

Parent / Carer Bulletin



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Week Commencing 11th July 2022

Headteacher's Update

Dear all

What a week!

Politics aside, we had the Y12 evening, the Y11 Prom and the Y6 Evening as well as sports day prep, rehearsals and a visit from an MP on Friday. I think they also had had quite a week but it was excellent to be able to share some of what we do with her.

It is now less than a fortnight until we finish for the academic year but lessons are still in full swing. It is apparently getting hotter, so please ensure students have water and sun cream

Mr Farrer
Headteacher

Collective Worship: Term 6 Theme - Sustainability

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

Gain the wisdom to care for the earth.
Help us to act now for the good of future generations.
Help us to become instruments of a new sustainable way of living.
May we see sustainability as a realistic goal within our community.
We hope that all the acts of kindness continue into the future.
Let us create real and long-lasting change for all our community.

In this week's Bulletin

- Volunteer for an amazing charity....and get a free breakfast bap as a thank you
- Careers Team value you input – please complete their short survey
- Students showcase their modern take on Pop Art
- How to book your ticket for the **Summer Festival of Music and Drama**
- Information from Price & Buckland, uniform suppliers

And lots more.....

WEEK B	CALENDAR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 11th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorm Rehearsals – all day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 12th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10 Siemens Autonomous Vehicle Challenge (STEM); Trinity Hall – all day Book Swap Day Y10 Summer Showcase; Bath Dance College - 10:00am – 3:00pm AEN Celebration Evening; Trinity Hall – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 13th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9 Vaccinations Summer Festival Rehearsal – 9:05am – 3:00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 14th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 Reports Issued Summer Production Rehearsal; Trinity Hall; 3:15pm – 4:15pm Y6 Parents Evening, Trinity Hall – 6:30pm – 8:00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 15th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Day – starts at 11:00am Y12 End of Year Picnic – starts at 3:00pm

From: Mrs Barber – Assistant Headteacher/Online Safety Lead

Volunteering Opportunity

Shine Bright Support, a local charity that supports the mental health of children diagnosed with cancer, and their families (Ashley House’s House Charity) is looking for volunteers for the Nose to Trail family fun race at Hartley Farm in Winsley on **Sunday 24th July**.

Volunteers need to make themselves available at Hartley Farm from 8.30am until approximately 2pm. Volunteers can expect to take on different roles from supervision of the bouncy castle, serving food and drink and marshalling the route. In the past, volunteering has led to a part time job at the farm.

Volunteers will be given a Hartley Farm breakfast bap and a hot drink, as well as free merchandise from Shine Bright Support to say thank you.

Volunteers are invited to wear yellow on the day to ‘SHINE BRIGHT’ but this is not essential!

Volunteering will not only give students a warm and fuzzy feeling inside, but students will be representing the school within the community and this will look excellent on any job, college or university application.

The event can’t happen without you! If parents would also like to volunteer – you are more than welcome!

To volunteer, please let Mrs Barber know asap – laubar@st-laurence.com

Reporting a Student Absence: 01225 309501 or Email: attendance@st-laurence.com

In Careers this week:

...we are looking to move our Careers Programme forward next year and would very much like to hear your thoughts and to have your input for delivering a programme which supports your child in whichever path they choose after leaving Year 11.

We would be very grateful if you could please complete the attached survey which will be open until Thursday 14th July.

<https://forms.office.com/r/BxD3maVck7>

Thank you in advance, Mrs Woodley and Ms Smith

From: Mr Chadwick - Director of English

Dear parents and carers of Y10 students

Students currently in Y10 have been asked to source a copy of Macbeth, by William Shakespeare, for English Literature in time for the start of Term 1 this September.

Details of this have been put on Class Charts for students, including information about different versions that are available.

Some students have already done this, and thanks to parents for your support here.

Students may wish to have a revision guide too - again, details of this are on students' Class Charts homework timeline.

If the school usually buys students a copy of English Literature texts, for example if they are identified as Pupil Premium, these have already been ordered, and will be given out in September.

If your child has not yet got a copy of Macbeth, we would appreciate it if parents could source one for them as soon as possible, so that all students have their own copy by the start of next academic year.

Thank you. St Laurence English Department

From: Mrs Metcalfe – Head of Art



Y9 students have been learning about the Pop Art Movement, which has its origins in the mid to late 1950's in both America and the UK.

