

Parent / Carer Bulletin



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Week Commencing 14th November 2022

Headteacher's Update

Dear parent/carer

It has been a very busy, and wet, week this week.

We have had all of Year 11 begin their mock exams and I must tell you that almost without exception, they have been excellent in attitude.

Uniform is still required in exams and we have had to remind the odd student here and there about this and I am sure you will support. I hope they are continuing to work hard at home with revision. If, as carers, you would like some tips on how to support revision please let us know. We have covered this before but it is always good to have a reminder.

We have also had some KS3 students taking part in STEM activity over the week and students were awesome – the feedback from the providers made me very proud.

A reminder from me about the non-uniform day next Friday and the Tutor Review meeting for students in Years 7 and 12 on Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Farrer

WEEK B	CALENDAR
Monday 14 th November	
Tuesday 15 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6th Form Brain Dissection Workshop – 3:15pm – 4:15pm
Wednesday 16 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y12 Geography TripY12 & Y13 UKMT Senior KangarooY13 British Math Olympiad Round
Thursday 17 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y8 & Y9 Reports IssuedY7 & Y12 Tutor Reviews; 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 18 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y11 Mock Written Exams EndChildren in Need Non-Uniform Day (following the 6th Form Dress Code) (6.-6th-Form-Dress-Code.pdf (st-laurence.com))

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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.

Grandparents Guide to Online Safety – from Mrs Barber, Assistant Headteacher

Many grandparents will be carers for children either in a full time or part time capacity and it is vital that they have a good understanding of the online risks and issues faced by children and young people. In fact, a recent study found that 4 in 10 grandparents help out with childcare in what has been dubbed 'granannying'. Internet Matters have put together a guide for grandparents to help them get to grips with life online for young people, giving advice on a range of issues such as:

- Screen time
- Online gaming
- Managing money
- Peer pressure

To find the guide, please follow this link:

[Grandparents' guide to online safety - Internet Matters](#)

Mental Health and Wellbeing – from Laura Barber

The Student mental health and wellbeing page on our school website has recently been updated with a new link to support parents and carers with children facing exams: [Student Health and Wellbeing | St Laurence School \(st-laurence.com\)](#). There is some expert advice along with tips and suggestions for working with the young person as they prepare for and go through their exams.

[The Mind Set: Advice for parents when their children face exams - BBC Bitesize](#)

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2022-23 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations - Years 7, 8 and 9

The flu programme provided by HCRG Care Group School Age Nursing Team are attending school on

Monday 23rd January 2023

to administer the **Flu Nasal Vaccine**.

The Link for you to consent/decline will be sent to you by email once we receive it from HRCG Care Group (previously VirginCare).

This will be sent to you approximately 3 weeks prior the session.

Further information will follow in due course.

If you need any further information on the Flu vaccine please click on the following link:

[Flu vaccination: easy-read flu vaccination resources - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/easy-read-flu-vaccination-resources)

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.

Guest Speaker - Social Science Lecture for Sociology and Criminology students

The Social Science department are delighted that Dr Jen Dvorak from Canterbury Christ Church University is offering a lecture to all A level students on

Thursday 24th November at 3:15pm – 4:00pm.

Dr Dvorak is a senior lecturer and author of sociology and criminology and will be giving a lecture on Crime, Power and The State.

We cover state crime in both subjects so this lecture will give students a first-hand opportunity to explore the topic from a leading subject specialist.

From: Rebecca Hancock – Head of Music

Dates for your diary:

The Percussion Club are performing as the pre-concert entertainment in the foyer

When: **Friday 18th November**

Where: Wiltshire Music Centre

Time: 7.00pm - 7.30pm

Carol Service

When: **Wednesday 14th December**

Where: Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon

Time: 7:00pm

From: Mrs Howsam – Outdoor Education Coordinator

Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Thank you for your encouragement and support to get your child to sign up to do the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. We have received over 100 applications! Here is some information about the next steps:

1. Letters have been sent out and a ParentPay account has been set up for the £27 enrolment fee (deadline: Friday 11th November)
2. I am able to backdate the enrolment date by 2 months, so anything students have been doing since mid-September will count towards the award.
3. Once enrolment is complete, online eDofE accounts will be set up for every student (this is how we track and monitor the completion of the award).
4. I will then organise a computer room session (during tutorial time) for students to log-in to their eDofE account.
5. More information about the expeditions will follow in January 2023

Year 9 Black Rock Residential - June 2023

On Wednesday 2nd November, I launched the Black Rock residential to the whole of Year 9.

Students were given personalised hard copies of the letter, at the end of this launch meeting.

Any students who were absent should've subsequently received a letter via their tutor tray.

Payment Details

An account for the deposit has been set up on ParentPay. In order to secure a place on this trip, please return the reply form and make the deposit payment by **Friday 2nd December**.

From: Mr Blowers, Director of 6th Form

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**

Deadline for Applications: Friday 25th November 3pm

Places will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis so early application is recommended

Ashley House Students Raise Funds for a Great Cause



On Tuesday 18th October, Ashley House held a fund-raising event for our chosen House charity “Shine Bright Support “.

Together, all the tutor groups raised **over £750** for this amazing charity which supports children and family’s effected by child hood cancer.

Tutor groups A1 to A10 took part in our very own **ASHLATHON**, which consisted of 10 minutes rowing, 10 minutes cycling and 10 minutes running. All of the distances were measured and **A10** won the longest distance and also raised the highest amount of money.

Thank you to everyone who took part, it was lovely to see so many students doing something different and Ms Whittle and Mrs Proudman were very proud of them all.

Special thanks go to Georgia, Evelyn and Ben in the 6th Form team for the organisation of the event.



6th Form students not only helped to organise the event but took part in all of the activities



Elsie, A5, put in an excellent effort





In Careers this week...

Green Careers Week 7 – 12 November 2022

This week is Green Careers Week. Green careers are a fast-growing global employment sector that touches every company, employer, employee, and education establishment.

Please see here the link for details of various organisations and their work to develop awareness of green careers within their own and other organisations: <https://greencareersweek.com/organisations/>

Careers in the UK Space Industry

The National Space Academy will be hosting online careers conference for students and parents/ guardians, thanks to the UK Space Agency.

These conferences will allow viewers to find out more about the wide range of jobs in this ever-growing industry, from working with satellites to predict the weather to designing and building rockets, to becoming a space lawyer.

Online conferences take place on **Saturday 3 December** for students aged 14 and over, and there is also a conference for parents and carers on **Thursday 1 December**.

Details and the booking form can be found here: <https://nationalspaceacademy.org/what-we-do/careers-conferences/online-careers-conference>

Civil Engineering video from young engineers in the South-West

The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) has produced a video to help young people understand more about what civil engineers do. All the projects featured are local to the South-West.

Please find the link here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hn_SUX8au5A

St Laurence School Christmas Fair – Wednesday 14th December



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

The stalls will be a mixture of external sellers and students. Students are welcome to share a table with another student and can ask a friend to help them.

We already have our first booking from a Year 10 student who will be selling hand-made items to raise funds for charity.

If you would like to a part of this first St Laurence Christmas Fair please email admin@st-laurence.com to book a **free table**, leaving a contact number and details of what you will be selling.

Spaces are limited so early booking is recommended. More details to follow.

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Mighty Girls

Thursday Girls Groups

Ages 8 - 11	4 - 5.30pm
Ages 11+	6 - 7.30pm

Meet up, make new friends & have
some feminist fun

**BOA Youth & Community Centre, Frome Road,
Bradford on Avon**

**Booking & information -
www.mightygirls.co.uk
info@mightygirls.co.uk**



**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**





Spare Room?

***Earn up to £272/week - tax free**

Short Stay Hosts Wanted

for foreign students aged 12-18yrs, 3-4 nights at a time
(No weekends, out all day on excursions, new groups weekly)

We provide 24hr support throughout each visit

You must be able to:

- Provide a spare room - no sharing with your own family
- Take a minimum of 2 students (max 4) - no camp beds
 - Provide breakfast, packed lunch & evening meal
 - Drop at around 7.30am & collect from 6.30pm

We have centre Meeting Points in:

Trowbridge, Westbury & Melksham

*£272 based on 4 students for 4 nights

Enquire now to register:

Jan to Dec – various dates

Ring *Wiltshire Host Families Ltd*

on **07707 864498** for **Trowbridge & Westbury**

or **07707 704822** for **Melksham**

or visit **www.wiltshirehostfamilies.co.uk**

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Restaurant Menu for Week Commencing Monday 14th 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				
Savoury Mince Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad & Garlic Bread	Toad in the Hole Premium Sausages in a Crispy Batter with Potatoes and Broccoli	Hand Carved Honey Roast Ham with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Tandoori Chicken A Lightly Spiced Chicken Curry served with Turmeric Infused Rice	Crispy Fillet of fish served with Oven Baked Fries and Peas
MAIN COURSE (MEAT FREE)				
Savoury Vegetable Lasagne with Fresh Salad & Garlic Bread	Cheese & BBQ Bean Bake with Creamy Mashed Potato and Broccoli	Vegetable Chow Mein Egg Noodles & Chinese Vegetables served with Black Bean Sauce	Vegetarian Tandoori A Lightly Spiced Vegetable Curry served with Turmeric Infused Rice	Penne Provençal Penne Pasta in a Rich Tomato Sauce Topped with Grated Mature Cheddar Cheese & served with Garlic Bread
TUBS & BOWLS				
Chicken Katsu Curry Crumbed Chicken with a Japanese Curry Sauce with Fragrant Rice	Pasta Carbonara Pasta Spirals bound in a Cheesy Sauce & Topped with or without Crispy Bacon Pieces	Chicken Chow Mein Chicken, Egg Noodles & Chinese Vegetables served with Black Bean Sauce	Pork Tagine Moroccan Spiced Pork served with a Vegetable Couscous	Meatball Penne Provençal Penne Pasta in a Rich Tomato Sauce served with Spicy Pork Meatballs & Garlic Bread
HAND HELD				
Mushroom & Pepper French Bread Pizza	Mexican Chilli Beef Taco with Tomato Salsa	Jumbo Hotdog with Cheese	Three Cheese Pizza Supreme	Chinese Kaathi in a Folded Naan Bread