



Week Commencing 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Headteacher's Update

Dear All

It was an absolute delight to once again sit in the Wiltshire Music Centre and watch the performance of Matilda this week. To finally start feeling a sense of normality but more importantly, share the opportunity for students to show their gifts and talents was joyous.

What was also a real highlight for the school this week was the arrival to our community of a number of Ukrainian students and we hope they feel welcome. I know you will want us to support them as much as possible and I am also aware of events in the town to support the wider community.

Written exams begin in earnest this coming week and I have written to all parents of Year 11 and 13 students to be mindful of their children at this pressured time. We obviously want all students to do as well as possible but when they have been through so much, we want them to also know if they need to talk to anyone or are feeling over stretched, they only need to ask

Mr Farrer

### **Collective Worship: Term 5 Theme - Advocacy**

God, please help us, whether we have faith,  
or no faith, to....

Imagine a world where we take responsibility, not  
only for our own actions, but the actions of the world.

May we learn to take a stand against the issues we feel  
passionate about.

We hope to live in a society where we make attempts to  
adapt our behaviour for the better.

We are grateful for the opportunities to fight for social  
change.

We hope that people will be willing and able to speak out  
against social issues.

WEEK A	CALENDAR
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y11 Pre-exam Briefing (Philosophy &amp; Ethics); 8:30am – 9:00am</li> <li>• Y11 Pre-exam Briefing (Drama); from 3:15pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y10 French Speaking Exams; all day</li> <li>• Y9 Black Rock Briefing; 8:35am – 9:05am</li> </ul>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y11 Pre-exam Briefing (English); 8:30am – 9:00am</li> <li>• Y10 German Speaking Exams – all day</li> <li>• Y11 Pre-exam Briefing (Drama); from 3:15pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Y5 Open Morning Tours; 9:00am – 9:45am (by appointment, see website)</b></li> <li>• Y10 Music Exam – morning</li> <li>• Y12 Music Exam - afternoon</li> <li>• Y10 Holburne Museum; 12:30pm – 4:00pm</li> <li>• Y8 – Y10 Cricket Tournament; Marlborough; - 1:20pm – 6:00pm</li> <li>• Y11 Pre-exam Briefing (Maths); from 3:15pm</li> </ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Racing to School” Trip; Bath Racecourse – all day</li> <li>• Y10 French Speaking Exam – all day (LBR)</li> </ul>

Dear Parents / carers,

### Chance to Dance Showcase

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the Chance to Dance showcase, the timings and absences have meant that the show would be missing a number of students and staff. We apologise for this; however, we are hoping once exam season is over that we can return bigger and better! Miss Eyles will be in touch to arrange another date.

Kind regards

Ms L Lumb

Director of Finance and Operations

### From Mrs Martin – Medical Administrator

As it is now **hay fever season**, and it affects so many of us, I would like to bring your attention to the information provided from Allergy UK, it has some good tips and information on how to manage the symptoms.

[Allergic-rhinitis-leaflet-v1-draft-2-min.pdf \(allergyuk.org\)](#)

[Hay fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Can I also remind you that if your child medicates for hay fever, they remember to self-administer it before coming to school.

Thank You, Mrs Martin

## From: Mrs Howsam – Outdoor Education Organiser

### Year 9 Black Rock Trip - notices

- **Kit list** for this trip can be found here: [Outdoor Education | St Laurence School \(st-laurence.com\)](https://www.st-laurence.com/outdoor-education)
- **Reminder:** the deadline for final payment for this trip was **22<sup>nd</sup> April**. Please can any outstanding balances be made via ParentPay as soon as possible.
- **Briefings** for students participating in this trip will be held week commencing **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May** with final details and reminders.
- **A letter** with the final information will be emailed to parents before the end of term.

## From: Mrs Nash – Head of Drama

Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported the junior production of Matilda this week. It's been at least 2 and a half years since any of us put on a performance in a theatre and it was joyful to finally be able to experience it again after so long.

The fact that the school community turned out in force was appreciated by staff, cast and crew alike.

We look forward to seeing you at the next performance!



## From: Mrs Kilminster – Learning Mentor

This week we held a Cake sale in aid of the William's Syndrome Foundation, a rare developmental disorder.

One of our Y11 students, Amy Cottle, has Williams Syndrome and, as it's her last year at St Laurence, we thought it would be nice to raise awareness and funds for their annual "Share Your Heart" campaign.

I would just like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the students and staff who ate, baked & donated at the cake sale:

We raised a whopping total of **£240!**

This is a fantastic way to mark Amy's final year with us at St Laurence, we are immensely proud & grateful to you all.



Amy Cottle manning the cake sale – nearly all of the cakes were sold on the day, with the remainder being bought up the following day. The selection included Chocolate cakes; fairy cakes; flapjacks and Welsh Cakes



## **Sports News**

Our Year 7 and 8 swimmers represented St Laurence at the Wiltshire School Games Swimming Gala on Wednesday 11th May.

Not only were they amazing sporting ambassadors for the school but they finished in first place out of 12 schools from across Wiltshire and are now County Champions!

This was the first time St Laurence has entered the event – not a bad start!

Please do congratulate the students if you teach/know them:

Year 8:

Will Smith, Alex Smith, Lilou Gagneux, Isabelle Macey, Tully Foley,

Year 7:

Drew Southan, Harry Woodford, Alice Thomas, Sam Dowding, Wren Jones, Edie Norton, Marcus Anderson



The winning Team, pictured here with Paralympic Gold Medallist Stephanie Millward

## **Cricket**

Our under 15 Squad will be competing in the Hardball Cricket Quarter Finals at Marlborough College on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Good luck U15 Squad

The PE Team are running the following after school clubs in Terms 5 & 6 and would love more students to join in.

The clubs are free of charge to St Laurence students and you can find out more information on how to sign them up here: [After School | St Laurence School \(st-laurence.com\)](https://www.st-laurence.com/after-school)

Term 5 and 6 PE Clubs		
Day	Club	Location
Monday	KS3 Boys' Cricket	Field
Tuesday	Girls' Cricket Athletics (all years)	Field Meet in the gym
Wednesday	Tennis (all years)	Astro
Thursday	Rounders (boys and girls) all years Girls' Rugby Baseball	Field Field Field

### Letter sent on behalf of the School Aged Immunisation Team

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your **Year 9** child is now due the routine vaccinations Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY), these will be delivered by the School Aged Immunisation Team of Nurses, at your child's school on **13th July 2022**.

**For more information** and to enable your child to receive these important vaccines it is **essential** that you complete the online consent following the link below.

If you **do not** want your child to receive the vaccines then please also complete a form stating that you do not want them to receive the vaccine, this will ensure it is recorded on your child's record and you will not receive any direct follow up from our team.

<https://schoolimms.hrcgcaregroup.com/dtp/2021/wilts>

The link for the consent for your child's school will close at mid-night on **6th July 2022** - this is to ensure safe and efficient planning of the session therefore please ensure it is completed before this time to avoid disappointment.

If the link is not working for you:

- Try to copy and paste it into your internet address bar.
- If it continues not to work **or** you are experiencing any other problems, please contact our designated team on **0300 247 0082** for support.

Thank you, School Aged Immunisation Team

**Reporting a Student Absence: 01225 309501 or Email: [attendance@st-laurence.com](mailto:attendance@st-laurence.com)**