Check out their interpretations of this iconic art form on our blog:

<https://showcase.st-laurence.com/category/art-and-design/>

From: Mrs Nash – Head of Drama

Summer Festival of Music and Drama

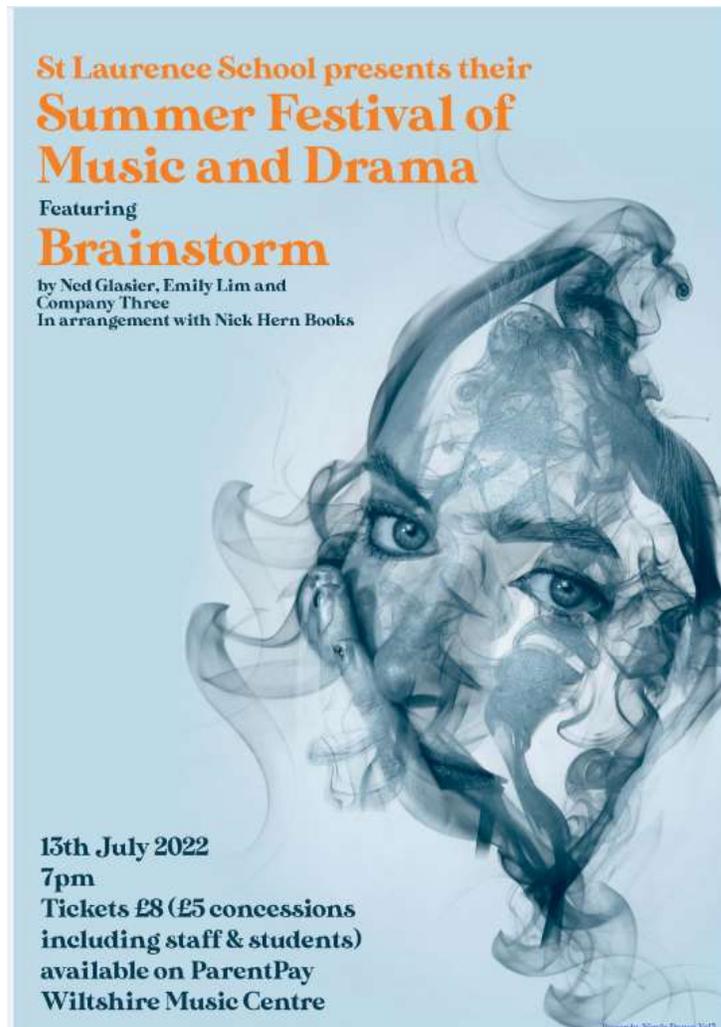
You are warmly invited to our **Summer Festival of Music and Drama at the Wiltshire Music Centre** on Wednesday 13th July.

Tickets are available on **ParentPay** for this extravaganza of entertainment including choirs, soloists, string ensembles, percussion groups and featuring the semi devised play '**Brainstorm**'.

The evening starts at 7:00pm where you will have a chance to enjoy a drink while you visit various locations in the Wiltshire Music Centre to listen to a variety of music before the play begins.

'**Brainstorm**' is a unique exploration into how a teenager's brain works put together by a company of students from across the year groups. Please do join us for what promises to be a very special evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Nash (Head of Drama) & Miss Hancock (Head of Music)



From: Mr Croft – Head of Physics

Y10 Visit to Hinkley Point C

Last Tuesday, Y10 students visited the Hinkley Point C building of the Nuclear Reactor.

This was a great day, where students got hands-on in running a mock National Grid and keeping the country running with zero carbon power – nuclear and renewables.

We learnt about the sheer size of the project in terms of the money and jobs coming into the South West as a result of this project. Apart from the 6000 jobs currently in the construction phase, there will be many jobs and apprenticeships available for our students when the nuclear plant is running.

Hinkley Point C is the largest construction site in Europe and has a small forest of over 100 cranes beavering away - dwarfed only by the World's largest crane standing at 250m and able to lift 5000 tonnes!

Later the students toured the site and saw the building and the technology involved, including the purpose-built jetty used to bring in the vast amount of building materials needed including a recent non-stop 'concrete pour' lasting 78 hours.

A fab day out and thanks for the support from Mrs Pritchard and Mr Brown.





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BOOK SWAP

Tuesday 12th July – break and lunch
Under the DT canopy

Got a great book you'd like to pass on?
Looking for a holiday read?
Join the school Book Swap.

