



April 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

Important information and key dates for Year 11 students in Terms 5 & 6

All Year 11s have received a personalised copy of their exam timetable, statement of entry and JCQ information. They should be creating a personalised revision timetable.

They have been issued with a revision booklet and other information via Class Charts and should be working through this over the Easter break. During the Easter break, we recommend that students are revising for a minimum of four hours per day. When term restarts, we would recommend at least an hour a day of revision, as well as several hours at the weekend if they want to feel adequately prepared and as confident as possible for their GCSE examinations.

T5 assessments paragraph

The JCQ guidelines require schools to have sufficient evidence collated on Year 11 and Year 13 students in case of Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). As you know, there were robust mock examinations in November 2021 and formal assessments in Term 4 which Year 11 students sat. Many Heads of Department now feel that they have enough evidence on the cohort in case a TAG is required, however, it may be that some subjects wish to complete further assessments and retain them. Subject teachers will inform classes where this will happen. For example, there will be a Physics formal assessment on Monday 25th April and this has been shared already with the Year 11s.

Next few weeks

As we rapidly approach the start of written exams (week beginning 16th May), teachers are working hard to support Year 11 in making the best possible use of the remaining weeks. Attendance at lessons and after-school sessions is important and Year 11 students should make the most of what is on offer. Any support you can give your child in terms of organisation, confidence and revision is much appreciated at this time. Again, we would suggest revisiting the information that has been shared in recent months.

There have been several opportunities since January for students to engage with revision activities, for example the online catch-up lessons delivered via MS Teams and subjects will have given out additional resources. Subjects will offer a range of activities to support the students with exam preparation. This will vary on a subject by subject basis, so please encourage your child to liaise with class teachers as to what is on offer.

The first major written paper **begins on Monday 16th May**, following the practical exams. The timetable will continue as normal until Tuesday 7th June. Students should arrive at school in plenty of time before the start of their exam. From Monday 16th May, Year 11 will have late break and early lunch every day.



Timetable

Students should only refer to the timings that have been provided on their individual exam timetable and the whole school exam timetable, which is available in the exams section of the school website. They should not rely on any timetables they find on other revision websites.

Morning Exams must start at 9am therefore students sitting a morning exam should go directly to the DT canopy area at the start of the school day

Afternoon Exams must start at 1.30pm therefore students sitting an afternoon exam should go to their Period 4 lesson to register with their teacher before coming down to the DT canopy area for 1.15pm. This will mean that longer exams may finish after 3pm and will impact on students who catch a bus home which is not on the late bus route. If this affects your child, please make alternative transport arrangements on these sessions.

Once on study leave: students should go directly to the DT canopy area by 8.45am or 1.15pm for morning/afternoon exams.

Fees

If a student does not, for any reason other than medical, complete an examination for which they have been entered, parents/carers are required to pay the fee in line with School policy. Failure to complete an examination includes:

- Absence from a practical examination unless covered by a medical certificate
- Failure to produce coursework in accordance with the regulations

Key Dates

1. Monday 6th June

On Monday 6th June, there is a GCSE German exam in the morning and no GCSE exam in the afternoon. Those students who do not have an exam, will follow their usual timetables for Period 1 and Period 2. All students will attend Period 3, 4 and 5 as per their normal timetable. On this day, all students have an English, Maths and Science lesson so attendance and a positive attitude on this day will be particularly important.

2. Tuesday 7th June

On Tuesday 7th June, there is a GCSE Maths exam in the morning. At the end of this exam, students who do not study Geography may leave the school site and their study leave begins.

Students who study Geography should make their way to the Sixth Form Centre for refreshments before attending a bespoke Geography lesson Period 3 in the Sixth Form Centre (please see key dates



section at the end for rooms) as they have their GCSE exam that afternoon. Their study leave will begin after their exam finishes.

After this point, students only need to attend school for exams. **They must wear correct school uniform.** If students wish to use the ILC to study or have pre-arranged to see teachers, they are very welcome in school but must sign in and out at student reception and again wear correct uniform. There will also be a number of opportunities for Year 11 to come back into school to attend revision activities.

3. Sixth Form Induction Days: Monday 4th July & Tuesday 5th July

The next important date in the Sixth Form process are the Induction Days on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th July. These two days will provide new Year 12s with a chance to collaborate as a new year group and develop team and leadership skills, as well as sampling A level lessons in their chosen subjects. As such, please ensure that your child is able to attend. Both days will begin at 8.30am in Trinity Hall. More information will be sent to you outlining this Induction Process in due course.

