

Parent / Carer Bulletin



Friday 9th July 2021

	Week A
12/07	Y8 Sports afternoon (postponed due to weather)
13/07	
14/07	
15/07	Y10 Reports issued Y12 Reports issued Year 5 curriculum da
16/07	Y10 Sports afternoon

**Collective Worship Term 6 Theme:
Enlightenment**

Help us to Enlighten the dark corners of existence, And scatter this light far and wide. May we see life differently to the way we once did in order to cultivate a deeper understanding of the world, and ourselves.

And make our lives more fruitful.

We hope to receive inspiration and direction. May we have the clarity of thought to act meaningfully.

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parent,

I hope this finds you well. I know you will have been listening carefully this week to the changes that are being made for Step 4 of the lifting of restrictions. They do affect school and I will be sending you a full briefing paper before the end of term that covers any significant issues for us. We are being asked to do testing at the start of term again, two tests 3-5 days apart, so we will have to plan the specific days and we will let you know. There is also the very significant change where schools will no longer be doing close contact tracing; this will be entirely done by NHS Track and Trace.

Whilst we still have some students self-isolating, we are aiming to run lessons on site that students can join via MS Teams. These lessons are only offered for those who are being forced to self-isolate as opposed to an opt in system for students who are missing school for another reason. If a student is absent through isolation, we are using a specific code on the attendance register which staff will recognise. However, if it is a practical subject (PE, Dance, Music, Drama, DT, Food, Science) it may not be possible to run this lesson on Teams at the same time as the teacher cannot be sat at the computer. Also, it may be that due to staff absence, there is a cover/supply teacher in place and again we cannot run that lesson on MS Teams. Please don't think we have forgotten about you or your child. If that situation arises, it is worth checking school email/ClassCharts to see if there has been any specific task posted for the students to do.

Failing that, a PDF was provided with 2x60 minutes' worth of work for students to work on in each subject that they study which will provide learning linked to this term's work. For extension ideas, there is also [Oak National Academy Online Classroom \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy/)"

Headteacher's Welcome Continued ...

You will be aware that there has been an increase in covid cases in the local area and nationally. Whilst restrictions are changing nationally and are seemingly ending on 19th July. It has been assumed by government that schools finish on 16th July. As you are aware we don't finish until 23rd July. Currently if anyone in school, child or adult, tests positive we will have to isolate the affected children and staff with learning moving to remote.

As this does not change before the end of this term, we are not going to change anything for the final week of term. We will continue to operate exactly as we are today.

I will be doing a final letter to you before the end of term but for now, I wish you a good week.

With kind regards

Tim Farrer

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Headteacher

Medication

If your child currently holds medication at school and you would like to have it at home over the summer months, please could you ask your child to collect it from student reception at the end of the school day on the last week of term, from Monday 19th July. If any medication has expired you will be notified by email, this will also need to be collected by your child for safe disposal at home.

If you require medication to be held at school in September for your child, then please allow your child to bring in the medication, in its original box to Student Reception with a signed Administration of Medication Form. The form can be found here:

[Administration-of-Medicines.pdf \(st-laurence.com\)](#)

either printed or return via email to vanmar@st-laurence.com

Thank You.

Microsoft Education Programme

St Laurence School is participating in the Microsoft Education Program. Through the program current students can install the latest version of Microsoft Office on up to five PCs, Macs, and tablets for no cost. Office applications installed through the program remain activated as long as you are at St Laurence.

Please see the help guide:

https://web.st-laurence.com/help/guides/office/office365_education_install.pdf