

Parent / Carer Bulletin



Monday 1st November 2021

	Week B
01/11	Term 2 Commences 8.35am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip (Y11)
02/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sixth Form Transition Morning• Y9 Black Rock Launch• DofE Bronze Launch to Parents – 6.30-7.30pm, via Microsoft Teams
03/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trip (Y11)• Gold DofE Launch
04/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y11 Moving Up Day; 8.35-11.05am• Y10 & 12 Reports issued• Sixth Form Open Evening; see website for details
05/11	

Collective Worship Term 1 Theme: Curiosity

Help us to be curious in our everyday lives.

Let us use our inquisitive minds for the better.

May we find a deeper interest in new topics and new ways to help in our collective society.

We hope to become more involved in the social issues we see around us.

We ask for help in consolidating our knowledge.

May we gain the knowledge to fulfil our curiosity for the better.

Let us ask the right questions and in life about the things that truly matter.

Dear All,

The end of term has arrived and I wish you and your family a lovely break.

You will know that transmission rates have risen locally and I will be checking guidance and data over the break. If there are any changes to our operation I will let you know.

Happy half term

Kind regards

Tim Farrer

Flu & Covid Vaccinations

We are still awaiting confirmation of the dates of the catch-up sessions for the vaccinations from Virgin Care.

You **will** be informed, via **email** and the **website**, as soon as we have received the details from Virgin Care.

We cannot provide any further information until this time.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Admin Team

6th Form Open Evening

Thursday 4th November 2021

5.00pm – 7.30pm



Presentations led by our Headteacher & Director of 6th Form in Trinity Hall at 5pm and 6pm

This will be followed by an opportunity to meet the staff of all subjects to discuss options in our amazing 6th Form

From Mr Blowers – Director of Sixth Form

PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE FOR AN UPDATE ON THIS EVENT: <https://st-laurence.com/>

Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 4th November 4.30-7.30

As part of “Year 11 Moving Up” week we will be showcasing our wonderful Sixth Form and we really hope you are able join us to find out how you can become a Sixth Form Student in 2022.

We are so proud of what we do:

- We were the **highest attaining State 6th Form in Wiltshire** in the last exam series
- Our students have attained a stunning “**Grade B**” average for the last 5 years
- We are rated in the **top 15% of 6th Forms nationally** (ALPS)
- **Over 25 different courses** to choose from including: Biology; Law; Criminology; Film Studies; Drama; Business Studies - you name it, we have it!
- **A modern bespoke 6th Form Centre** with IT study spaces for 6th Form
- **Thriving Gold Duke of Edinburgh** (The largest cohort locally)
- **A community service programme** where all students give back to the local community

From Mrs Howsam – Teacher of Girls' PE/Outdoor Education Officer

Black Rock 2022 - Year 9 students

I am pleased to announce that on **Tuesday 2nd November** I will hold a special assembly for Year 9 students in order to launch Black Rock, our annual 4 day residential trip taking place in June 2022.

During the assembly students will collect a letter which will include information about the residential trip and how to sign up.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award - Year 12 students

I am pleased to announce that on **Wednesday 3rd November** I will hold an information meeting to launch the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award to Year 12 students.

During the meeting students will collect a letter which will include more information about the Award and how to sign up.

Year 10 Students - Completing the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

There will be an information meeting for parents, delivered via Microsoft Teams, on Tuesday 2nd November at 6.30pm. Your child has been sent a calendar invitation and you need to use their Microsoft Teams account to access the meeting.

From Mr Chadwick – Director of English

ADAPTATIONS TO GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE EXAMS SUMMER 2022

There are adaptations to the GCSE English Literature specification for examinations in summer 2022 that will be taken by current year 11. Some parts of some components have been made optional by our exam board, Eduqas, but the Shakespeare text and the post-1914 texts are still mandatory.

As a Centre, we have decided that students will NOT answer the question on the poetry anthology; this is because we have not yet covered all of the poems in the anthology, whereas we have covered all the other set texts (Macbeth is being studied currently).

We realise that students have invested substantial time in studying part of the poetry anthology, but as there is an unseen poetry comparison element in the exam, this will have helped students learn how to read, understand and interpret poetry at GCSE level – as well as, we hope, being interesting and enriching.

Students have worked in component 1 and component 2 English Literature exercise books thus far, but due to the adaptations for summer 2022, these components have been altered by Eduqas.

The GCSE English Literature exams for St Laurence students will therefore be as follows:

NEW COMPONENT 1

Shakespeare text (Macbeth) and **post-1914 text** (The Woman in Black or An Inspector Calls)

Written examination: 2 hours (split into two papers of 1 hour each; candidates will sit both papers) - 50% of the qualification

NEW COMPONENT 2

19th century text (The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde) and **unseen poetry comparison**

Written examination: 2 hours (split into two papers of 1 hour each on the candidates' two chosen areas of study) - 50% of the qualification

At this point, we want the focus of students to be on the Shakespeare text, Macbeth, and students will answer two questions about Macbeth only in their November mock exam.

