

# Parent / Carer Bulletin



Week Commencing 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Headteacher's Update

Dear All

After a short week, we are now approaching that time when Year 13 students will be leaving us, their last official teaching day being Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> with a final assembly on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

I would like in this bulletin to offer my sincerest best wishes to all in Year 13, for the examinations ahead, the summer results and for their bright futures in September and beyond whatever they are planning to do.

This was the year that got hit by the pandemic so did not sit their GCSEs, the year group that then had their year 12 impacted by a further lockdown (and change of headteacher) and then the year group who will be sitting the first exams in three years. At the age of 17 or 18 and having survived all of that, I have high hopes for these young people as they make their way in the world.

It would be wrong to dilute this message by referring to any other items but please do read through the bulletin

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 B	CALENDAR
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCSE &amp; A Level Exams begin</li> <li>• Y10 Practical Exams begin</li> <li>• Y12 Internal Summer Practical Exams begin</li> <li>• Matilda Dress Rehearsals; Wiltshire Music Centre; 9:05am – 3:00pm</li> <li>• Y9 Online Workshop (Holocaust Centre)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y10 Food Practical Exam; 9:05am – 3:00pm</li> <li>• Y10 DT/Textiles Practical Exam; 10:05am – 3:00pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Level Revision Webinars; 3:30pm – 4:30pm</li> <li>• Matilda Rehearsals; Wiltshire Music Centre; 9:05am – 3:00pm</li> <li>• Y10 Food Practical Exam; 9:05am – 3:00pm</li> <li>• Y9 Online Holocaust Centre Workshop – Lecture Theatre; 9:30am – 1:00pm</li> <li>• Matilda Performance; Wiltshire Music Centre 7:30pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y12 French Speaking Exams; 8:35am – 3:00pm</li> <li>• Y9 Reports issued</li> </ul>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y12 German Speaking Exams 8:35am – 11:30am</li> <li>• Y10 Practical Exams end</li> <li>• Y12 Internal Summer Practical Exams end</li> <li>• Y13 Students Last Day</li> </ul>

**From: Mrs Grubb – Attendance Officer**

**Truancy Calls**

If a student is absent from school, and we have not been notified of the reason for the absence, we use a telephone calling system, called **Truancy Call**, to contact you.

Truancy Calls are an automated message asking you to return our call. Please respond to the call as soon as possible as you will continue to receive the calls throughout the day, up until 6pm, if left unanswered.

**Please note:**

**With immediate effect the Truancy Calls will come from a new number: 07745 102651**

**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 \(st-laurence.com\)](#)
- **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 Favali - Teacher of  
Psychology/RE**



A reminder - the planned virtual workshop with the National Holocaust Centre, postponed from January will take place as follows:

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Learning Groups 1-4**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Learning Groups 5-8**

The sessions will run from 9:30am - 1:00pm (break and lunch will be as normal) in the Lecture Theatre.

**From: Mr Blowers – Director of Sixth Form**

**Sixth Form Key Messages:**

**Year 13s Leaving:**

- **Year 13s final teaching day in school will be Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**
- Students wishing to say goodbye to key staff should do this before this date please
- All Year 13s should ensure all relevant books and equipment have been returned before this date

**Final Assembly – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

The theme chosen for optional dress up this year by Year 13 is “**British Icons & Celebrities**” and students are invited to dress up if you wish to. Please ensure that this is appropriate. If you are unsure, do ask a member of the Sixth Form Team.

- Year 13s will be coming to the Restaurant for a breakfast provided by the school at **9am**
- **From 9.30-10.30am we will be running a final Assembly in the Wiltshire Music Centre**
- Any teaching staff that would like to come and watch this are more than welcome

**Students have been briefed that they will leave Site directly at the end of the Assembly.**

**Year 12 Huntingdon Charity – The Amber Foundation**

Well done to Sam Hirsch & Sam Allen – Huntingdon Student Heads of House who organised a draw for the Amber Foundation. They successfully raised over £100 which will go to support this charity

Congratulations to our five winners who all received an Amazon voucher:

Elliott Ensom    Oliver Felstead    Lydia Rowe  
Kitty Taylor     Ben Machin

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

## **From: Mrs Nash – Head of Drama**

The postponed and long anticipated junior production of 'Matilda' finally takes place on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm in the Wiltshire Music Centre.

