10-4PM SUN 17TH NOV 10-4PM MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL ABOVE DATES. At University of Bath campus

CLAYMATION FILM MAKING & DISCUSSIONS



How do you experience power in your friendships / relationships?
What is it to be a man?
What does respect look like in your relationships?

We want to hear your views while creating art to bring your ideas to life.

CLICK THE LINK TO APPLY www.mightygirls.co.uk



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To report a student absence please ring the Attendance Line by 8:30am on 01225 309501

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2025?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 31 October 2024

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on 01225 713010

For more information or to request our guide to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

On behalf of: Wiltshire Young Musicians

We would like to let you know of an incredible opportunity for students to learn a musical instrument from scratch at a **super low cost.**

We even provide the instrument for them! (Subject to availability) and also offer instrument hire at a very reasonable cost.





Wiltshire Family and Community Learning

HELPING MY CHILD WITH ANXIETY AND WORRY



Online Course

Tuesday 22 October 10am - 12noon

Booking closes 15 October

Positive and realistic help for family life

- Explore the difference between anxiety and worry
- Understand how anxiety can affect learning
- Learn practical techniques and calming activities
- Manage anxiety and support wellbeing



Our courses are free if you are 19+ and have been a resident in UK/EU for 3+years and meet eligibility criteria. Please see our website or contact us for more information.

https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/ 01225 770478 familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Council

Starting on 1 September 2024 New timings for the D1 bus service linking Warminster Westbury, Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon and Bath including bus service D1x which provides more direct journeys to Bath from Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon

services D1 and D1x to improve reliability. They will also be introducing an extra journey to Bath On 1 September 2024, The First bus company will be slightly revising the timetable of bus on Sunday mornings, to assist those who need to arrive in the City before 10am.

use the D1x if you can, so that there is more space on the ordinary D1 buses for passengers who Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon, every hour during the daytime on weekdays and Saturdays. everyone. Therefore if you are travelling from Trowbridge to Bradford on Avon or Bath, please The D1x is normally operated with modern double decker buses, giving plenty of space for The D1x service will also continue to provide a faster and more direct journey to Bath from cannot use the D1x.

bus service 24 from Warminster to Salisbury are also being slightly amended and the timetable is New timetables for services D1 and D1x are included in this leaflet – please check them carefully as the timings will be slightly different and some buses will run earlier than before. The times of buses@wiltshire.gov.uk or ring 01225 718080 if you would like a copy sent to you in the post. now included in a separate leaflet – please pick up a copy from Warminster Library or email

Further details about bus services D1 and D1x can be obtained by ringing the First bus company on 0345 646 0707. Comments and suggestions about these services can also be made by sending an email to buses@wiltshire.gov.uk or by writing to the Bus Network Manager, Passenger Transport Unit, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge. BA14 8JN

Travel for just £2 until 31 December 2024

To help you save money on travel, all normal bus services in Wiltshire are participating in the Government's £2 bus fare cap scheme.

Until the end of December 2024, a single ticket for a one-way journey on service D1 / D1x or any other bus service in Wiltshire will cost no more than £2.

All you need to do is board the bus and ask the driver for a £2 ticket – no vouchers are required, and you can pay with cash, contactless bank card or the Apple Pay app. Wiltshire Council

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