

Parent / Carer Bulletin



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Week Commencing 7th November 2022

Headteacher's Update

Dear parent/carer

It has been lovely welcoming everyone back this week and I have had a chance to do this in person having been delivering Collective Worship all week. As I have said to every student, if anything happened over half term that we ought to know about, please do let us know.

Lots of events and activities taking place with our 6th Form Open Evening, the briefings for Black Rock for all of year 9, work experience briefings for year 10 as well as all the clubs.

Last term we offered 40 different clubs so please do encourage your child to take part.

Next Friday some students from school will be joining the other town schools for a Remembrance Service and laying our wreath; we will also be selling poppies in school, for a £1.00 donation, so please do encourage your child to wear one.

Mr Farrer

WEEK A	CALENDAR
Monday 7 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y11 GCSE Mock Written Exams Begin•
Tuesday 8 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STEM Week - Y8 AB Dynamics Workshop
Wednesday 9 th November	
Thursday 10 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y8 – Y10 Salisbury Playhouse Trip – 12:30pm – 6:00pm
Friday 11 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STEM Week - Y7 Code 4 Drones Workshop• Remembrance Service – BOA Memorial (selected students)

Collective Worship Term 2: Hope

Help us to find the reason to face the world with confidence.

May we be given opportunities to see the world as a place we can expect good things to happen.

We want to be able to develop our own knowledge and understanding of the positive stories in our community and around the world.

We know that if we embrace all the opportunities we are given, we will be able to look to the future with excitement.

May all of our actions and accomplishments be a sign that we can trust in the younger generation.

Let us see challenges as real opportunities for change and improvement.

From: Mrs Butterworth – Head of Psychology and Sociology

The next Social Science club will run on **Tuesday December 5th**, a special welcome will be given to Year 9 students who may be thinking about GCSE Sociology.

A reminder that the A level masterclass on brain dissection takes place on **Tuesday November 15th** in T7. Places have been offered to Year 13 Psychology students first. Reply slips must have been handed in to gain a space on this popular course.

From: Mrs Nash & Mrs Warren – Drama Department

Much Ado About Nothing at the Salisbury Playhouse

A trip to see the matinee performance of 'Much Ado About Nothing' at the Salisbury Playhouse on 10th November has been organised for cast members of 'As You Like It' and 'Tuesday'.

This trip will be an excellent opportunity for the Shakespeare School's Festival cast to see another play by the Bard and for the NT Connections cast to see the space they will be performing in next March.

Year 10 GCSE students will also be able to write about the play in their written exam and all students will be able to use their trip towards their Bronze Arts Award.

Letters have been emailed home so please check junk folders and ask Mrs Nash or Mrs Warren if you need a paper copy.

Slips must be returned and the trip must be paid for on ParentPay by Monday 7th November. Students in receipt of free school meals can contact the Finance Office for support.

From: Mr Morris – STEM Coordinator

Our exciting STEM events are happening next week:

Year 8

On **Tuesday 8th November** AB Dynamics are visiting St Laurence School to provide a workshop on self-driving and will bring one of their vehicles with them!

Year 7

On **Friday 11th November** code4drones are running a drone coding activity workshop.

Year 7 – 9

Students are also welcome to join our LEGO Robotics after school club each Thursday. Students will learn the key principles of design and improve coding skills, working towards the LEGO Robotics Challenge.

Please book a place through your School Cloud account:

[Links for Parents and Carers | St Laurence School \(st-laurence.com\)](https://st-laurence.com)

The image contains three promotional posters for STEM events at St Laurence School:

- CODE4DRONES:** A green poster for a Year 7 Activity Day on Friday 11th November. It features a photo of a teacher and two students with a drone. Text includes: "code4drones are bringing their workshop to St Laurence School. Learn about the principles of flight and code a drone to complete an assault course!" and "Book your one hour workshop! Please return the slip and pay via Parent Pay before half term." The logo "STEM at St Laurence" is at the bottom.
- AB Dynamics:** A blue poster for a Year 8 Activity Day on Tuesday 8th November. It features a photo of a self-driving car on a track. Text includes: "AB Dynamics are coming to St Laurence School to show their newest technology. Learn about self driving cars and see one in action!" and "Everyone is involved! This will take place during your timetabled lessons." The logo "STEM at St Laurence" and the CLIAA logo are at the bottom.
- EEP Robotics Challenge:** A purple poster for a STEM Club - LEGO Robotics (Years 7-9) event on Thursdays (3:15-4:15). It features a photo of a LEGO robot on a mat. Text includes: "Come along to M3 on Thursdays (3:15-4:15) and help design our entry for this year's LEGO Robotics challenge." and "Last year we won the South West robot design award and created the second fastest robot in the entire country! This year we want to do even better!" and "Learn the key principles of design and improve your coding skills when we help the robot complete the challenge mat." The logo "STEM at St Laurence" is at the bottom.

From: Mr Blowers, Director of 6th Form

Year 11 Moving Up Day & 6th Form Open Evening

On Thursday November 3rd we hosted our annual “Moving Up” Day for Year 11 with our 6th Form Open Evening and it was fantastic to be able to welcome our Year 11 students to the event.

On the day we had a carousel of four sessions where all our Year 11s heard about a range of options Post 16 including: 6th Form, Apprenticeships and College pathways. Particular thanks should go to Ms Woodley for organising this event.

In the evening we followed with our **6th Form Open evening**. We had a really well attended evening in a calm environment as Year 11 students visited the array of subjects on offer around the school site.

I would like to offer thanks to our subject staff and 6th Form students, who as ever showcased their subjects with knowledge and enthusiasm, illustrating why we attain such high results. Particular praise should go to the 6th Form students who supported the event, (we had over 40 in attendance). It was their passion and insight which really allowed Year 11 students to learn about the subjects on offer.

Applying to St Laurence 6th Form:

This year we are using a new electronic application form where students will need to create an account. This can be found on our school website in the **Latest News** column and on our 6th Form page at: **Join us – Applications to 6th Form**

A reminder to all Year 11s that we would like an application from the overwhelming majority of you. We want to be sure that you have a range of choices as you consider next steps.

Deadline for Applications: Friday 25th November 3pm

A reminder that it is well worth meeting this as subjects will be filled on a strictly first come first served basis.





In Careers this week...

Y11 Mock Interviews: Tuesday 13 December

Many thanks to those of you who have offered to support us with this. Further information will be coming out next week.

Class Charts Information

We have posted a lot of information on Class Charts this week including information about apprenticeships, opportunities for Y12 students to visit and stay at a university, and a part-time job offer in Bradford on Avon.

Please do check the announcements to see if any of this information is relevant for your child.

Making Justice Work

On Saturday 19 November, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner have organised Making Justice Work, an awareness event for young people in Swindon and Wiltshire who would like to learn about the variety of jobs within the Criminal Justice Sector.

There will be several different organisations attending ready to share information, answer any questions and give an insight into the work they do.

Further details can be found on Class Charts.

Year 10 Work Experience

This year's Work Experience programme was launched with our Year 10 students this week during briefings and students began understanding the importance of their personal brand in PSHE.

Information for parents and carers will also be available so that you are aware of what we discussed and are able to support your child in securing a placement.

Please do contact us if you would like further information or support.

Year 11 Moving Up

With many thanks to Mike Holliday from ASK apprenticeships and Rob Pickup from Bath College who, alongside Mr Blowers and our 6th form students, helped us to discuss with our Year 11 students their options for next year.

If there are any queries resulting from Thursday's sessions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us on the usual email address.

The Apprenticeship Guide

Please find below the link to the latest monthly newsletter:

<https://bbm-news.net/FOB-831N6-41E636925F01B255CJQB4B711B88CC51044B89/cr.aspx>

Email: careers@st-laurence.com

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

SPORTS NEWS:

Upcoming Sports Fixtures:

Tuesday 8th November

- Year 10 Netball Tournament at Melksham Oak - return to school by 6:15pm (approx.)

Wednesday 9th November

- Year 7 and Year 10 Rugby v Hardenhuish (away)
- Year 8 Rugby v Hardenhuish (home)

Thursday 10th November

- Year 9 Netball v Melksham Oak (away)
- Year 9 Rugby v Hardenhuish (home)
- Year 11 Rugby v Hardenhuish (away)

From: Mr Carter – Head of PE

I would like to say a **huge thank you** for everyone who sponsored me for the Richmond Marathon in Term 1.

I completed the event in 3 hours 30 minutes and 26 seconds.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the event and sent messages of support, it really helped me (especially during the last four miles!).

St Laurence School Christmas Fair – Wednesday 14th December



On Wednesday 14 December we are planning to host our inaugural Annual Christmas Fair.

The Fair will open between 1:00pm – 4:00pm with attendance as follows:

- KS3 students 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- KS4 students 2:00pm-3:00pm
- Parents, carers and visitors 3:00pm – 4:00pm

There will be carol singing, mince pies, our Christmas Tree and much more.

Further information will be in next week's Bulletin.

Year 9 Student Triumphs at the Biathle/Triathle World Championships

William Smith competed at the World Championships in Madeira during the holidays in his first year of taking part in the U15 category, winning **four** World Championship medals from three races:

- Bronze in Mixed Team Relay Triathle (Laser Gun Shooting; Swimming and Running)
- Bronze in Individual Triathle
- Team Gold in Triathle
- Team Silver in Biathle (Swimming and Running)

Well done William and good luck for next year!



All photographs courtesy of William's extremely proud dad

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Poppy Appeal 2022



**Students will be able to buy Poppies during
tutorial from Thursday 3rd November until
Friday 11th November.**

The suggested donation is £1 (cash only)

Thank you for your support

**FRIDAY 18TH
NOVEMBER
NON-SCHOOL
UNIFORM DAY MAKE
£1 DONATIONS ON
PARENTPAY**

**6TH
FORM
DRESS
CODE**





CIO reg no. 1189015

Bradford on Avon's Repair Cafe

**Saturday 19th November
1045 - 1300**

**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**



Restaurant Menu for Week Commencing Monday 7th November

SIDE DISHES: A seasonal selection of fresh vegetables and potatoes.
**Homemade soup of the day personalised with a selection of toppings.*
***Jackets available "naked" or "rubbed" with a choice of chilli oil, garlic oil or Indian spice.*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE				
Cumberland Sausages and Mash Sausages with Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables	Chilli Con Carne With Rice and Seasonal Vegetables	Hand Carved Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables Homemade Gravy	Homemade Beef Burger A seasoned Beef Pattie served with Homemade Baked Wedges and Salad	Crispy Baked Fillet of Fish Flaky Fish Fillet served with Oven Baked Fries and Baked Beans
MAIN COURSE (MEAT FREE)				
Vegetarian Sausage and Mash With Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Chilli con Carne With Rice and Seasonal Vegetables	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese e With Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Burger A seasoned Vegetable Burger served with Home Baked Wedges & Salad	Cheese & Tomato Tart Cheese & Tomato Baked in a Crunchy Shortcrust Pastry Case & Tossed Salad
TUBS & BOWLS				
Meatball Pasta Pot Pasta in a Tomato sauce served with Spicy Italian Meatballs	Chicken or Vegetable Noshi Noodles	Tomato & Basil Pasta Pot Pasta Spirals Bound in a Rich Tomato Sauce with Torn Fresh Basil Leaves	BBQ Chicken Pasta Pot Chicken in a BBQ sauce served with Penne Pasta	Penne Arrabiata Topped with Cheddar Cheese & served with Garlic Bread
HAND HELD				
Cheese & Tomato French Bread Pizza	Jumbo Hotdog	Chicken Curry Flatbread with Rice	Veggie Supreme Pizza	Piri Piri Chicken Wrap