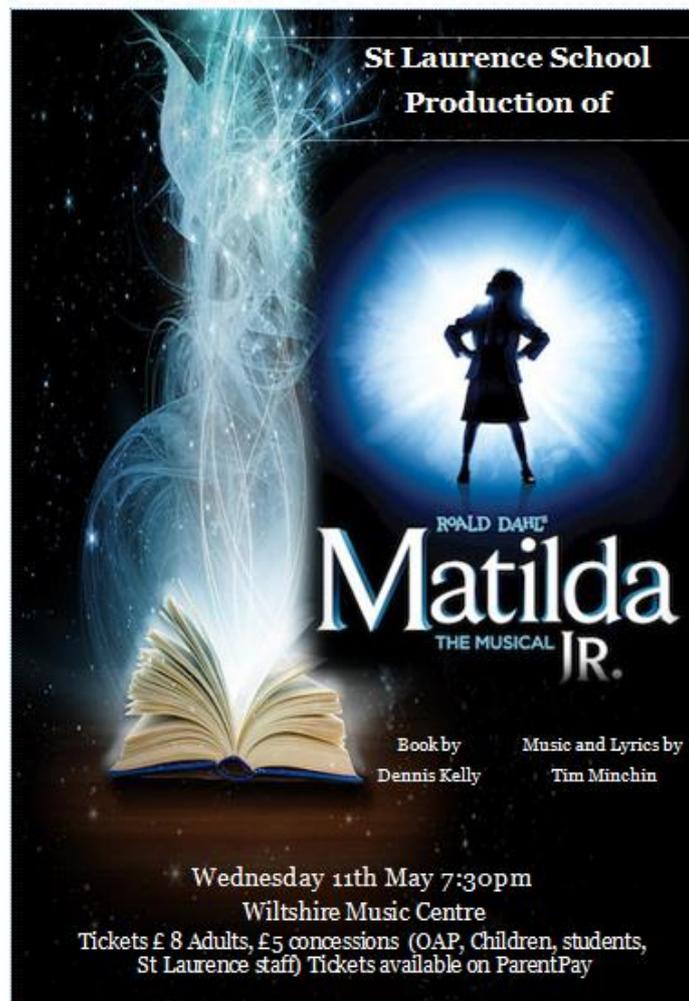
40 students in Years 7/8 (and 1 Year 10!) have been working hard to bring you a fabulous performance suitable for all the family. If you already bought tickets these will be valid but, if you have yet to secure seats, then the last few are available to purchase through ParentPay. No physical tickets will be given out - there will be a list of ticket holders on the door.

Tickets are £8 for adults and £5 for concessions - which includes staff, students, school aged children and OAPS. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Summer Production**

Anyone in Years 7-13 interested in taking part in the summer production should email Mrs Nash ([catnas@st-laurence.com](mailto:catnas@st-laurence.com)) asap.

A decision about what we do will be made once we know who wants to be involved.



## **From: Mrs Metcalfe – Head of Art & Design**

Our very talented Art & Design students have produced amazing work in the following categories:

- Year 10 – Lino Prints
- Year 12 Photography – Architecture Photomontage
- Year 12 Photography – Family
- Year 13 – Oil Painting

Visit our blog: [Art and Design – St Laurence School Showcase \(st-laurence.com\)](http://st-laurence.com) to see their incredible achievements in their use of different mediums and let us know which are your favourites by emailing [marketing@st-laurence.com](mailto:marketing@st-laurence.com)



Image from the Year 12 Photography – Architecture Photomontage.

See the blog for details of the inspiration behind the Photomontages produced by Year 12 students.

This will eventually be brought to life by being turned into a 3D paper sculpture.



The **Bradford on Avon Foodbank**, a local charity affiliated to [Trussell Trust](#), has asked us to remind our parents and carers of their service to support families who may in short term need of help after finding themselves in difficult circumstances.

To access the service, please visit their website [Get Help | Bradford on Avon Foodbank](#) where you will find all the information needed to request three day's supply of store cupboard provisions.

On a temporary basis only, the foodbank is waiving the usual referral processes and you only need to let them know that you have been referred by St Laurence School.

## BRILLIANT FOOTBALL COACHING OPPORTUNITY!



**Bradford Town Youth Football Club** in Bradford-on-Avon has a great youth training scheme. Sadly, the Under 6/7 squad is about to fold due to a lack of coach. This will leave them with no opportunity to train or progress with any football in the town - a massive shame!

**YOU can save them!**

**What are the benefits?**

There is **full funding** for coaching training courses, kit and other benefits. They're a fantastic and infectious group of kids!

If you, or you know of anyone, who might be interested in taking on this great opportunity, please get in touch. Minimum age requirement is **18 years old**.

Contact details:

Kath Field, Secretary, Email: [secretary@btyfc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@btyfc.org.uk)

Bradford Town Youth Football Club: <http://btyfc.org.uk>



**Bradford Town Youth FC**

**REMINDER:**

The following event is being run to welcome, and show support to, several Ukrainian families to Bradford on Avon:

