

Parent / Carer Bulletin



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Week Commencing 30th January 2023

Headteacher's Update

Dear all

As you will be aware, there will be disruption to the operation of the school on Wednesday 1st February due to the industrial action being taken by members of the NEU. The details about the day has been sent separately to you. All other aspects of the week will run as normal.

I hope that the Year 9 students (and you) found the Options Evening useful but if you do have further questions, please feel free to ask us.

And well done to the cast of As You Like It who performed at the Tobacco Factory in Bristol this week!

Mr Farrer

WEEK A	CALENDAR
Monday 30 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y11 Zanzibar Trip Briefing for Parents/Students 6:00pm – 7:00pm (Lecture Theatre)
Tuesday 31 st January	
Wednesday 1 st February	
Thursday 2 nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y7 & Y9 Reports IssuedY10 Graphics Exam 8:35am – 3:00pmY5 Open Morning 9:15am – 10:00am
Friday 3 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y10 Graphics Exam 8:35am – 3:00pm

Join Us

An opportunity has arisen to join our busy Administration Team as a Student Receptionist.

Please refer to the Website ([Staff Vacancies | St Laurence School \(st-laurence.com\)](https://www.st-laurence.com)) for further details.

EXTERNAL VACANCY	Closing Date	Interview Date
Student Receptionist/Admin Assistant 37.5 hours per week, 39 weeks per annum NJC SCP 6-8 (job share considered)	9:00am on Thursday 2 nd February 2023	Tuesday 7 th February 2023

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

Fortnite Parental Controls

Fortnite Chapter 4 has just been released, which means that many children are going to be talking about this. Similarly, some children who grew bored with Chapter 3 are going to be checking out the new Chapter 4. So now is a good time for parents to revisit those parental controls to set up the game and devices appropriately to the age of the child.

There is a step-by-step guide to setting up parental controls on Fortnite which can be found here: [parental-control-fortnite-chapter-2-battle-royale-parental-controls-guide.pdf \(internetmatters.org\)](https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-control-fortnite-chapter-2-battle-royale-parental-controls-guide.pdf)

Mobile Phone Use

There has been a noticeable increase in phone use lately. Parents are arriving at school after being contacted by their child to ask for forgotten items to be brought in to school.

Students are not allowed to use a mobile device during the hours of 8:35am - 15:00pm

Students contacting parents to say they are unwell and need to be taken home - again this may result in confiscation of the mobile device. Students should first go to Student Reception where they will be assessed by a First Aider, **staff** will contact parents if they feel the child needs to go home.

Extract from the Mobile Device Policy

Use of mobile devices by students

Students are allowed to bring a mobile device to school but these must be turned off and in their bag between 8:35am and 3:00pm.

If they are found to be using them within this time, on the first occasion they will be confiscated and placed in a locked cupboard in the ILC for collection at the end of the day by the student. On a second and any subsequent occasion within a term, parents will be required to collect the device. There are exemptions to this which are:

- *students with a diagnosed medical condition who rely on their device as an alert (e.g. diabetes)*
- *students who require intimate care and use their device to contact the relevant member of staff*

Please see the full policy here: [Mobile-Device-Policy-2022.pdf \(st-laurence.com\)](https://www.st-laurence.com/Mobile-Device-Policy-2022.pdf)

We would be grateful if you could re-inforce this message with your child/ren.

From: Mrs Turner – Head of Behaviour and Inclusion



St Laurence is taking part in an exciting nationwide programme, funded by the Department for Education.

Its aim is to support St Laurence in continuing to develop good behaviour, routines and structures in school, so that all students are supported in improving their engagement, mental health and wellbeing.

Student voice is a crucial part of this programme and so students will be asked next week to complete a survey, provided by the Behaviour Hub Team, during tutorial.

If you would prefer for your child to not take part, please could you email victur@st-laurence.com by Monday 30th January at 8:30am.

From: Miss Eyles - Head of Dance

The West Wilts Dance Festival – Kind of Magic Showcase



Year 7 and Year 8 students will be taking part in the "Kind of Magic Showcase" on Wednesday 8th February 2023.

The dance rehearsal starts at **4:30pm**

Students will need to have a **pair of plain black thick (not see through) leggings** to wear during the performance.

Tops will be provided by the Dance Department and students may wear a black leotard underneath

these, if preferred.

Dancer's hair must be styled in a French plait or Double French plait before arrival at the Stage Door (not Main Entrance) to meet Miss Eyles and Mrs Rhodes.

Help will be available at the theatre to style hair if required – students will need to supply their own hair bands.

If you have any questions please email me at sareyl@st-laurence.com

Winter Warmer Initiatives

Dear Parent / Carer,

Last December, working with our catering team, we launched our Winter Warmer Initiative during the colder months and to support families in these difficult financial times, this continues to be available until **Wednesday 1st March 2023**.

Our caterer will be providing, for students arriving in the Restaurant **between 7:45am – 8:30am**:

- Free porridge
- Hot chocolate and toast £1.00
- Hot chocolate and Croissant for £2.00

FSM students will be able to have a **free** hot chocolate and toast.

