

Parent / Carer Bulletin



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Week Commencing 23rd January 2023

Headteacher's Update

Dear all

I hope this finds you well.

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU, the largest teaching union, has declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

I wanted to alert you to this now to give you as much notice as possible that learning will very likely be disrupted on these dates. I am not allowed to ask staff if they intend to strike but I am aware that the majority of staff are eligible to. We're considering several options, including opening to certain year groups and vulnerable children, online learning and closing the school. We respectfully recommend that you make contingency plans for alternative childcare arrangements on these dates. I appreciate that this situation may be frustrating and hope this does not cause too much issue for you. Once I know final arrangements I will let you know.

Please can we remind parents that they should only attend the school site if they have an appointment.

You will have seen the Ofsted report and I hope, share with me a sense of pride in all that St Laurence is.

Thank you again for your support

Mr Farrer

WEEK B	CALENDAR
Monday 23 rd January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y7 – Y9 Nasal Flu Immunisations (pre-booked appointments only)
Tuesday 24 th January	
Wednesday 25 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y8 & Y9 visit to Tobacco Factory 11:00am – 10:30pm
Thursday 26 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y9 Options Evening 4:30pm – 7:00pm• Y10 Odeon Trowbridge Cinema Visit – from 6:00pm
Friday 27 th January	

Collective Worship Term 3: Prudence

May we be able to gather more wisdom, so that we may apply our knowledge to the world.

We hope to not just be aware of injustice, but to know how we may change unfair situations.

May we be disciplined enough to make good choices that make our lives richer. We know to it takes practice to become better human beings.

We hope that we are given opportunities to live life in all its fullness.

Let us be careful to not waste the talents, so that we can make the world better.

From: Mrs Barber - Assistant Headteacher, Online Safety Lead

Safer Internet Week – Week Commencing 23rd January

We will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2023. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on children and young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

This Safer Internet Week, we are contributing to a national youth charter setting out children and young people's agenda and the changes they want to see in how they're supported online. This charter will be delivered to government and the internet industry.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: www.saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch.

A Guide to Online Safety and Gaming

As a new generation of young people arrive onto using multiplayer games and the internet in general this new year, it is more important than ever to ensure your children aware of how to stay safe online.

The SWGfL has published a pamphlet on how to best keep safe whilst using online software and games. With advice on reporting and blocking, online socialization and the considerations on online gaming. You can find a link to that resource below:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/online-safety-and-gaming.pdf>

From: The Schools Immunisation Team

The immunisation team will be visiting St Laurence school on: **Monday 23rd January 2023**

Seasonal flu vaccination remains one of the most important public health interventions to protect individuals and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society. This contributes to reduce morbidity, mortality and hospitalisation associated with flu at a time when the NHS and social care will be managing winter pressures, potentially including further outbreaks of COVID-19. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible.

Please note that the link to give consent closed at midnight on: *Sunday 15th January 2023*

If you have missed this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school, however you will have the opportunity to book them into a community catch up clinic, please contact us using the phone number or email address below. **This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.**

Tel: 0300 247 0082 (lines are open 9.00 until 16.30) Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

On the day of Vaccination:

If you have given consent for your child to have the vaccination, your child will be given an appointment time via their tutor trays on Monday 23rd January. The tutor will distribute these appointments during tutorial. It is important that students remember their appointment time as there are large number of students to vaccinate.

Students will attend Trinity Hall through the Stage Doors via PE for the time they are given. Students do not need to wait after the vaccine and are sent directly back to class.

After your child has been vaccinated (if consent provided) you will receive an automated email to confirm this and provide post-immunisation advice. Please check your junk/spam box on the day of vaccination if you do not receive this in your inbox.

From: Mrs Rhodes – KS3 Director of Learning and Progress

Year 9 dates for the diary - For all parents/carers who have a child(ren) in Year 9

Please be aware of two very important events happening over the next two weeks.

The first is **Year 9 Options Evening** taking place at school next **Thursday 26th January**. Mr Hainsworth has sent a letter home, outlining the times of the main talk and further details regarding this evening.

