



Week Commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers

It is difficult to process but our Year 13 students have their very last day in school this week. The students were in Year 10 when I arrived, during lockdown 3, and the time seems to have absolutely flown by. It has been a pleasure having them with us and we wish them every success in the future.

It is a busy week also with the Year 8 Subject Evenings and practical exams taking place in school.

I hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday

Mr Farrer

WEEK A	CALENDAR - TERM 5
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y12 Practical Exams Begin</li> <li>Y13 Photography Exam 8:35am – 3:00pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y7/8 Swimming Gala 8:30am – 3:15pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Y8 Subject Consultation Meetings 2:30pm – 7:30pm</b></li> <li>Y9 Reports Issued</li> <li><b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1:30pm</b></li> </ul>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y12 Mock Photography Exam 8:30am – 3:00pm</li> <li>Y10 Written Exams end 3:00pm</li> <li>Y12 Practical Exams End</li> <li>Y13 Students Final Day</li> </ul>

God, please help us, whether we have faith or no faith, to..

We hope for peace to prevail in our streets and for harmony within the world. We ask for guidance for our community leaders, that they may make decisions that are just and fair for all members of our community. Help them to govern with wisdom and compassion, always seeking the common good. We also lift those who are struggling and in need in our community. May we, as a community, come together to support and uplift those who are facing challenges and hardships.



## **Ms Barber – Assistant Headteacher, Online Safety Lead**

This week, my Collective Worship was about the dangers of Smartphones and how they are changing us (not for the better). I talked to the students about the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign. I thought I would share it with the wider community so you may talk about it at home. The movement started by a mother of primary aged children, who asked her parent Whatsapp group to make a pact to not get their children a smartphone.

The campaign's aims are to grow the national conversation about the harms of smartphones for children, to empower parents and schools to create a change at a local level and to put pressure on government and tech companies to help protect children.

To find out more about the campaign, please use this link: [Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

This week's Online Safety and Wellbeing poster features some of the results of the Ofcom Media Report 2024. You can read this later in the Bulletin.

## **From: Mrs Martin – Medical Administrator**

### **Allergy Season Information**

For parents and carers of students who rely on antihistamines for allergies such as hay fever please ensure their medication has been taken before they come into school.

### **Information for Students with Asthma/Inhaler Users**

Students are now doing outdoor PE lessons, including the use of the Sports Field.

All students who use inhalers **MUST** take them to the Sports Field. They can be given to PE teachers to keep for the duration of the lesson. Please ensure **all medical aids** are labelled with your child's name so they can be returned if not collected at the end of the lesson. This includes EpiPens and antihistamines.

With a high number of students with **severe allergies** we ask you to be mindful with food brought into school – especially nuts and products containing nuts. Although we are not a "nut free" school we advise that they are not brought into school or taken or purchased on school trips to minimise the risk of an anaphylactic reaction to our vulnerable students.

### **Water**

Please provide a water bottle (no glass) for your child every day. They can be refilled at water dispensers located around the school and in the restaurant during break & lunch. Bottled water can also be purchased from the restaurant.

Thank you for your attention in these matters, Mrs Martin.

## **From: Student Reception Team**

### **Return of Locker Keys**

Please ask any Year 11 and Y13 student leavers with a locker to return the key to Student Reception.

If any student has a locker that they do not use, could they please let Student Reception know so we can issue it to another student.

Thank you, Student Receptionists

## Sent on Behalf of: Wiltshire Council Passenger Transport

### REMINDER – For School Bus Passengers

It is time to apply for school transport for the Academic Year 2024-2025.

