

Parent / Carer Bulletin



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Week Commencing 9th January 2023

Headteacher's Update

Dear all

Happy New Year to you! I hope you had an excellent break.

It has been really lovely welcoming back all of the students and seeing them each morning as part of my collective worship. I took the opportunity of personally thanking them for their involvement with our inspection. The result is yet to be confirmed, and a letter will come to you as soon as it is, but they were phenomenal and that needed to be shared.

I hope you had a chance to hear about Anthony Bennett's talk, either from your child or from the parent event, and that it was deemed useful.

Information will be coming out about a planned Mental Health Week we have been working on so do look out for that

Mr Farrer

WEEK B	CALENDAR
Monday 9 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y13 Study Leave/Written Exams start• Y11 Mock Results Day (via email)
Tuesday 10 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y7 County Cup Football vs Ridgeway School (Home)
Wednesday 11 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y10 D of E Bronze Expedition Parents Information Evening 6:00pm – 6:30pm (via Teams)• Y11 U16 County Cup Football vs Sheldon School (Away) 1:45pm – 4:30pm
Thursday 12 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y11 Subject Evening 4:30pm – 7:30pm (online)
Friday 13 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y13 Study Leave/Written Exams end

Collective Worship Term 4: Benevolence

Help us to consider the needs of others and help those in need.

May we be able to look beyond our own world in order spread kindness.

We hope that we can understand that needy does not always mean those in financial need.

Let us not forget to be helpful, kind, charitable and welcoming.

We hope that we will see benevolence as a gift to be shared with all.

Let us not practice pity, but rather care and good will.

From: The Drama Department

Drama Activities This Term

Rehearsals for the **Shakespeare School's Festival** ('As You Like It') have already started and continue after school on Mondays and Wednesdays until their performance at the Tobacco Factory on **Wednesday 25th January**. A letter with further information was sent home last term - please check your spam folders and let Mrs Warren know if you have not received this.

Rehearsals for **National Theatre Connections** ('Tuesday') will start again after school on Mondays and Tuesdays from **Monday 9th January**. A letter with further information and details of the two Saturday rehearsals was sent home last term - please check your spam folders and let Mrs Nash know if you have not received this.

Year 7 Drama Club will restart on **Thursday 12th January** – 3:15pm – 4:15pm in Trinity Hall. There are a few spaces available so new starters are welcome and can sign up on SchoolCloud or just turn up!

Year 10-13 Drama students are reminded of the trip to see 'The Crucible' on **Thursday 26th January**. They need to make their own way to and from the Odeon in Trowbridge. Further details were in the letter sent home last term.

From: Mrs Metcalfe – Head of Art, Graphics & Design

To the Parents and Carers of Year 9 Students

This term we are planning an exciting new project based around the theme of “**Identity**” and are looking for the following items:

Clean yoghurt pots

Coloured paper

Board games

Card games

Sunglasses

Costume jewellery

Skateboards

Football gloves

Trainers (worn but clean please)

If you can help with any of these items please ask students to take them to the Art Department. All donations received with grateful thanks.

We would like to invite creative parents and carers to run an after-school workshop (one-hour duration) or a session during the day to talk to students about your work and art - please contact me at

lismet@st-laurence.com for further information

From: The English Department

The importance of reading

When we study subjects at school, we cannot learn effectively without a good understanding of the language of those subjects. When we study Biology, we are not just studying plants and animals: we are studying **language about** plants and animals.

We know that students who **read widely, and read for pleasure**, tend to learn more in their school subjects, and do better in those subjects, than students who do not. Reading widely increases our knowledge about the world, improves our vocabulary, and opens our minds to a great range of ideas about how we live. In short, **reading widely makes you cleverer**.

At St Laurence School, we study whole literary texts in English lessons in all years. We also make access to the ILC available in order to choose reading books, and we try to encourage students to have a reading book on the go at all times – whether this is the latest novel in a series that students have been reading, a biography of a sporting hero, or a collection of short stories.

We recognise that not everyone will enjoy every book; but we know that there is “a book for everyone”. As such, we actively encourage students to discover and explore a range of books, and the ILC has lots of books with stories that cover the whole human experience. We want to challenge our students to develop their own reading journeys, and in doing so increase their insight, empathy and understanding of the wider world.

