



Week Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Headteacher's Update

Dear all

It is a difficult week here this week as we say goodbye to our Year 13 students, who are now officially on study leave.

Year 11 will remain with us for a while longer but all written exams officially begin on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – we wish every student the very best of luck.

The examination timetable is on the website if you needed a reminder

Mr Farrer

## Collective Worship Term 5: Faith

Help us to have faith in humanity.

May we all have someone we can trust in difficult times.

We hope that we can have confidence in those who lead us into the future.

We know that assurances are difficult to find, but we need to find something we can trust in.

May we look to our school community as a place where people are working hard to make everyone's lives better.

May we all have at least one thing that we can trust in completely.

WEEK B	CALENDAR - TERM 5
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GCSE &amp; A Level Exams begin</li><li>• Y10 &amp; Y12 German Mock Exam</li></ul>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y10 French Exam</li><li>• Y11 German Exam</li></ul>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y7 – Y9 Lego Robotics Regional Heat 7:30am – 5:00pm</li><li>• Y10 &amp; Y12 MFL Exams</li></ul>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y10 MFL Exam</li></ul>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y12 Art Mock Exam</li><li>• Y7 – Y10 Area Trials Athletics</li><li>• Y10 German Exam</li></ul>

## **From Mrs Barber, Assistant Headteacher – Online Safety**

### **National Online Safety**

It has been brought to our attention that often the posters/parent guides shared in this bulletin are often not very clear. We can only apologise for this and moving forward, invite all parents and carers to take up the school offer of a personal account on National Online Safety to view all of these guides. The school pays for the annual subscription to this platform and setting up an account is very easy. Please see the school website's Online Safety section for further details.

### **Telegram Parent Guide**

In the words of influential tech publication *Wired*, Telegram “exercises virtually no content moderation”. It’s a particularly troubling assessment in this sensitive era when messaging and social media platforms are increasingly (and rightly) being held to account for their policies on tackling online hate speech and misinformation.

Regrettably for Telegram, it’s occasionally been cited in the media as the communications app of choice for several groups with extreme political views – including white supremacist and far-right organisations in the US and UK, and the terrorist cell which carried out attacks in Paris in 2015.

Please see the parent guide for this powerful, popular and often divisive app.

### **Parental Control Apps**

Please see the link for various parental control app services to support your children in using a mobile device safely. Each app is summarised and rated in the list and there is a link to take you to the app to sign up to it.

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[The Best Parental Control App Services of 2023 \(top10.com\)](#)

### **From: Mrs Howsam – Outdoor Education Coordinator**

#### **Year 9 Black Rock Residential**

The letters with the final information and kit list about the Black Rock Residential have now been emailed to parents via ParentMail.

Please do get in touch if you haven't received this information: [lishow@st-laurence.com](mailto:lishow@st-laurence.com)

## **From: Mr Croft – Head of Physics**

### **Y11 – Physics Masterclass – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

We hope that the Y11 revision and preparation for their GCSE is going well. On **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** I will be running a 'masterclass' the day before the first Physics GCSE – Paper 1. This will be in the **Lecture Theatre** and will run from **15:05pm – 16:00pm**.

It is entirely voluntary but students who have attended in previous years found it really useful. This session lends itself to physics particularly, using the formula and running through key facts, top-tips and exam strategies.

There is no need to sign up but if you do have any queries, then please just ask me or your physics teacher. We look forward to seeing you there on the day and best wishes with all your GCSE exams 😊.

## **SPORTS NEWS:**

### **Club Fixtures:**

#### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

- Year 8 Netball vs Kingdown School; 3:00pm – 6:30pm (Away)

#### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

- Year 7 Rounders vs Melksham Oaks; 3:00pm -5:00pm (Away)
- Year 8 & Year 9 Rounders vs Melksham Oaks; 3:00pm -5:00pm (Home)
- Year 7 & Year 8 Touch Rugby Tournament at Trowbridge Rugby Club; 3:00pm – 6:00pm

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

- Year7 – Year 11 Athletics Area Trials at Dauntsey's School; 9:00am-2:00pm



Coronation Cake made by Mrs Hudson, Data Manager. The cake won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the competition in her village's celebrations.

We'd love to see your photos of things that you made for the celebration – knitting, floral tributes, baking or something else entirely.

Send them to [marketing@st-laurence.com](mailto:marketing@st-laurence.com) and we'll showcase them in future bulletins.