It's free to swap so help your shelf and come along!

Here's how it works:

Drop off quality
books in English
lessons or under
the DT canopy
before school
28 June – 8 July

Each book = a
ticket for a free
swap plus silver
reward points

Come to the
swap event on
12 July and
exchange your
ticket for a book
of your choice



St Laurence School

Uniform & PE Kit Information



Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to share with you details of Uniform and PE Kit for St Laurence School. Our online service is secure, and orders can be placed quickly and safely, direct with us at Price & Buckland.

School Uniform Information

All the information you need, including our online sizing video, can be found on the St Laurence website: [School Uniform | St Laurence School \(st-laurence.com\)](https://www.st-laurence.com/School-Uniform)

Ordering Process

The online ordering service allows you to view and order uniform 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Orders are usually dispatched to a personal address within 5 working days – although this can take longer during our busier months (June – September).

To ensure delivery in time for the start of term we strongly advise that you place your orders by the 1st August 2022.

There is Free Delivery on orders over £70.00 from 7th July up to and including 18th July

FREE Returns

To help parents during these difficult times, we are offering free returns on all orders. Please return your order within 14 days and use this link to return any items:
<http://www.royalmail.com/track-my-return/create/2864>

We hope you find the service both easy and convenient to use.

Many thanks

The Price and Buckland Team

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Wiltshire
Community
Foundation

AGED 14 - 24 AND NEED HELP WITH THE COST OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING?

Wiltshire Community Foundation is now open for applications for grants to help with the costs of a vocational training course, qualification or apprenticeship. You can apply for a grant if you:

- are under 25 at the time of application
- will be studying at school, college, sixth form or undertaking an apprenticeship
- have lived in Wiltshire or Swindon for at least two years
- your parents or guardians receive one means-tested benefit



What can you apply for a grant for?

- resources or equipment needed for your course, training or qualification
- course related study/field trips
- travel costs – in some circumstances
- IT equipment



Contact us for more information
www.wiltshirecf.org.uk
01380 729284
info@wiltshirecf.org.uk

Registered charity no. 1123126



Chance

to

Dance

Venue: Wiltshire Music Centre

When: Wednesday 20th of July 2022

Time: 7pm - 9:30pm (approx. end time)

Tickets

£8 adults, £5 concessions and students

Parent pay to purchase tickets

From: Mr Blowers – Director of Sixth Form

Year 13 Prom – Cumberwell Park – Thursday 30th June

We were delighted to send off this wonderful Year 13 group in style. After three years in the wilderness, and no Year 11 Prom, it was fantastic to be able to run this event and reward them for all their hard work and endeavour. The clouds and rain held off long enough to take some photos as the students arrived in all their finery: Classic cars, golf buggies and even by horseback!

Students were met with a Buck's Fizz reception and canapes. As they settled in they were entertained by Damien – a masterful magician who wowed us all with his tricks. Then they took to the dance floor and I have to say, went pretty hard all night. We even had the opportunity to dance our choreographed routine to "Blinded by the Lights" as the whole year group came together to show off their moves.

All in all, it was the perfect night. The venue was amazing, and thanks to all the Year 13 students who joined me that day in decorating it all – it looked magnificent.

We wish this group all the very best and hope that they can take some time out this summer to relax before results on the 18th August. You have been an amazing group, certainly a hard act to follow, and we will miss you.

All the very best, Aidan Blowers – Director of 6th Form





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 be in need of help during the summer holidays.

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.

Deliveries will be made by volunteers at The Hub from Friday 15th July.



SHARE Repair CIO reg no. 1189015

Bradford on Avon's Repair Cafe

**Saturday 16th July
1045 - 1315**

**Bring your broken stuff:
Mend it, don't end it!**

Around the back of our new larger premises at
The Masonic Hall ~ Wallington Hall
Church Street, Bradford on Avon

**Sewing, Electrical Repairs,
Knife Sharpening
& General Household / Garden Items**

Refreshments available

Repairs are free, but please give a donation to cover costs. Repairs are limited to 2 items per person due to high demand

General enquires: boa@shareandrepair.org.uk

For specific questions about what can be repaired phone: 07963 878319



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FOR ADULTS AND JUNIORS (AGED 12YRS+)
FOR ALL ABILITY LEVELS

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