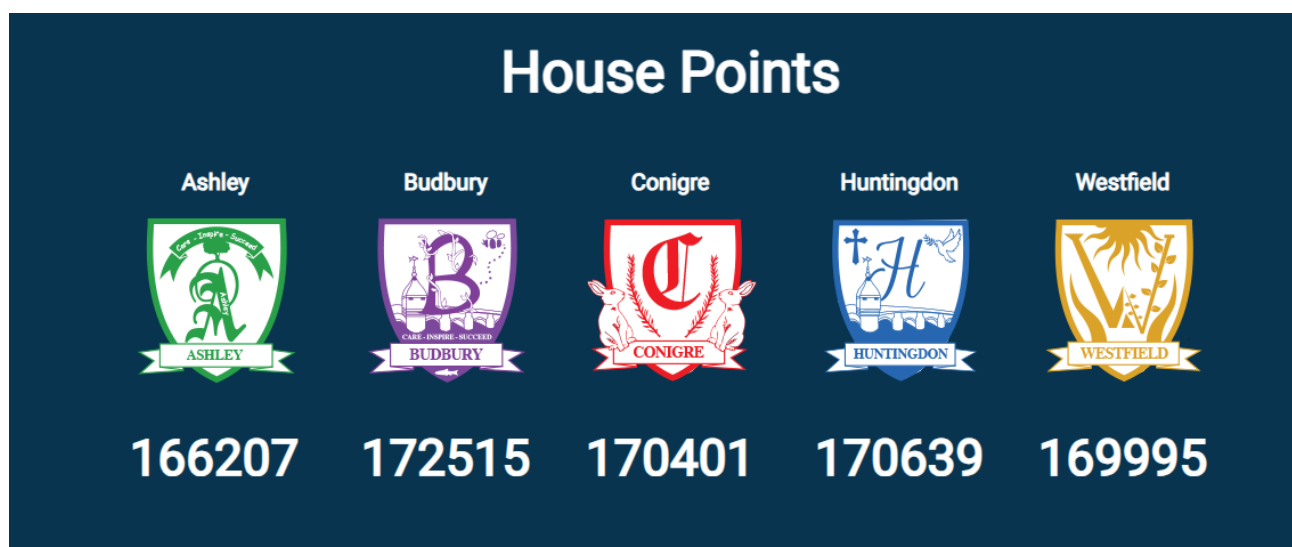
**Please note** - current students who use the school bus do not need to re-apply unless they are Post 16 years of age.

Parents and carers who are moving house between now and the new academic year will need to re-apply from the new address.

Please apply as soon as possible as any late applications may not be processed in time for the start of the new school year.

Forms and information about how to apply can be found on the Wiltshire Council Website:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-transport>



**From: Mrs Baldwin – LoTC Coordinator**

#### **Year 10 Bronze DofE information**

For information regarding the upcoming practice weekend (18th/19<sup>th</sup> May), please see class charts in the announcement section.

Students need to know which team number they are (on class charts) and have the correct equipment for each day.

**For the walking day, they must have a fully packed rucksack - the kit list is on CC.  
If you need to borrow kit, there is a form to complete on class charts.**

If you have any questions, my email is [helbal@st-laurence.com](mailto:helbal@st-laurence.com)

Many thanks, Mrs Baldwin

## From: The English Department

### **The Importance of Reading**

When we study subjects at school, we learn more effectively with 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.

Students who read widely, and for pleasure, tend to learn more and perform better in school subjects than those who do not. Reading 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 makes you cleverer; being a good, fluent reader helps students across school – and in their whole life. The feeling of getting immersed in a good book is simply one of the most calming, rewarding, and enjoyable there is.

All students study whole literary texts in English lessons. They can choose reading books from the ILC and are encouraged to always have a book on the go – whether this is the latest novel in a series they have been reading, a biography of a sporting hero, or a collection of short stories. We believe that there is “a book for everyone” and actively encourage students to explore a range of books. We want to challenge students to develop their own reading journeys, experiment with what they read and in doing so increase their insight, empathy and understanding of the wider world.

The ILC Team have an exceptional knowledge of the kinds of books 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 weekly tutorial activity where the whole school reads and discusses the same book - underlining how important we think reading is at St Laurence.

Together with the ILC Team we have produced reading lists that complement the schemes of learning that Years 7, 8 and 9 are following at this point in the academic year.