# St Laurence School - Summer 2023 Written Exam Timetable

All exams will be held in the sports hall unless otherwise listed on the timetable

## Week 1

		Morning Session - 9.00am start			Afternoon Session - 1.30pm start			Time	Cand			
Mon, 15 May	GCSE	WJEC	C120/1	Religious Studies Component 1 - Modern World	AS	AOA	7181/1	Psychology Paper 1	194	2h 00m	1h 30m	2
					GCSE	AOA	8261/W	Drama			1h 45m	15
Tue, 16 May	GCSE	AOA	8464/B/1F/1H	Combined Science Biology Paper 1 (both tiers)	GCSE	EDEX	1GN0 1F	German Paper 1: Listening Foundation Tier <b>T14</b>	158	1h 15m	0h 35m	9
	GCSE	AOA	8461/1F/1H	Separate Science Biology Paper 1 (both tiers)	GCSE	EDEX	1GN0 1H	German Paper 1: Listening Higher Tier <b>LT</b>	68	1h 45m	0h 45m	13
					GCSE	EDEX	1GN0 3F	German Paper 3: Reading Foundation Tier <b>T14</b>			0h 45m	9
					GCSE	EDEX	1GN0 3H	German Paper 3: Reading Higher Tier <b>LT</b>			1h 00m	13
					GCSE	OCR	J282/1	Latin - Language			1h 30m	1
Wed, 17 May	A Level	EDEX	9GE0 01	Geography Paper 1	GCSE	AOA	8582/1	Physical Education Paper 1	31	2h 15m	1h 15m	28
	GCSE	WJEC	C720/1	English Literature Paper 1					226	2h 00m		
	GCSE	AOA	8702/1	English Literature Paper 1					2	1h 45m		
Thu, 18 May	GCSE	AOA	8145/1	History Paper 1					97	2h 00m	3h 00m	10
					A Level	AOA	7172/1	Philosophy Paper 1			1h 30m	25
					Level 3	WJEC	4543UB	Criminology Unit 2			1h 30m	
					AS Level	AOA	7356/1	Maths Paper 1			1h30m	1
					GCSE	EDEX	1BS0 01	Business Paper 1: Investigating Small Business			1h 45m	113
					GCSE	EDEX	1CNO 1H	Chinese Paper 1: Listening Higher Tier			0h 45m	1
					GCSE	EDEX	1CNO 3H	Chinese Paper 3: Reading Higher Tier			1h 05m	1
Fri, 19 May	A Level	AOA	7182/1	Psychology Paper 1	GCSE	OCR	J277/01	Computer Science Paper 1	34	2h 00m	1h 30m	18
	AS Level	OCR	H018/1	Law paper 1					1	1h30m		
	GCSE	AOA	8300/1F/1H	Mathematics Paper 1 (non - calc) (both tiers)					229	1h 30m		
	GCSE	Edex	1MA1/1F	Mathematics Paper 1 (non - calc)					1	1h 30m		

**LT** - Lecture Theatre, **T14** - Computer Room, **CR** - Conference Room



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TELEGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION  
**17+**

Telegram isn't new, but it's grown significantly in popularity over recent years, thanks to its secure nature and speedier performance than many of its competitors – including WhatsApp. While Telegram is an excellent app in terms of actual performance, like any messaging platform it brings its own challenges for parents when it comes to feeling confident about children being able to handle their own messaging conversations and contact with the outside world in general. Here's everything that trusted adults need to know about using Telegram safely.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### LACK OF AGE RESTRICTION

**17+**

Telegram has a 18+ age restriction on using the service, while someone is required to be over 17 to actually download the app. Once that's accomplished, however, there's no need to provide further identification. That means there's no guarantee that under 17s aren't using the app – and no way to confidently verify that any other user actually is who they say they are.

### POSSIBLE CYBERBULLYING

If your child uses Telegram, they could well be in a group with friends and peers on the app. These groups are managed by admins who can remove the option to post replies – possibly leading to instances of cyberbullying in which the victim has no ability to respond. Messages can be forwarded from groups, too, which potentially opens up images and text being seen by people they weren't intended for.

### UNMODERATED CONTENT

Because Telegram relies on users' self-moderation, it can sporadically become a hotbed for illegal or inappropriate content. In the past, the circulation of this material has led to its temporary removal from the App Store. In fairness, the same can be said of several messaging platforms, but Telegram's features (Secret Chats, for instance) certainly present more issues than the likes of WhatsApp.

### PREMIUM COSTS

Telegram is free to use, but it also offers a premium membership (£4.99 per month or £35.99 a year) which increases download speeds, adds translation features, and increases channel and account limits. If your child has access to your Apple ID or Google Play details, they may be able to sign up for the premium package without your knowledge.

### UNAUTHORISED ACCESS

One of Telegram's major selling points is that it's accessible across multiple platforms. Once the app's been downloaded, users can log in from a phone, tablet or computer. This multi-device availability means increased opportunities for someone else to gain unauthorised access (if your child leaves a computer or tablet at school logged into their Telegram account, for instance).