4. Year 11 parents/carers' Sixth Form Information Evening: Tuesday 5th July

To support all Parents/Carers we hold a Sixth Form transition evening, starting at 6.30pm in Trinity Hall. During this meeting, parents/carers will be advised on how best to support their child through Sixth Form. It is expected that all parents/carers will attend. Please note that this event is limited to a maximum of two places per student. More details will be sent out nearer the event. If there are any concerns regarding COVID we will be able to run this event digitally.

5. Wednesday 6th July: Year 11 Ball Cumberwell Park 7pm for 7.30pm

The dress code for this event is formal. The evening is an opportunity to celebrate Year 11s' time at St Laurence with staff in a social environment. It is expected that students do not smoke on site and that they do not drink alcohol or arrive under the influence. The school reserves the right to refuse admission to students. Students should make arrangements to be collected by 11pm as the road from Cumberwell can be very busy and it is dangerous for students to walk back into Bradford on Avon.

6. GCSE Exam Results: Thursday, 25th August 2022

Students will be emailed their results through their school email account. All Year 11 students must check that their school email account is currently working as expected.



If there are any issues with a student's email account please contact IT@st-laurence.com for support.

Results will be emailed to them from 8am on Thursday, 25th August (If there are any technical issues on the day, please contact the Exams team for support on exams@st-laurence.com)

7. Sixth Form at St Laurence

To progress into the *St Laurence Sixth Form* requires students to achieve a minimum of:

- **Grade 4+ in English Language and Maths GCSEs**
- Students **require at least a Grade 5 or higher at GCSE** in their chosen subjects or equivalent (eg Art = Photography) if they wish to study it at A Level
- Students will need **a minimum of two Grade 4 and three Grade 5** in their GCSEs
- **To study Maths, MFL or a Science(s) requires at least a Grade 5+ at Higher tier**

Interview support: All students in interview were asked to consider a range of options Post 16. This is especially important for students who may be borderline in key subjects regarding 6th form entry. If a student is worried that they may not make the Minimum Entrance Criteria, they should apply to colleges and other institutions as back up. If you need support please contact the careers team at: careers@st-laurence.com

Mr Blowers and Mrs Chatfield will be available over TEAMS on **Thursday 25th August from 10.00am-2.00pm** to support you with this if needed as you seek alternative places. You can book an appointment using SchoolCloud as you would do for a Subject Evening. Details about all of this will be sent to you nearer the time.

Can we also take this opportunity to remind students that:

1. All text books and equipment should be returned to department areas once exams are completed in that subject. There will also be a general returns box available outside the exam hall. This will ensure that you do not receive reminders or invoices for lost items over the summer holidays.
2. All items on loan from the ILC, including textbooks, must be returned by the end of June. 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 do check with the ILC staff. A box will be available in reception for students to leave textbooks when they sit their exams.



Finally, we would like to thank you for all your support over the years and take this opportunity to wish Year 11 every success in their examinations and in their next steps.

Yours sincerely

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Key dates for yours and your child's diary:

Date/Week commencing	Event
w/c 16 th May	Written exams start Year 11s move to late break and early lunch every day
w/c 30 th May	Half-Term
Monday 6 th June	All students following usual timetable
Tuesday 7 th June	Maths exam in morning. Study Leave starts for those students who don't study Geography after the morning exam
	Students who study Geography should stay on site, make their way to Sixth Form Centre and take part in a revision lesson Period 3
Thursday 23 rd June	Written exams end but bear in mind the contingency day
Wednesday 29 th June	Exam contingency day – Candidates must remain available until Wednesday 29 June 2022 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.
By end of June	Return all books on loan to ILC
Monday 4 th & Tuesday 5 th July	6 th Form Induction Days 8.30am start in Trinity Hall
Tuesday 5 th July	Year 11 Parents/Carers Sixth Form Information Evening 6.30pm in Trinity Hall
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 11 Ball at Cumberwell Park Golf Club 7pm for 7.30pm. Ends at 11pm
Thursday 25 th August	GCSE exam results Sent via school email at 8am Exams surgery with Mr Blowers and Mrs Chatfield via MS Teams from 10.00am-2.00pm – appointments to be booked through SchoolCloud