It’s important for students to experiment with what they read – for them not to get stuck in a rut, or read books that are too easy. The staff in the ILC have an exceptional knowledge of all kinds of books that students will enjoy!

The ILC runs competitions and events throughout the year, and these are particularly good at suggesting next steps or new challenges for reading.

St Laurence Reads is a tutorial activity once per week, where everyone in the school reads the same book and discusses it; this helps to underline how important we think reading is at St Laurence School.

Reading isn’t just something for English lessons: being a good, fluent reader helps students across school – and in **their whole life**. And, aside from this, in a world that can be dominated by the consumption of fleeting and sometimes asinine digital snippets, the feeling of getting immersed in a good book is simply one of the most **calming, rewarding and enjoyable** there is.

We have produced, with help from colleagues in the ILC, the following wider reading lists that complement the schemes of learning that Years 7, 8 and 9 are respectively following in terms 1 and 2. We hope your children can enjoy some of these.

KS3 Wider Reading Lists - Terms 3 & 4

Year 7: Stories from the Past

Arthur – High King of Britain – Michael Morpurgo
Arthur – The Seeing Stone – Kevin Crossley-Holland
Here Lies Arthur – Philip Reeve
The Short Knife – Elen Caldecott
Under a Dancing Sky – Laura Wood
Dragons at Crumbling Castle – Terry Pratchett
The Mab – Matt Brown and Eloise Williams
The Highwayman – Alfred Noyes
The Fool’s Girl – Celia Rees
Young Merlin – Tony Bradman
King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table – Roger Lancelyn Green

More of a challenge

The Once and Future King – TH White
Kidnapped – Robert Louis Stevenson
Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson
The Bride’s Farewell – Nicola Morgan

Year 8: Sense of Place

The Child's Elephant – Rebecca Campbell-Johnson
The Wall –William Sutcliffe
The Kin – Peter Dickinson
Siberia – Ann Halam
Everybody Jam – Ali Lewis
The Explorer – Katherine Rundell
Running on the Roof of the World – Jess Butterworth
Swimming against the Storm – Jess Butterworth
When Stars are Scattered – Omar Mohamed
When Life gives you Mangoes – Kereen Getten
Bone Talk – Candy Gourlay
The Green Bicycle – Haifaa Al Mousur
The Middle of Nowhere – Geraldine McCaughrean
Firekeeper's Daughter – Angeline Bouley
Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town – Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
Kidnap in the Caribbean – Lauren St John

More of a challenge

Noughts and Crosses – Malorie Blackman
Jock of the Bushveld – Percy Fitzpatrick
Spud – John Van De Ruit
The Call of the Wild – Jack London
The Unforgotten Coat – Frank Cottrell Boyce
The Princess and the Foal – Stacy Gregg
Echo Mountain – Lauren Wolk

Year 9: Conflict

War Horse - Michael Morpurgo
Private Peaceful - Michael Morpurgo
The Silver Sword - Ian Serraillier
The Machine Gunners – Robert Westall
Postcards from No Man's Land – Aidan Chambers
Goodnight Mr Tom - Michelle Magorian
Soldier Dog - Sam Angus
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas - John Boyne
Maus - Art Spiegelman
Carrie's War – Nina Bowden
I am David, Anne Holm
Code Name Verity – Elizabeth Wein
The Child's Elephant – Rachel Campbell-Johnston
Ghost Hawk – Susan Cooper
In Darkness – Nick Lake
The Skylark's War – Hilary McKay
The Swallow's Flight – Hilary McKay
When the world was ours – Liz Kessler
After the War – Tom Palmer
D-Day Dog – Tom Palmer
Orphan Monster Spy – Matt Killeen
Five Children on the Western Front – Kate Saunders

More of a challenge

All Quiet on the Western Front - Erich Maria Remarque
Letters from a Lost Generation – Vera Brittan
The Book Thief – Marcus Zusa



From: Mr Blowers – Director of 6th Form

Year 11 Students 1-1 Meetings regarding the St Laurence 6th Form – Monday 9th - Friday 13th January

During this week Mr Blowers and Mrs Chatfield will be holding meetings with each of our students that has applied to 6th Form. This will be to support their application, look at subjects applied for and consider next steps.

**A schedule of these meetings has been provided on Class Charts and school email to each student – please ensure that they check it to check:

- The day and date of their appointment
- The time
- The room/location (Mr Blowers Office, 6th Form Centre or the Training Room* with Mrs Chatfield)
- The staff member leading the meeting (Mr Blowers or Mrs Chatfield)

*Next to the Photocopying room just before you enter the Science block.

****Important** – the spreadsheet has a tab for each day of the week – so ensure students have checked each page for their name please.

From: Mrs Howsam – Outdoor Education Coordinator

Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Just to let you know that there are 2 key dates for the diary regarding the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award for Year 10 students and parents:

- Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 6:00pm
An online information presentation, using MS Teams, for parents about the expedition section of the award
- Monday 6th February 2023, 3:15pm to 4:30pm in Trinity Hall
A pre-expedition briefing and preparation meeting for all students who have enrolled onto the award

A letter with further information will follow in January 2023, please note that the ParentPay accounts for the expedition will also be set up for you in January 2023.

SPORTS NEWS:

Club Fixtures:

Tuesday 10th January - Y7 County Cup Football vs Ridgeway School (Home) - Round 2 (Mr Woodburn)

Wednesday 11th January - U16 County Cup Football vs Sheldon School (Away) - Round 2 (Mr Carter)



PE Clubs – Terms 3 and 4



	Club	Location
Monday		
Tuesday	Netball – Year 7 Boys' football – Years 7, 9, 10 and 11	Sports hall Field
Wednesday	Badminton – Years 10 and 11 Netball – Years 8 and 9 Table tennis – all years	Sports hall Netball courts Gym
Thursday	Hockey – all years St Laurence Leadership Academy – all years Boys' football – Year 8 Girls' rugby – all years Basketball – Years 8, 9 and 10	Astro Gym Field Field Sports hall
Friday	Badminton – Years 7, 8 and 9	Sports hall

School Calendar – Amended to add additional Bank Holiday on May 8th 2023

St Laurence

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022-23

Week A/B	Sep-22				
	A	B	A	B	A
Monday	29	5	12	19	26
Tuesday	30		6	13	20
Wednesday	31		7	14	21
Thursday		1	8	15	22
Friday		2	9	16	23
Saturday		3	10	17	24
Sunday		4	11	18	25

Oct-22					
B	A	B	A	B	
9	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	

Nov-22				
B	A	B	A	B
7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	

Week A/B	Dec-22				
	B	A	B	A	B
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	4	11	18	25	

Jan-23					
B	A	B	A	B	A
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		
1	8	15	22	29	

Feb-23				
A	B	A	B	A
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	
2	9	16	23	
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	

Week A/B	Mar-23				
	A	B	A	B	A
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31
Saturday	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	5	12	19	26	

Apr-23					
A	B	A	B	A	
	3	10	17	24	
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	

May-23				
B	A	B	A	B
1	*8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	

Week A/B	Jun-23				
	A	B	A	B	A
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24	
Sunday	4	11	18	25	

Jul-23					
A	B	A	B	A	B
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	

Aug/Sept-23					
B	A	B	A	B	A
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		1
5	12	19	26		2
6	13	20	27		3

<u>Bank and Public Holidays 2022/2023</u>			
Christmas Day Holiday	26th December 2022	Term 1	35
Boxing Day Holiday	27th December 2022	Term 2	35
New Years Day Holiday	2nd January 2023	Term 3	29
Good Friday	7th April 2023	Term 4	30
Easter Monday	10th April 2023	Term 5	29
May Day Holiday	1st May 2023	Term 6	35
May Day Coronation	8th May 2023	Term 6	35
Spring Bank Holiday	29th May 2023	Term 6	35
Summer Bank Holiday	28th August 2023	Total	343

6 days are also available for professional training day closures during term time, set by the Headteacher and Governors of each school.

Dates are correct at time of publication.



Yr 7 and Y12's only

PTD - Professional Training Days No Students on Site

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023 -24

St Laurence Inset Days 2023 - 2024

September Friday 1st and Monday 4th

September Tuesday 5th

September Friday 29th

July 22nd, 23rd & 24th 2024

No students in school

ONLY Year 12 & Year 7 in school

No students in school

No students in school

September 2023						October 2023						November 2023						
M		4	11	18	25	M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27
Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28
W		6	13	20	27	W		4	11	18	25	W	1	8	15	22	29	
Th		7	14	21	28	Th		5	12	19	26	Th	2	9	16	23	30	
F	1	8	15	22	29	F		6	13	20	27	F	3	10	17	24		
Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa		7	14	21	28	Sa	4	11	18	25		
Su	3	10	17	24	Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	5	12	19	26			

December 2023						January 2024						February 2024					
M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26
Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27
W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28
Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25	Th	1	8	15	22	29	
F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26	F	2	9	16	23		
Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa	6	13	20	27	Sa	3	10	17	24		
Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su	7	14	21	28	Su	4	11	18	25		

March 2024						April 2024						May 2024					
M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		6	13	20	27
Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		7	14	21	28
W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	W	1	8	15	22	29	
Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25	Th	2	9	16	23	30	
F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26	F	3	10	17	24	31	
Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa	6	13	20	27	Sa	4	11	18	25		
Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su	7	14	21	28	Su	5	12	19	26		

June 2024						July 2024						August 2024					
M		3	10	17	24	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26
Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27
W		5	12	19	26	W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28
Th		6	13	20	27	Th	4	11	18	25	Th	1	8	15	22	29	
F		7	14	21	28	F	5	12	19	26	F	2	9	16	23	30	
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	6	13	20	27	Sa	3	10	17	24	31	
Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	7	14	21	28	Su	4	11	18	25		

KEY



Bank Holidays

School Holidays

Inset Days

Years 12 & 7 in school ONLY

Bank and Public Holidays 2023/2024

Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2023
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2023
New Years Holiday	1st January 2024
Good Friday	29th March 2024
Easter Monday	1st April 2024
May Day Holiday	06th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26th August 2024

Restaurant Menu for Week Commencing Monday 9th January 2023

Lunch
week 2

All our ingredients are locally sourced and delivered fresh by local suppliers. Our eggs are free-range and Red Lion stamped, our fish is sustainably sourced and MSC approved and our meat is British Red Tractor accredited wherever possible.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	SWEET POTATO FALAFEL WITH PENNE PASTA & GARLIC BREAD	CHICKEN ENCHILADAS WITH CHEESE SERVED WITH SOUR CREAM ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY	PULLED PORK, APPLE SAUCE, STUFFING IN A BAP	LASAGNE WITH GARLIC BAGUETTE SLICE	BATTERED FISH & TARTAR SAUCE MUSHY PEAS
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN	VEGETABLE LASAGNE SERVED WITH GARLIC BREAD & SALAD	VEGETABLE QUESADILLAS ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY	CHILLI BEAN WRAP	SPINACH & LENTIL CURRY	CORN LOADED HOT DOGS
STREET FOOD	THREE CHEESE FRENCH BREAD PIZZA	SPICY BEEF BURRITOS WITH FRESH SALSA AND SPICY RICE	SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN WRAP	CAJUN CHICKEN FLATBREAD WITH ONIONS & PEPPERS	SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN WRAP WITH COLESLAW
TAKEAWAY TUBS	VEGETABLE CHOW MEIN	MAC & CHEESE	PENNE ARIBIATTA	CHICKEN GYROS WRAP	LOADED NACHOS
PIZZA SLICE	MARGHERITA	PEPPERONI	HAWAIIAN	MARGHERITA	VEGETABLE
JACKETS	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR 70P EACH				
DESSERTS	STEAMED SYRUP SPONGE & CUSTARD	SPICED APPLE OATCAKE	CHOCOLATE SHORTBREAD	TOFFEE APPLE CAKE	LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE

Meal Deal

Main Meal
With Vegetables
And Dessert



£2.80

All of Our Main Meals and Desserts are freshly made on the every day.