The second event is the **Year 9 Subject Consultation Meetings** on **Thursday 9th February**. You will receive a letter providing you with all the information you need. However, please be aware that the booking sheet will be open from **7:00am on Thursday 26th January**.

We do expect all parents/carers to attend.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Mrs Rhodes

From: The Drama Department



LOVING THE BARD St Laurence School at the Tobacco Factory

Almost time for students in Year 8 and 9 to enter the Forest of Arden! The cast of **AS YOU LIKE IT** will be heading over to the Tobacco Factory in Bristol to perform their 1970's disco themed version of AS YOU LIKE IT on Wednesday 25th January as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival, the world's largest youth drama festival.

Shakespeare and the Hustle – what's not to like!

We have arranged a coach to take parents to Bristol as parking in the area of the theatre is difficult but tickets will be available from the Tobacco Factory direct. If you are interested please contact Mrs Warren for additional details

GCSE and A Level Drama students who have returned their slip for the trip to see **The Crucible** at the Trowbridge Odeon next Thursday 26th January are reminded of the following arrangements:

- Pupils need to make their own way to the venue. Please meet Mrs Warren outside of the Odeon in Trowbridge at 6:45pm. Please wait outside and do not go into the foyer
- They may bring refreshments with them or buy them there if they bring money
- Pupils should be collected from the Odeon by a parent or carer unless permission has been given for them to make their own way home on the original permission slip. Any changes to planned collection should be emailed to Mrs Warren (aliwar@st-laurence.com). The performance is due to finish at 10:10pm
- Pupils may wear home clothes
- Pupils are reminded of the importance of conducting themselves in an appropriate manner at all times

Any questions please email Mrs Warren: aliwar@st-laurence.com

National Youth Theatre Auditions

Anyone interested in auditioning for the National Youth Theatre (NYT) can find out more information on their website - [2023 Intake Auditions Now Open | National Youth Theatre \(nyt.org.uk\)](https://www.nyt.org.uk).

Deadline is **Monday 23rd January** so don't delay if you are interested!

[2023 Intake Auditions Now Open | National Youth Theatre](https://www.nyt.org.uk)

The National Youth Theatre of Great Britain is a world leading youth arts organisation. We were established in 1956 as the first youth theatre in the world and since then we have nurtured the talent of hundreds of thousands of young people.

www.nyt.org.uk

From: Mrs Howsam – Outdoor Education Coordinator

REMINDER: Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's 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

An account has been set up on ParentPay for this expedition.

The deadline for the first instalment is Saturday 11th February.

From: Mrs Butterworth – Head of Psychology and Sociology

For 6th Form students in Year 12

Annie Clayton, volunteer Manager & Trainer of Alzheimer's Support Wiltshire, is running a brief talk to any 6th Form student interested in volunteering or doing work experience with their charity. Please come to S2 during break 11:00am – 11:30am on Wednesday 8th February to find out more.

This is a great opportunity for those interested in medicine, psychology, social care, social work or charity fundraising.

Fake News Gremlin Hits Staff Bulletin

The logo for Macmillan Cancer Support, featuring the words "MACMILLAN" and "CANCER SUPPORT" in white, bold, uppercase letters on a green rectangular background.

Last week it was reported that Budbury House had raised an amazing **£150.80** for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The correction to that item is that Budbury House is led by Mrs Kendell and Mrs Northeast.

Well done Budbury House- we all look forward to your next fund-raising event.



In Careers this week...

Class Charts this week:

As well as the weekly list of live apprenticeship opportunities, there have been a lot of courses and webinars made available this week and, depending on the year group, information has been posted about:

- Virtual Work Experience within Health and Social Care
- Mental Health Careers in the NHS
- Workshops on the use of Artificial Intelligence (a huge sector for growth), Coding and Hacking
- Get into Veterinary Science and Get into Medicine conferences
- A STEM course with EDT (Engineering Development Trust)

Virtual Work Experience

A real advantage to have come out of lockdown and the move to online learning has been the way that businesses have responded in developing a virtual offer for many of their programmes. Students are now able to access the world of work in a much more focussed way and can get first-hand experience in areas and sectors that might never have been open to them before.