This will be available every day at the restaurant from 7:45am – 8:30am until 1st March 2023.



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

The deadline for the first instalment is Saturday 11th February. An account has been set up on ParentPay for this expedition.

From: The Schools Immunisation Team

The following message has been sent via ParentMail/Iris this week for Year 8 students (Year 9 information to follow)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 8 HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccination

Important notice: Late responses cannot be processed to be included in the school session.

The closing date for your response is: **Sunday 12th March 2023**

The date of vaccinations will take place at St Laurence School on: **Thursday 23 March 2023**

Your **Year 8** child is now due their HPV vaccine, which will be delivered by the School Aged Immunisation Team at your child's school.

The HPV vaccination protects against virus' that are linked to certain cancers and other infections. It is delivered as part of the national immunisation schedule with the first dose offered in Year 8 and a second dose 6 – 24 months later.

For more information and to consent to or decline the vaccination please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/hpv/2022/wilts>

If you have any difficulties completing the consent, please contact our Immunisation Team on **0300 247 0082** or email [**vcl.immunisations@nhs.net**](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net) for support.

Once completed you will receive an **automated email with a reference number as confirmation**. Please check your junk/spam box if not in your in box and contact the team if it is not received.

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.

If you have a child in Year 9 or 10 that you have not already consented for, but would like to, please contact our team on 0300 247 0082 and they will be able to assist you with this. **This link is for children in Year 8 only.**

Thank you, School Aged Immunisation Team

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.

From: Mrs Rhodes – KS3 Director of Learning and Progress

For all parents/carers who have a child(ren) in Year 9

The **Year 9 Subject Consultation Meetings** are on **Thursday 9th February**. You will receive a letter providing you with all the information you need.

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: Mrs Nash – Head of Drama

As I write this the 'As You Like It' cast and crew are in Bristol rehearsing for their performance in the Shakespeare Schools' Festival - I am very much looking forward to seeing this later today and wish them all the very best.

This is a busy term in the department with lots going on- we hope you will join us for some of our forthcoming performances

Friday 27th January - Meeting with Alison Carr

Cast and crew of 'Tuesday' are invited to join a Teams meeting on Friday 27th January 5:00pm - 6:00pm with the playwright Alison Carr. This is an optional invitation to hear her views on the plays and to ask her questions. They have been emailed a link and it is also on ClassCharts.

Tuesday 7th February - Dress rehearsal of Year 11 and Year 13 Scripted Assessments

Prior to their practical examination Year 11 and 13 Drama students will be performing their scripted assessments in F7 at 6:00pm on Tuesday 7th February. Please do come along and support them, particularly those students considering taking GCSE or A Level Drama next year. To reserve a seat please email Mrs Nash (catnas@st-laurence.com)

Friday 3rd March - 'Tuesday'

Our NT Connections cast and crew will be performing 'Tuesday' by Alison Carr at 7:00pm in Trinity Hall on Friday 3rd March. We will be joined by an assessor from the National Theatre who will watch the performance and give feedback to the students after the show. Tickets for this cost £5 and can be purchased now via ParentPay. Please note that there will be no performance on Thursday 2nd March as previously advertised due to the planned industrial action.

The show will also be performed at the Salisbury Playhouse on Thursday 9th March and tickets for this can be purchased via this link <https://www.wiltshirecreative.co.uk/whats-on/main-house/nt-connections-festival-2023/>

Cast are reminded that they need to bring in a white t shirt as per the letter sent home before Christmas

Tuesday 21st February - Year 10 and 12 Workshop

GCSE and A Level students in Years 10 and 12 should have received an email with information regarding a workshop with the Paper

From: Mr Chadwick – Head of English

For the attention of parents and carers of Year 10 students:

Polite reminder: students are required to have their own copies of GCSE English Literature set texts.

Reminders are on Class Charts to advise Year 10 students to ask parents/carers to obtain a copy of **The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson.**

There are many editions of this novel available. Students may prefer to work from a dyslexia-friendly edition with larger text and more white space on the pages (good for notes and annotations).

Students may also benefit from having a copy of a commercially produced **revision guide** for the novel, such as one by York Notes.

Please can we encourage parents and carers to order this text now so students have their own copy when we begin reading and studying the novel in class. As well as being available from online retailers, a good bookshop, such as Ex Libris in Bradford on Avon, will gladly order you a copy - usually available for collection the next day.

Pupil Premium students have the novel and revision guide supplied by the school

SPORTS NEWS: Club Fixtures:

Friday 2nd February

- Year 7 Netball vs Kingdown School (Home) 3:00pm – 6:00pm
- Year 9 Football vs Clarendon School (Home) 3:00pm – 5:00pm

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



In Careers this week...

