



Parent / Carer Bulletin

Friday 14th September 2018

Week	
17/9	SLSA AGM Meeting, 7.30pm
18/9	Careers Fair, 8am-4pm
19/9	
20/9	Y8&Y9 reports issued
	Y13 Subject Evening
21/9	

Collective Worship Theme:
Loyalty

"If by my life or death I can protect you I will."

Lord of the Rings

Lorraine Marlow - Spirituality Development Co-ordinator

Absence Line/Registration



Y7-13 01225 309501
attendance@st-laurence.com

Restaurant

Menus Filepath on website: <https://st-laurence.com/documents-and-forms>

Have you looked at the latest on-line version of Connect?
<https://st-laurence.com/newsletter>

Year 8 Girls HPV1 Vaccination in Trinity Hall on Monday 24th September

SLSA MEETING AND AGM

St Laurence School Association - the parents' association of the school, is holding its AGM and first meeting of the year on Monday 24th September, 7.30pm in the Aldhelm Building at the School. All parents/carers are most welcome to attend and find out about the activities of the 'Association and join in if they wish. The Agenda is on the school website, SLSA page here: <https://st-laurence.com/slsa>

Robert Beesley, Chair, SLSA

Creative Writing Competition

Strong women, feminism, girl power – are these subjects that inspire you to write? Fiction or non-fiction? If so, do enter the BoA Women's 100 creative writing competition. BoA Women's 100 is a local group organising a range of events to mark 100 years of women's suffrage.

The competition is open to all. Entries can be fiction or non-fiction on the topics of 'strong women'; 'what does it mean to be a feminist?' or '#girlpower'. The competition has five age ranges and will be judged by local authors Alex Campbell and Anna Vaught. The deadline is Feb 1st 2019.

St Laurence Extra Programme

Parents and Careers will be aware that we offer a wide range of after school activities within our St Laurence Extra programme.

Details of the programme and how to submit 'join requests' for particular clubs can be accessed via [SchoolsBuddy](#). All students and their parent /career main contact will have received a login invitation. This can be regenerated by clicking on 'Forgotten Password?' However, if you do need specific advice with logging on please email [Martin Peters](#) with your query.

Please go to the St Laurence School website – <https://st-laurence.com/after-school> for further details including after club buses. Please note that there is now a £1.00 charge per student, per journey for the late bus.



Full details of the competition and how to enter can be found on the competition website at <http://www.boawomens100.co.uk/>

Asthma, Allergies, Medication

If your child suffers with asthma, allergies or requires ongoing paracetamol, may we ask you to supply the school with spare inhalers, antihistamines/ epi pen if prescribed (in date and in prescribed box), also paracetamol for ongoing conditions. The medication should be handed to a member of staff with an administration of medication form, which can be found on the school website under the Forms sub-heading here: <https://st-laurence.com/documents-and-forms>

Students with asthma and allergies should carry their spare inhaler/epi pen with them at all times. We do not give antihistamine routinely in school unless you have specifically brought the medication in for your child. Please can we remind you that it is the parent/carer and student's responsibility to carry emergency medication with them at all times, including PE on the sports field, courts etc. If you do not have your emergency medicine in school, the teacher may not allow the student to take part in activities or trip.

Louise Proudman

Medical administrator

START YOUR CAREER WITH A WESSEX WATER APPRENTICESHIP



**Come along to our open day on
Saturday 20 October 10am - 3pm**

We're looking for apprentices in our technical and office-based departments.

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- take part in a speed interview
- watch a mobile pipe tracing crawler
- try some interactive electrical panels
- find out about reinstatement hot box lorries
- see hydraulic lifting equipment demos.



Wessex Water, Claverton Down Road,
Bath, BA2 7WW

Book your place here:

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For more information visit :
wessexwater.co.uk/careers

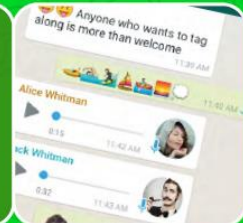
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WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.



AGE RESTRICTION
16+



What parents need to know about



WhatsApp

AGE LIMIT CHANGE

Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

SCAM MESSAGES

Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people', encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES

WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with somebody they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents



CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE

If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list - they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.



REPORT SCAM MESSAGES

Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam.'

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, if they leave again, they cannot be added again.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY

If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

SET TIME LIMITS

A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.



SOURCES: <https://www.theguardian.com/comments/free/2018/apr/26/whatsapp-plans-to-ban-under-16s-the-mystery-is-how>, <https://whatsappbrand.com/>, <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/whatsapp-update-latest-india-hoaxes-forward-messages-app-download-a8456011.html>

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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

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