From the Heads of House – Ashley; Budbury; Conigre; Huntingdon; Westfield

A reminder of uniform policy and expectations:

As of next term, Term 2, all confiscated items (hoodies, jewellery etc.) will be held until the end of that week, regardless of when they were confiscated.

Students will be able to collect their items each **Friday at 3:00**.

Alternatively, parents can collect confiscated items, if necessary, before the end of the week.

Thank you.

From Mrs Nash – Head of Drama

Drama Activities for Term 2

- Year 7/8 Drama Club will be held WEEKLY from 3.15 - 4.15pm each Wednesday in Trinity Hall
- Year 9 Shakespeare Schools Festival rehearsals for A Midsummer Night's Dream will continue each Thursday in the Drama Studio from 3.15-4.15pm
- Drop in clinics and supervised rehearsal times for GCSE/A Level Drama students are available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays – students to book in with Mrs Nash

Dates for your diaries

We invite you to join us at 6pm on Monday 15th November in the Drama Studio for the Year 13 Scripted Assessments.

Tickets are free of charge and there will be a collection for our chosen charity. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Nash



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For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring
to a secondary school in
September 2022?

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 2021

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

Timetable of Y11 Mock Written Examinations in Sports Hall (8-18 November 2021)

Day	Session 1 Exam	Late Break	Lesson 3	Lunch	Session 2 Exam
Mon, 8 Nov week A					
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	Geography Global Paper 1 - 1h	11.05 – 11.30	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	English Language – 1h45m
Tue, 9 Nov					
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	History 2h	11.05 – 11.30	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	Double Science Biology - 1h15m Triple Science Biology - 1h45m
Wed, 10 Nov					
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	RE Ethics - 2h	11.05 – 11.30	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	Maths Paper 1 (non-calculator) - 1h
Thu, 11 Nov					
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	English Literature - 1h	11.05 – 11.30	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	German Listening – 1h05m (Lecture Theatre) French Reading - 1h30m
Fri, 12 Nov					
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	Business Studies - 1h30m Design Technology - 2h Food - 1h45m	11.05 – 11.30	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	Double Science Chemistry - 1h15m Triple Science Chemistry – 1h45m
Mon, 15 Nov week B					
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	Geography UK Paper 2 - 1h30m
Tue, 16 Nov					
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	French Listening – 1h05m (Lecture Theatre) German Reading - 1h30m PE Paper 1 - 1h15m Computer Science Paper 1 - 1h30m	11.05 – 11.30	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	Double Science Physics - 1h15m Triple Science Physics– 1h45m
Wed, 17 Nov					
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	Dance - 1h30m Drama - 1h PE Paper 2 - 1h15m Computer Science Paper 2 - 1h Music - 1h45m (Lecture Theatre)	11.05 – 11.30	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	German Writing – 1h40m French Writing - 1h40m
Thu, 18 Nov					
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	RE World Religions - 1h	11.05 – 11.25	Normal lesson	12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00	Maths Paper 3 (calculator) - 1h
Fri, 19 Nov					
Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35	Catch Up Session (Lecture Theatre)				

If you are entitled to exam access arrangements, this is detailed below:

Candidates who are entitled to a word processor, reader, scribe or separate room access arrangement will be collected from the main quad canopy and taken to their exam room.

- If you do not have an exam timetabled for any of the sessions then you must follow your normal Year 11 timetable.
- You will need to return to normal timetable after your morning exams, but in the afternoon you will be free to go home when your exam is complete. If you need to remain on site to wait for transport there will be space provided.
- All exams will be held in the Sports Hall unless otherwise indicated on your exam timetable.
- All information relating to exams, including seating plans will be displayed on the exams notice board in the main school quad and on class charts each day.
- You may bring water into the exam hall in a clear, label-free bottle. Do not bring food.
- Please bring equipment in a clear pencil case or plastic bag and do not bring calculator cases into the exam hall.
- You must not bring into the exam room notes, mobile phones, **watches**, MP3/4 player or similar digital devices
- Extra time will be accommodated for students with approved access arrangements, but please be aware that buses will not wait after school so alternative transport home may need to be arranged by students/parents/carers.

If you have a clash of subjects within an exam session, your individual timetable will show when you will sit your clash exams.

Y11 Mock GCSE Practical Exam Timetable

Art	Wed, 1 December (both groups)
Dance	Wed, 24 November
Design Technology	Tue, 23 November
Food	Tue, 23 & Wed, 24 November (half groups)
French	Thu, 25 November (11B/Fr1 Mrs Woodley) Fri, 26 November (11D/Fr1 Mrs Barber)
German	Thu, 25 November (11A/Dh1 Mrs Heyes) Fri, 26 November (11B/Dh1 Miss Reinfelder) Fri, 26 November (11C/Dh1 Mr Dutton)
Graphics	Mon, 29 November (11B/Gr1) Tue, 30 November (11D/Gr1)
Music	Tue, 23 November
PE	Mon, 22 November