### SECRET CHATS

Telegram offers a feature called Secret Chats, which allows for messages which self-delete after a specified period of time. There are instances where this can be useful (journalists often use Telegram to protect their sources, for example), but for young people it can make it extremely difficult to prove that someone has been abusive or inappropriate towards them on the app.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### PRIVACY CONTROLS

If your child wants to use Telegram, we'd strongly suggest using the app's built-in privacy settings to restrict who can see when they were last online, their profile photo, and their phone number. This can be set to 'everybody', 'my contacts' or 'nobody'; we'd recommend either the second or third option, depending on how locked down you want the platform to be.

### DISCUSS SECURITY

It's important that your child understands the merits of strong passwords and logging out of devices when they're finished – and the benefits of protecting their personal data in general. This could range from relaxed chats and simple tips like "don't send your bank details" to how to set up passcodes for Telegram so your child's chats stay secure when they step away from their screen.

### REPORT UNSAFE CONTENT

If your child receives private messages which include content that could be considered illegal, unsafe or upsetting, they can of course block the account responsible within the app itself. Be aware, however, that Telegram won't necessarily take any further action unless this offensive content involved a user-created channel, bot or sticker.

### USE THE BLOCK FUNCTION

Users can block spam, abusive, or imposter accounts within the app. Blocking stops that account from messaging your child, or viewing their profile and activity. If the user in question is one of your child's peers or friendship circle, it may be worth bringing it to the attention of their school. Also bear in mind that your child can also voluntarily leave a Telegram group at any point if they wish.

### PROTECT PAYMENT METHODS

Apple and Google's storefronts offer family sharing options, but it's also worth double-checking your settings to ensure that a password or two-factor authentication option is set up to prevent any unexpected purchases. If your child does pay for a premium Telegram subscription without your consent, Apple and Google have been known to issue refunds in some cases.

### Meet Our Expert

Jayd Corbridge is Editor in Chief of gaming site [www.4mat.com](http://www.4mat.com) and has worked in the gaming industry for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tech, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including [BBC](http://www.BBC.com) and [TechRadar](http://www.TechRadar.com).



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# Bradford on Avon's Repair Cafe

**Saturday 20th May  
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](mailto:boa@shareandrepair.org.uk)  
IT enquiries: [edmund.bevan1@gmail.com](mailto:edmund.bevan1@gmail.com)  
For specific questions about what can be repaired phone: 07963 878319**



**From: St Laurence School Association (SLSA)**

If any parents or carers are free to help out at the sale – and get first choice of the uniform – please contact Suzie Bowling [suziebowling1@gmail.com](mailto:suziebowling1@gmail.com)



## St Laurence School Uniform Sale

**SATURDAY 20 MAY, 09:00 - 11:00am**  
**MAIN RECEPTION**

*If you have any uniform donations,  
particularly size 34 and bigger  
please drop them off at reception on  
any school day.*

**NEW SLSA EVENT**

## REFRESH YOUR WARDROBE

**Join us on Friday 16 June 17:00 - 19:30, Main Reception**

*Rails of pre-loved women's and teens clothing and accessories for sale*

**PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS TO MAIN RECEPTION**

**PLEASE DONATE ANY UNUSED AND OUTGROWN CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES  
FOR TEEN GIRLS AND LADIES THAT YOU HAVE AT HOME!**

And come along on the day to enjoy clothing items at bargain prices.

## Restaurant Menu for Week Commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Lunch  
week 3

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
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	QUORN FAJITAS WITH PEPPERS & ONION	SAUSAGE & MASH SERVED WITH ONION GRAVY	LEMON HERB ROAST CHICKEN	CHILLI CON CARNE WITH RICE, SALSA & SOUR CREAM	BATTERED FISH & TARTAR SAUCE MUSHY PEAS
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
<b>PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN</b>	QUORN CHILLI BURRITO WITH SALSA & SOUR CREAM	FALAFAL BURGERS WITH CAJUN WEDGES	VEGETABLE LASAGNE	VEGETABLE STIR FRY NOODLES	POTATO, CHICKPEA & SPINACH CURRY
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
<b>STREET FOOD</b>	THREE CHEESE FRENCH BREAD PIZZA	PERI PERI CHICKEN WITH VEG RICE	PHILLY STYLE CHEESE DOG	LOADED CHEESE BURGER	FISH FINGER BAP ICEBERG LETTUCE & TARTAR SAUCE
<b>TAKEAWAY TUBS</b>	MAC 'N' CHEESE	CHICKEN & PASTA BAKE	CHILLI BEEF CON CARNE	CHICKEN ALFREDO	PENNE ARRIBIATA
<b>PIZZA SLICE</b>	MARGHERITA	AMERICAN HOT	MARGHERITA	PEPPERONI	MARGHERITA
<b>JACKETS</b>	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR 70P EACH				
<b>DESSERTS</b>	JAM & COCONUT SPONGE	BAKEWELL TART	TOFFEE APPLE CAKE	STRAWBERRY MOUSSE	STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING

### Meal Deal

Main Meal  
With Vegetables  
And Dessert



£2.80

All of Our Main Meals and Desserts are Freshly Made Daily Every Day