

Parent / Carer Bulletin



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Week Commencing 20th February 2023

Headteacher's Update

Dear All

We are now officially over halfway through the academic year and although that sounds pleasing for some, it is somewhat daunting as well when examination students have about 50 days before their first written exams.

I hope you have an excellent break and that students have a chance to recharge and recuperate

Please do have a look at the brilliant Connect so you can get a flavour of everything we have done since January.

Mr Farrer

WEEK A	CALENDAR – Term 4
Monday 20 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y9 Black Rock Student Briefings• Y9 – Y13 Mind of the Student Workshops
Tuesday 21 st February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y9 Black Rock Student Briefings• Y9 – Y13 Mind of the Student Workshops• Y10 & Y12 Workshop (The Paper Birds)
Wednesday 22 nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y9 Black Rock Student Briefings• Y9 – Y13 Mind of the Student Workshops• Y9 Options Form Return Deadline• I Can and I Am Bus• Mental Health & Wellbeing Fair 3:15pm – 4:30pm; an Invitation for Parents and Carers (details below)
Thursday 23 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I Can and I Am Bus
Friday 24 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I Can and I Am Bus

Amendments to Bus Timetable

As of February 20th, the timetable will change for students travelling from Paxcroft Mead. Please see the full timetable on our website:

[Bus-Timetables-2.pdf \(st-laurence.com\)](#)

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.

Connect Term 3

This issue has the theme of Change and is packed with great writing from our students including:

- an interview with Sally Horrox, Director of Women's Rugby at World Rugby,
- a thought-provoking feature on Feminism by Nancy Leach,
- an in-depth chat with Mr Oaten about being HoH,
- staff who used to be students and all the latest news, Arts and more from the school community.

[Connect Term 3 2023 \(adobe.com\)](#)

The St Laurence School Association are holding a uniform sale – if you can spare any time to help, please get in touch: [SLSA Parents' Association | St Laurence School \(st-laurence.com\)](#)

St Laurence School Uniform Sale

Saturday 25th February 9am - 11am Trinity Hall

Uniform donations can be sent to Main Reception from Monday 20th Feb - Fri 24 Feb
(we urgently need skirts, hoodies and age 14+ uniforms)

Cash & Cards accepted

From: Mrs Barber - Assistant Headteacher, Online Safety Lead

Mental Health and Wellbeing Week – week commencing Monday 20th February

Hopefully, you have received and read the letter with all the information about our first Mental Health and Wellbeing week, including details of student and parent/carer events.

We are excited to be hosting the Mind of Student and The I Can and I Am Bus for student workshops and welcoming many businesses and organisations into school for our first Mental Health and Wellbeing Fair.

I wanted to take this opportunity to invite you again to the fair between **3:15pm and 4:30pm on Wednesday 22nd February**. This will be held in Trinity Hall.

Finally, On the evening of **Monday 20th February from 6:00pm to 7:00pm**, we have arranged a **Parent/Carer online practical workshop** with Marianne Harris from **NeuroHeadway**.

The session will focus on the themes of resilience, anxiety and depression, general emotional health, and self-harm.

We really hope as many of you as possible will be able to join the Zoom meeting to find out practical ways to support your child(ren) who may now, or in the future, need you to promote their wellbeing or if they have mental health troubles.

To find out more about NeuroHeadway who are leading the session, please visit their website www.neuroheadway.com

To join the Zoom event please use this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83906290160?pwd=OVhUT0xTYmp1Q0JYMVJ6cW4rOTFrUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 0629 0160 Passcode: 750449

From: Mrs Howsam – Outdoor Education Coordinator

Year 9 Black Rock - Parent/Carer Information Presentation

Parents of Year 9 students attending the Year 9 Black Rock residential are invited to attend the Parents' Information Presentation on Tuesday 28th February, 6:00pm to 7:00pm in Trinity Hall.

Gof Daine, the Director of Black Rock Outdoors, will be present to explain the schedule, activities, equipment required and safety aspects of the residential.

Due to the numbers expected, this presentation is limited to just parents/carers. Students will receive separate briefings during tutorials in the week commencing Monday 20th February.

A reminder that the following payments were due via ParentPay for the:

Year 10 Bronze DofE expedition: **Thursday 9th February - £50**

Year 12 & 13 Gold DofE expedition: **Friday 10th February - £50**

Year 9 Black Rock Residential: **Friday 10th February - £100**

The deadline has been extended to **Friday 24th February**, please ensure payments are made by this date.

From: Mrs Nash – Head of Drama

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/>

The show is coming together beautifully and we can't wait to show it to you!

Some reminders for the cast/crew:

- Please bring in a white t shirt (cast only) asap
- There will be a rehearsal on Saturday 25th February and Saturday 4th March as per the letter sent home before Christmas.