ClassCharts - As well as the weekly list of live apprenticeship opportunities, and depending on the year group, information has been posted about:

- Access Creative College Open Days
- STFC Apprenticeship Opportunities Evening
- Upcoming webinars for apprenticeships with, among many others, Rolls Royce, Deloitte, Google
- Virgin Media O2 apprenticeships information
- The Government Economic Service Degree Level Apprenticeship

Meet the Services Event: Tuesday 21st February 3:15pm - 5:00pm

We are hosting our first ever Meet the Services Event on the first Tuesday after half term. We have representatives from the Army, Navy, RAF, Police and Fire services who will be coming in to discuss the different options open to our students. Further details will follow, but for now please register your interest using this form so that we have an idea of numbers: <https://forms.office.com/e/JBBNPQpNVU>

National Apprenticeship Week: 6th – 12th February 2023

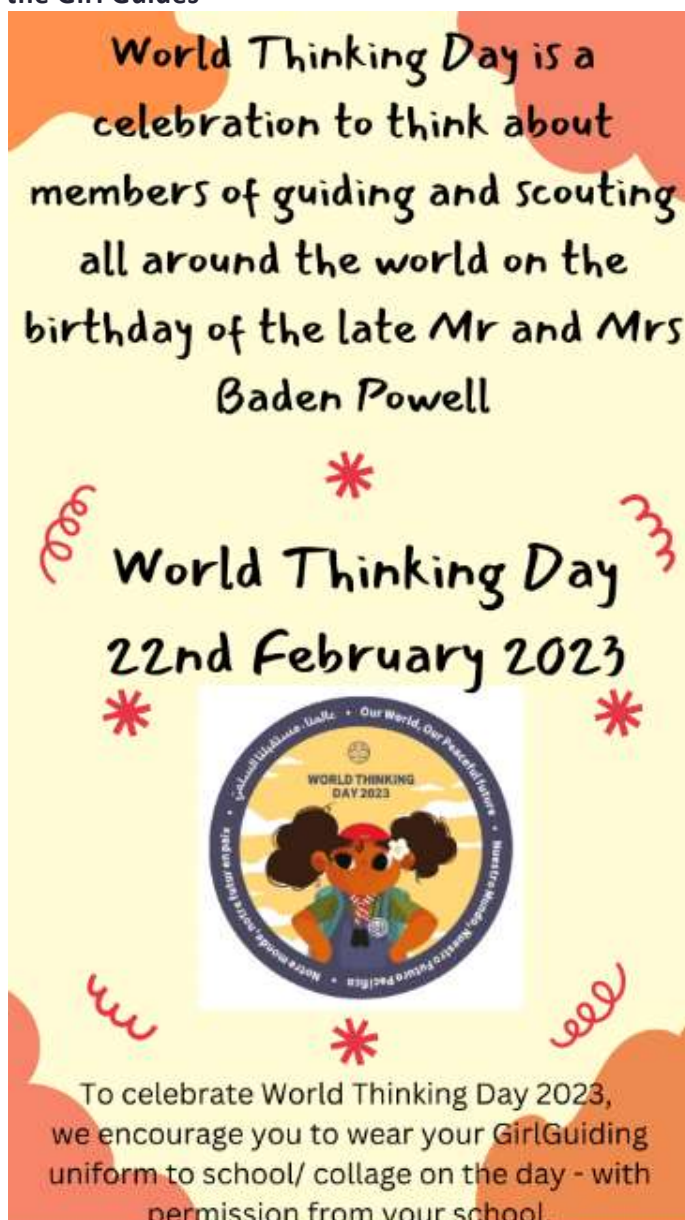
National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) 2023 is the 16th annual celebration of apprenticeships. The week brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses, and the wider economy.

Skills for Life

The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2023 is 'Skills for Life'. The week will reflect on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career and help businesses to develop a talented workforce that is equipped with skills for the future.

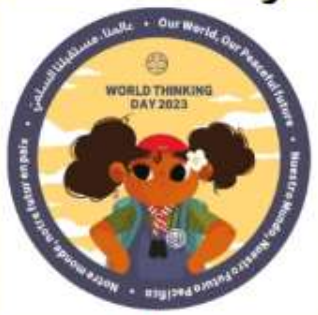
Email: careers@st-laurence.com

In celebration of the Girl Guides



World Thinking Day is a celebration to think about members of guiding and scouting all around the world on the birthday of the late Mr and Mrs Baden Powell

World Thinking Day
22nd February 2023



To celebrate World Thinking Day 2023, we encourage you to wear your GirlGuiding uniform to school/ collage on the day - with permission from your school.

The poster is a vertical rectangular graphic with a yellow background and orange wavy borders at the top and bottom. It features handwritten-style text in black. The top section describes World Thinking Day as a celebration for guiding and scouting members worldwide, marking the birthday of Mr and Mrs Baden Powell. The middle section announces 'World Thinking Day 22nd February 2023' with decorative red asterisks and squiggly lines. Below this is a circular logo for 'WORLD THINKING DAY 2023' showing two girls in Girl Guides uniforms. The bottom section encourages wearing GirlGuiding uniforms to school or collage on the day, with permission from the school.

**Restaurant Menu for Week Commencing
Monday 30th 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 are
Vegetarian and Family Style
No till Every Day