Many of our students have used Springpod, one of the providers, before and have had very positive experiences with them. There may be some criteria that need to be met, whether in relation to age, location or specific subjects, but there are plenty on offer. Students should register and then may access multiple programmes should they choose to do so. Details can be found here: <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience>. This other provider also has several very good programmes and aims them specifically at particular age groups. They often offer a more detailed programme, although they do charge for many of them: <https://investin.org/>.

Girls and STEM

There are still some places available for the FREE Coding and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Careers Bootcamp targeting girls in Years 9, 10 and 11, which is being held at the University of Bath on Saturday 11th February 2023. To sign up and for full details of this **free course** please visit the website - www.mightygirls.co.uk



SPORTS NEWS:

Club Fixtures:

Tuesday 24th January

- Year 7 Netball vs St Augustine's School (Home)
- Year 8 Netball vs St Augustine's School (Away)
- Year 10 Football vs Clarendon School (Home)
- Year 7 Football vs Clarendon School (Away)

Wednesday 25th January

- Year 10 Netball Tournament at St Augustine's School
- Year 8 Football vs Clarendon School (Home)

All PE Clubs are free to join here: [SchoolCloud - St Laurence School](#)



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

Dear Parent / Carer,

Below is a list of activities and clubs that take place in the school halls during the week. If you are interested in joining, or for your child to join, one of the clubs please use the contact details provided. Please note these are activities and clubs run by external companies and groups **not school staff**. The clubs listed do have some spaces at the moment.

If you are a member of a group who may be interested in hiring our facilities please contact SHAHUN@st-laurence.com for further details and availability.

Day	Club	Time	Location	Contact Details
Monday	Rachael Arnold Dance ages 2-18 years	4:30pm – 5:30pm	Dance Studio	gmdanceacademy@yahoo.com mob 07800750406 www.gmdance.com
	Ashtanga Yoga with Mark Samouelle. All ages and abilities welcome	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Dance Studio	mark@samouelle.com mob 07914 308328
Tuesday	Tae Kwon Do, offering a month's free lessons.	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Gym	Rob Tucker on 01225344530 mob 07952251928 taekwondo.co.uk www.boarc.prg.uk
	Bradford on Avon Kayak Club Mike Purchase	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Gym	
Wednesday	Rachael Arnold Dance ages 2-18 years	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Dance Studio	gmdanceacademy@yahoo.com mob 07800750406
	6-a-side football over 16 yrs all levels of ability welcome.	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Sports Hall	markmcguinness@mac.com
Thursday	Rachael Arnold Dance ages 2-18 years	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Dance Studio	gmdanceacademy@yahoo.com Phone number is 07800750406
	Kettlebell & Indian clubs FITNESS CLASS. Over 18	6:15pm - 7:15pm	Dance Studio	Pete on 07712051837 or info@bodymind-fit.com
	Pilates with Annette Witte, everyone welcome.	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Dance Studio	annettewitte@hotmail.com mob 07738404206
Friday	Rachael Arnold Dance ages 2-18 years	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Dance Studio	gmdanceacademy@yahoo.com mob 07800750406
Saturday	Rachael Arnold Dance ages 2-18 years	9:00am - 3:30pm	Dance Studio	gmdanceacademy@yahoo.com mob 07800750406
Sunday				

New Pottery Course Starting Soon

Hello dear Potter!

Just a quick reminder that my next pottery course is starting on Monday 20th February and it's filling up quickly.

I have just 6 places left, so do pop along to <https://rachelcorker.studio/courses> to secure your place soon if you would like to join us.

News from the Governors of St Laurence School

Three new governor appointments have been made in the last month:

- Lorraine Wicks, parent governor
- Alexa Ensom, appointed by the Academy Trust
- Alison Craddock, nominated by the Diocese of Salisbury, a foundation governor

We welcome them to the school and thank them for offering to serve in this vital, oversight role.