Alison Carr, Author

“The play centres on an ordinary Tuesday that suddenly turns very weird indeed when a tear rips across the sky over the school yard.

Not only that, but it starts sucking up pupils and staff while at the same time raining down a whole new set of people.

The play explores friendship, sibling love, family, identity, grief, bullying, loneliness, and responsibility. And in the process, we might just learn something about ourselves as well as some astronomical theories of the multiverse!”

Read more about Tuesday here: [Tuesday – Alison Carr](#)



In Careers this week...

Meet the Services: Tuesday 21st February

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel this event due to a change in availability of our presenters. We are very sorry and are working hard to find a different date and will let you know as soon as we have.

From: The Schools Immunisation Team

REMINDER: Year 8 HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) Vaccinations

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***

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 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.**


**COVID-19
Vaccination Service**

POP UP VACCINATION CLINICS

TUESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 11AM – 5PM

**Bradford on Avon Library
Bridge Street, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1BY**

You can check eligibility at:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

These clinics are for those eligible for the following vaccinations:

- 1st and 2nd COVID doses
- 1st and 2nd COVID doses for children aged 5-11 (. 1st doses for children who were 5 on or before 31st August 2022)
- Flu (eligible adults only)

Our clinics provide a safe space to have private conversations with the vaccination team about the benefits of protection for you and your family.
It's never too late to have that all important first dose.

SCAN HERE



for more info on 'walk in' vaccination clinics go to GRAB A JAB

SPORTS NEWS: Club Fixtures:

Tuesday 21st February

- Year 10 football vs Clarendon School (Home) 3:00pm – 5:30pm
- Year 9 football vs Clarendon School (Away) 3:00pm – 5:30pm

Wednesday 22nd February

- Year 11 football vs St Augustine's School (Home) 3:00pm – 5:30pm

Thursday 23rd February

- Year 8 Netball vs Melksham Oak & Clarendon School (Home) 3:00pm – 5:30pm
- Year 9 football vs St Augustine's School (Away) 3:00pm – 6:00pm

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



PE Clubs – Term 4



	Club	Location
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

Join Us for our Year 5 Open Mornings

Year 5 children and their parents are warmly invited to attend an Open Morning to experience St Laurence during the school day. This is an opportunity to tour the School, visit lessons and meet senior staff. Tours start at 9:15am and take approximately 30-40 minutes.

- Friday 3rd March 2023
- Monday 27th March 2023
- Wednesday 3rd May 2023
- Thursday 18th May 2023
- Thursday 22nd June 2023
- Monday 10th July 2023
- Friday 14th July 2023

To book a place on one of the above dates, please contact the Reception Team on: 01225 309500 / admin@st-laurence.com

Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment (one visit per family please).

Staff Vacancies

Click on the link to see the reasons why you should apply for one of our new vacancies:

[Recruitment Pack \(st-laurence.com\)](http://st-laurence.com)

ASSOCIATE STAFF VACANCIES	Closing Date
DT Technician (primarily Food): Permanent, 19 hours per week, 39 weeks per annum, to start ASAP	9:00am on Tuesday 28 th February
Teaching Assistant: Fixed Term Contract until 31st August 2023, 31 hours per week, 39 weeks per annum, to start ASAP	9:00am on Wednesday 22 nd February
Cover / Supply Teacher: Flexible hours (between 15 - 35 hours per week) Permanent, to start ASAP	Ongoing

Further details are available on the school website [Staff Vacancies | St Laurence School \(st-laurence.com\)](http://st-laurence.com)



THE HUB @ BA15 - BRIDGING THE GAP

T: 01225 920748 W: www.boahub.co.uk
E: boacommunityhub@gmail.com

The Hub@BA15 is a voluntary community project offering advice, counselling, information and support.

The Hub, Church Street, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1LS
Charity number: 1160807















SERVICES OFFERED

- Warm welcome and a listening ear
- Internet access
- Debt & budgeting advice
- Welfare benefits & tax credit advice
- Accessing information
- Meeting room available for hire
- Signposting to organisations & agencies
- Form filling assistance
- Work Club
- Housing advice
- Foodbank
- Counselling

BRADFORD ON AVON COMMUNITY AREA



Working in partnership with: Bradford on Avon Churches Together (BACT), Bradford on Avon Community Area Network and Bradford on Avon Town Council.





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Opening Times: Monday – Friday 10.00- 1.00
See separate opening times for groups including Foodbank, Debt Advice, Work Club

SHARE  Repair

CIO reg no. 1189015

Bradford on Avon's Repair Cafe

**Saturday 18th February
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**



**Restaurant Menu for Week Commencing
Monday 20th February 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 ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY	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 ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY	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 MEAL DEALS ARE SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES AND POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY