



Parent / Carer Bulletin

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Week Commencing 4th July 2022

Headteacher's Update

Dear all

A lovely week celebrating more achievements in and out of school and well done to all those who are taking part in clubs, groups and activities. Some of note include students performing roles in the Bradfordian's production of Macbeth in the Tythe Barn this week, those who have been supporting year 5 students on their cluster day here and more sporting successes across a number of year groups.

Well done also to Year 9 who have completed their first set of examinations at the school. This will have been a challenge for them and I hope that the results reflect their hard work.

Last week saw the Year 13 Prom with the Year 11 Prom taking place this Wednesday. It is always lovely to be able to celebrate the time students have spent at the school but is also always a sad time as we know some will move on to different paths.

We wish everyone the very best of luck and please remember we are always here if you need us

Mr Farrer

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.

WEEK A	CALENDAR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 4th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold DofE, Brecon Beacons – from 7:30am Y12 Induction Day 1 – 8:35am – 3:00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 5th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold DofE – returns at 6:00pm Y12 Induction Day 2 – 8:35am – 4:00pm Y10 Primary School Games; Dauntsey’s School – 8:30am – 1:30pm Y12 Parents/Carers Induction Evening – 6:30pm – 7:30pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 6th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 Super 8 Athletics, Dauntsey’s School – 9:05am – 3:00pm Y8 L3 School Games Final, Dauntsey’s School – 8:30am – 3:30pm Bugsy Malone Trip, Theatre Royal Bath – 6:30pm – 10:15pm Y11 Ball, Cumberwell Park – 7:00pm – 11:00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 7th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 Reports Issued Summer Production Rehearsal; Trinity Hall; 3:15pm – 4:15pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 8th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10 Trip, Cadbury World, 8:30am – 5:30pm Summer Production Rehearsal; Trinity Hall; 3:15pm – 4:15pm

From: School Aged Immunisation Team

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Vaccinations for Yr9 MenACWY & Diphtheria, tetanus & polio are due on **Wednesday 13th July 2022**.

If you wish your child to be vaccinated and have not yet advised us of your consent then please do so using the following link: <https://schoolimms.hcracaregroup.com/dtp/2021/wilts>

Vaccinations for HPV - Human papillomavirus “catch up sessions” Yr9 & 10 are taking place on **Wednesday 6th July 2022**.

You will not be able to give consent on the day as the link will be closed. Staff at St Laurence School are not able to offer additional advice on this so please call our designated team on **0300 247 0082** for support.

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

From: Ms Browne – Teacher of English

St Laurence Book Swap 12th July

Does your child have a great book they have already read? Would they like a quality new book for free?

All students are invited to participate in the **St Laurence Book Swap** on Tuesday 12th July.

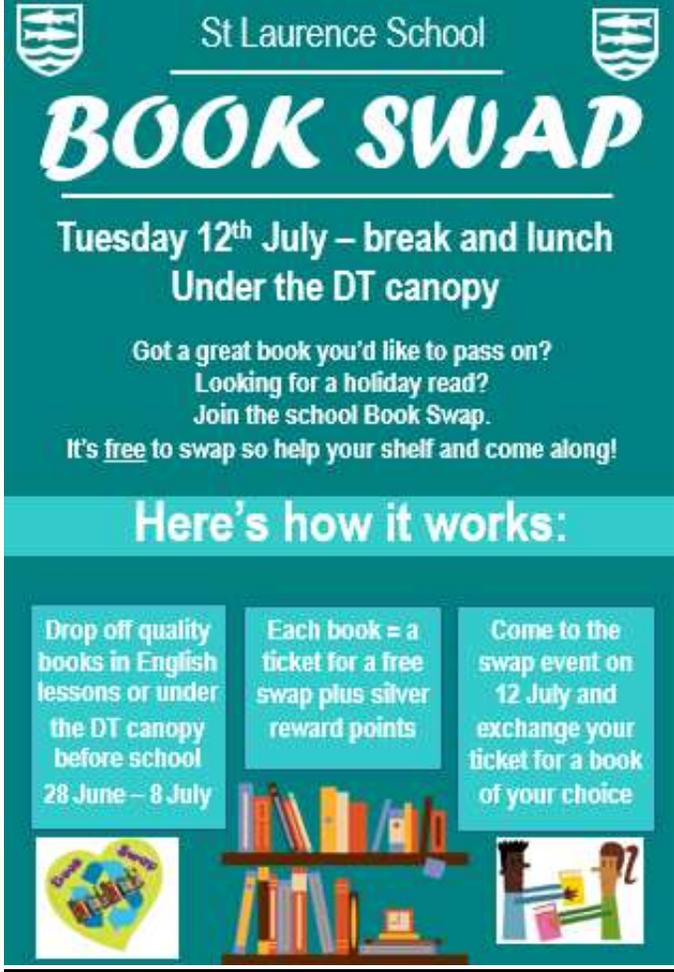
How it works

- **From 28th June – 8th July** students can bring in good quality books to swap. Books must be in good condition and suitable for 11-18 age range. Students can swap fiction or non-fiction. They will be issued with a Book Swap ticket. Each book = a free swap.
- On **12th July** students can exchange their ticket for a new book from the selection of pre-loved books which have been donated. The ILC will kindly supplement the choice of books available.