Last term, we said goodbye to Tim Lerwill, an Academy Trust governor who had oversight of the internal audit process at the school.

Tim is also a parent at the school and used his professional skills to advise governors and work with the Finance Team.

The governors would like to thank Tim for his valuable contribution to the 'Board and sharing his skills with us.

As a result, we have a specific vacancy to fill.

Do you have a financial management background or a professional role in accountancy or audit?

Perhaps you have a work colleague who might be interested in working with St Laurence School, as a governor.

The commitment is usually a four-year term of office and there are both twilight and day-time meetings, often online.

The first step is to contact either the Chair of Governors (Ingrid Maher Roberts) chairofgovernors@st-laurence.com for an informal chat

Or

Clerk to Governors (Robert Beesley) clerktogovernors@st-laurence.com for an information pack.

For this role, we welcome expressions of interest from suitably qualified persons.

All enquiries are treated equally and in confidence.

You do not need to be a parent or have a previous connection to the school but are asked to be able to support the Christian ethos of the school.



QUIZ NIGHT **Mighty Girls**

Friday 3rd February
Christchurch School

AT 7PM FOR a 7.30PM START
TICKETS: £7 a HEAD
TABLES OF UP TO 6
OVER 18'S ONLY

(UNLESS SUPERVISED BY an ADULT)

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Bar, snacks, raffle & prizes

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A safe and supportive online community empowering parents and carers to support young people's mental health and wellbeing.



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SHARE  Repair

CIO reg no. 1189015

Bradford on Avon's Repair Cafe

**Saturday 21st January
1000 - 1300**

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

Around the back at

The Masonic Hall ~ Wallington Hall
Church Street, Bradford on Avon
Please park responsibly and legally

**Sewing, Electrical Repairs,
Laptops/PCs, 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
IT enquiries: edmund.bevan1@gmail.com
For specific questions about what can be repaired phone: 07963 878319**



More dates coming soon

Restaurant Menu for Week Commencing Monday 23rd January 2023

Lunch week 1

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	SPINACH & KALE BURGER IN A BUN WITH LETTUCE & MAYO	PASTA BOLOGNAISE WITH GARDEN SALAD AND GARLIC SLICE <i>ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY</i>	STUFFED ROAST CHICKEN BREAST	CHICKEN TIKKA CURRY SERVICED WITH PILAU RICE	BATTERED FISH & TARTAR SAUCE MUSHY PEAS
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN	QUORN CHILLI BURRITO WITH SALSA & SOUR CREAM	VEGETABLE BOLOGNAISE WITH GARDEN SALAD AND GARLIC SLICE <i>ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY</i>	BROCCOLI PASTA BAKE	POTATO & CHICKPEA CURRY	CHICKEN SHARMA FLATBREAD WITH SPICY WEDGES
STREET FOOD	VEGETABLE BURRITO WRAP	CHICKEN CHOW MEIN	TEX MEX CHICKEN TACO WITH ASIAN SLAW	TIKKA CHICKEN FLATBREAD WITH ONIONS & PEPPERS	THREE CHEESE FRENCH BREAD PIZZA
TAKEAWAY TUBS	PENNE ARRABIATA	CHURRASCO CHICKEN WITH RICE & PEAS	MAC 'N' CHEESE	VEGETABLE CHOW MEIN	BBQ CHICKEN WRAP
PIZZA SLICE	MUSHROOM & PEPPER	MARGHERITA	PEPPERONI	MARGHERITA	HAM & PINEAPPLE
JACKETS	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR 70P EACH				
DESSERTS	STEAMED SYRUP SPONGE & CUSTARD	LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE	KEY LIME PIE	RHUBARB PIE WITH CUSTARD	STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING

Meal Deal

Main Meal With Vegetables And Dessert



£2.80

All of our meals, breads, desserts and freshly made soups every day