



Dear Parents & Carers

Important information and key dates for Year 11 students

Year 11 students are currently completing assessed work with their classroom teachers which will help generate their final Centre Assessed Grade (CAG). Please be assured that the final CAG will consider a range of information, including work completed during all of the Year 10/11 course and, of course, performance in the November 2020 mock examinations.

All work that students are now producing will need to be submitted by Friday 7th May and after this point, our focus will turn to ensuring that work has been moderated and standardised across classes within departments.

Mr Farrer will issue a separate letter, giving you more detail on the CAG process and appeals process once the relevant documents have been issued from Ofqual and the four main exam boards.

Statement of Exam Entry

Your child will shortly receive a statement of entry for his/her GCSEs from the Examinations Team. This will be sent to his/her school's email account before Easter. If you are concerned that your child has not been entered for the correct GCSEs, then please alert the Examinations Team as soon as possible by emailing exams@st-laurence.com.

Friday 7th May

There will be a final Year 11 assembly organised by Houses in Friday's tutorial with opportunities for the pastoral team to acknowledge the students within their House and Y11 progress prizes will also be awarded by us on that day.

Week commencing Monday 10th May

There will be opportunities for students to complete any further practical components in certain subjects (Music, Dance, Drama, Food) and this will therefore not impact on other work being completed up to and including Friday 7th May. More information will be shared directly with the students who study these subjects.

Wednesday 12th May

This will be the final official day for Year 11 at St Laurence. The school day will run as normal unless students are involved in any practical exams. The school day will end at 3pm.



Consolidation and Extension work

Many students will wish to consolidate their learning and extend their knowledge in preparation for further study at Sixth Form or college. At the start of Term 6, we will provide suggested activities which will support this and there will be further A Level transition work provided on the Sixth Form Induction Day. This consolidation and extension work will of course be optional and students can choose what subjects and activities interest them and they feel they need to focus on.

Virtual Careers Opportunities

Given that Year 10 work experience placements were cancelled last year, we are investigating ways in which Year 11 students can take place in virtual careers events, working alongside an external organisation. Mrs Woodley will provide more information on ClassCharts in due course to Year 11 students.

Year 11 Ball

After looking at the government's road map to lifting COVID restrictions and having consulted with Cumberwell, we have made the decision to cancel the Year 11 Ball. We do not feel we can safely run this for staff or students due to venue capacity. We recognise that this will be a disappointment, but the safety of the school community is the priority.

Year 11 Leavers' Hoody

Further information will be uploaded onto ClassCharts for any Year 11 student who wishes to order a Leavers' Hoody

Sixth Form Induction Day: Tuesday 6th July

The next important date in the Sixth Form process is the Induction Day on Tuesday 6th July. The day will provide new Y12s with an introduction to Sixth Form life. As such, please ensure that your son/daughter is able to attend. The day will begin at 8.30am and further information about the day will follow.

Year 11 parents' Sixth Form Information Evening: Tuesday 6th July

Following the Year 12 Induction Day we will be running this information evening for Parents & Carers to support transition in to Sixth Form. It is likely that this will have to be held virtually to support social distancing. Clearly, we will respond to this nearer the time when we can see the national picture in response to COVID. During this event, parents will be advised on how best to support their son/daughter through Sixth Form life. Details about how this event will be sent to you in due course. It is our expectation that all parents/carers attend this important event please.



GCSE Exam Results: Thursday 12th August

At the moment, the plan is for all results to be emailed to your child's St Laurence email account by 9am. If this changes due to COVID restrictions, we will update you accordingly.

If your child is unhappy with any aspect of his/her GCSE results, there will be an appeals process. However, Ofqual (which oversees all assessment and qualifications in England) has yet to publish its guidance to schools and colleges so we are not in a position to share this but it will be shared when your child's results are emailed.

Sixth Form at St Laurence:

- To progress into the *St Laurence Sixth Form* requires students to achieve a **Grade 4+ in English Language and Maths**.
- Students require at least a **grade 5 in the chosen subject or equivalent** (eg *Art = Photography*) if they wish to study at A Level.
- Students will need a minimum of **two Grade 4 and three Grade 5 level GCSES**.
- To study a Science(s) requires a **5,5 at Higher Tier** level in Core and Additional Science GCSE as well as a **5 in higher tier Maths**.
- For subjects with a higher level of Maths content e.g. Geography and Business Studies a higher tier 5 grade in Maths is required.
- For subjects that require a strong level of English e.g. History and Philosophy and Ethics then a Grade 5 is required in English Language or Literature.

Students that do not meet these requirements will be able to book an appointment with Mr Blowers to support with next steps such as College Applications if needed on results day. Students that would like to consider a change in an A level option choice will be able to book an appointment with Mrs Chatfield to look at this on Results Day.

Can we also take this opportunity to remind students that:

- All textbooks and equipment should be returned once assessments have been completed in that subject. There will also be a general returns box available in the Year 11 zone.
- All items on loan from the ILC, including textbooks, must be returned by Wednesday 12th May. This will ensure that you do not receive reminders or invoices for lost items over the summer holidays. If you are unsure if you have anything on loan, please email the ILC staff on ilc@st-laurence.com.
- A box will be available in the Year 11 zone for students to leave textbooks or books from the ILC.

This has been the most challenging of school years for Year 11 students and parents/carers. We would like to thank you for all your support over the past five years and take this opportunity to wish Year 11 every success in their next steps. Whether this is staying at St Laurence for Sixth Form or moving to college or an apprenticeship, we know the students will all make a success of themselves. We hope they will look back on their time at St Laurence fondly and we know that staff have truly enjoyed their time with them.

Yours faithfully

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