Book Criteria

- Swap something you would be happy to receive
- No dog-eared, torn or otherwise damaged books
- No workbooks or other books with writing in

Any questions, please contact heabro@st-Laurence.com



The poster is for St Laurence School's Book Swap event. It features the school's crest on either side of the title 'St Laurence School' at the top. Below the title, 'BOOK SWAP' is written in large, bold, white letters. The event date and time are 'Tuesday 12th July – break and lunch' and the location is 'Under the DT canopy'. The text asks if the reader has a great book to pass on or is looking for a holiday read, and encourages joining the school Book Swap. It states that it's free to swap and to help their shelf. A section titled 'Here's how it works:' is divided into three columns: 1. Drop off quality books in English lessons or under the DT canopy before school (28 June – 8 July). 2. Each book = a ticket for a free swap plus silver reward points. 3. Come to the swap event on 12 July and exchange your ticket for a book of your choice. At the bottom, there are three illustrations: a heart with 'Book Swap' and a globe, a bookshelf, and two children exchanging books.

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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:

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From: Mrs Barber – Assistant Headteacher/Online Safety Lead

I regularly receive updates from an Online Safety expert and consultant and this particular article is definitely worth sharing due to the number of our school community using this platform.

As he states, there are a lot of positives about TikTok; it allows content creators to have fun and communicate with followers and there is also lots of educational and professional content. However, as with all forms of social media, there is a dark side. Students are educated in school about this, but as parents, I think it is important for me to highlight these risks and dangers to you so that you can support your child to navigate this platform safely and to not be tempted to create content which creates a safeguarding risk to them or their friends.

Some of the content he reports he saw on TikTok reaffirms for me the importance of our new mobile device policy and we are continuing to be pleased with, and appreciative of, the support and cooperation of the overwhelming majority of our school community.

TikTok

A few days ago, I spent a rather disturbing half-an-hour on TikTok. I had heard of professionals using TikTok to help raise awareness of various topics, like psychologist Dr Julie Smith who quickly became a TikTok star posting her mental health tips.

Wow! Clicking in to TikTok Live was worse than I had thought it would be. Some videos showed the windscreen view of traffic whilst drivers livestreamed their commute. Loads of videos showed women and girls putting on their make-up. So far, so boring (at least to me).

Then there were a number of video streams that I think should concern us from a safeguarding perspective. Livestreams from the school bus, school playgrounds and even from tutor time in classrooms. There was even a group of primary aged boys trying to out swear each other while they waited for the bell. Although some of our online harm messages had got through to the youngsters, as their phone pointed downwards, to show four pairs of shoes.

Needless to say, it won't be a platform I'll be using any time soon.

Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok (Commonsense Media)

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

TikTok app safety – What parents need to know (Internet Matters)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

From: Mrs Nash – Head of Drama

Summer Festival

The Music and Drama departments are busy preparing for their 'Summer Festival' - a varied evening of dramatic and musical performances featuring over 100 students from all year groups.

This takes place on **Wednesday 13th July** starting at 7pm in the Wiltshire Music Centre and tickets are now available to purchase on ParentPay, priced £8 for adults and £5 for concessions (including St Laurence staff and students).

Please do join us for this exciting event to celebrate our amazing musicians and performers.

Visit by The Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP



On Friday 8th July, Michelle Donelan MP will be visiting the school to meet with all of our students from Years 7 and 12.

Michelle will be outlining the role of an MP following which students will have the opportunity to ask her any questions they may have.

We look forward to welcoming Michelle to St Laurence School.

Michelle Donelan, Conservative MP for Chippenham



Chance

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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

In Careers this week:

Students visit the St Laurence School Careers Fair



Our successful Careers Fair was held on Thursday 30th June.

Around 20 local and national employers were represented, including the Army, RAF, Wiltshire Police and the NHS, as well as providers of Apprenticeships including Center Parcs; Magnox and Systemagic Wiltshire College; Wiltshire Council and Bath College.

We were proud to receive some wonderful feedback from our visitors, who were all impressed with our student engagement and interest in a range of post-secondary school education careers in Arboriculture (Westonbirt Arboretum), Engineering (AB Dynamics; Cross), Manufacturing (Steve Vick), IT Support (Systemagic) and lots more.

It was a great day enjoyed by all.



Practising surgical techniques at the NHS stand



The exhibitor from Steve Vick joined them as an Engineering Apprentice and is now permanently employed there



From: Mr Blowers – Director of Sixth Form

Year 11 students applying for Sixth Form – New Year 12 Induction Days: Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th July

We are really excited to invite our new Year 12 (current 11's) for our New Year 12 Induction Days.

Students will:

- Take part in a range of team building and development activities and attend lessons in their chosen subjects
- Receive their Summer Work - designed to prepare them further for A Level study
- Finally, learn more about Sixth Form life and our expectations

Students are asked to confirm their attendance via the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/f1w3BawBUV>

Key points:

Equipment: Students should come ready to learn. They will need all the usual resources that they would have on a typical school day.

Dress Code: Students should be dressed appropriately in line with our current Dress Code which can be found here: [6.-Sixth-Form-Dress-Code.pdf \(st-laurence.com\)](#)

Lunch: Students may bring their own lunch and drink for the day or choose to purchase lunch from our **cashless** school restaurant – students will need card/phone to pay.

Parents/Carers - New Year 12 Presentation – Tuesday 5th July 6.30pm Trinity Hall

We extend a warm welcome to all parents/carers for this event. It is our expectation that we have full attendance in order to communicate a range of key information about St Laurence Sixth Form.

We ask that, where possible, just one parent/carer attends to maximise space and ventilation.

The presentation is a chance for me to clarify our entry requirements to Sixth Form and how this will work in the summer.

I will outline our expectations of the school-home partnership which is vital to student success in the Sixth Form.

Following COVID and the impact this has had on the A Level curriculum, new pressures that the students face and the fresh start to a new key stage, it is vital that I take this chance to discuss assessment, our simple expectations and to share key points about the two-year journey ahead of both parents/carers and students.

I look forward to meeting you at this event.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me: aidblo@st-laurence.com

Thank you, Mr Blowers

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

Rewards Day 2022 - No sun does not mean no fun!



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