**English Wider Reading at St Laurence**

Year 7  
Term 5 and 6  
Heroes and Villains

**ALEX RIDER**  
ANTHONY HOROWITZ

**PERCY JACKSON**  
RICK RIORDAN

**THE RECRUIT**  
ROBERT MUCHAMORE

**NOCTURNAL**  
JESSICA TOWNSEND

**ARTHEMIS FOWL**  
EOIN COLFER

**ROBIN HOOD**  
ROBERT MUCHAMORE

**SKULLDUGGERY**  
DEREK LANDY

**HARRY POTTER**  
JK ROWLING

**H.I.V.E.**  
MARK WALDEN

Stormbreaker (and others in Alex Rider series) – Anthony Horowitz  
CHERUB: The Recruit – Robert Muchamore  
Robin Hood - Robert Muchamore  
Harry Potter series – JK Rowling  
Percy Jackson series – Rick Riordan  
Heroes of Olympus series – Rick Riordan  
The Haven – Simon Lelic  
Loki: A bad God's guide to being good – Louie Stowell  
Nevermoor – Jessica Townsend  
Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer  
Skullduggery Pleasant – Derek Landy  
H.I.V.E. - Mark Walden

# English Wider Reading at St Laurence

Year 8  
Term 5 and 6  
Myth and Magic



- The Knife of Never Letting Go – Patrick Ness
- Beowulf – Michael Morpurgo
- Sir Gawain and the Green Knight - Michael Morpurgo
- Greyhound of a Girl – Roddy Doyle
- The Midnight Zoo – Sonya Hartnett
- Watership Down – Richard Adams
- Percy Jackson – Rick Riordan
- Harry Potter – JK Rowling
- Midwinterblood – Marcus Sedgwick
- The Night Circus – Erin Morgenstern
- Cinderella is Dead – Kalynn Bayron
- The Sin Eater's Daughter – Melinda Salisbury
- Deeplight – Frances Hardinge
- The Thief who Sang Storms – Sophie Anderson
- The House with Chicken Legs – Sophie Anderson
- The Shark Caller – Zillah Bethell
- Shadow and Bone – Leigh Bardugo
- Storm Keeper's Island – Catherine Doyle
- Who let the God's out? – Maz Evans
- Everdark – Abi Elphinstone
- A Pinch of Magic – Michelle Harrison
- The Gilded Ones – Namina Forma
- The Mab – Matt Brown and Eloise Williams
- Amari and the Night Brothers – B B Alston
- Lore – Alexandra Bracken
- The Way Past Winter – Karen Millwood Hargrave
- The Magical Detectives – Brian Keaney

More of a challenge

- Northern Lights – Phillip Pullman
- The Subtle Knife – Phillip Pullman
- The Hobbit – JRR Tolkien
- Lord of the Rings – JRR Tolkien
- Nowhere – Neil Gaiman
- Stardust – Neil Gaiman





# English Wider Reading at St Laurence

Year 9  
Term 5 and 6  
New Worlds



The Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins  
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress –  
Dai Sijie  
The Day of the Triffids – John Wyndham  
The Chrysalids – John Wyndham  
Brave New World – Aldous Huxley  
Midwinterblood – Marcus Sedgewick  
Uglies – Scott Westerfeld  
How I Live Now – Meg Rosoff  
Bloodtide – Melvin Burgess  
Matched – Ally Condie  
The Blue Book of Nebo – Manon Steffan Ros  
The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne – Jonathan  
Stroud  
Green Rising – Lauren James  
Fake – Ele Fountain  
Shades of Grey – Jasper Fforde  
Bearmouth – Liz Hyder  
Railhead – Philip Reeve  
This Mortal Coil – Emily Suvada  
Scythe – Neal Shusterman

## More of a challenge

1984, George Orwell  
Animal Farm, George Orwell  
Lord of the Flies – William Golding  
Neuromancer – William Gibson





# PE Clubs – Term 5



Day	Club	Location	Staff Member
Monday			
Tuesday	SLS Leadership Academy	Gym / Winsley	Mr Carter/Mr Little
	Softball	Field	Mr Walker
	Rounders	Field	Mr Burrows
Wednesday			
Thursday	Athletics	Gym / Field	Mr Burrows, Mr Carter, Mrs Voutt, Mr Woodburn, Mr Walker, Miss Rose
	SLS Leadership Academy	Christchurch	Mr Little
Friday			



# What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom – the UK’s regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents’ media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, ‘Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024’ has just been published, and we’ve plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

## ONLINE LIVES



## SCREEN TIME

By children’s age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child’s screentime were ...



## POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s

Over-12s



## ONLINE GAMING

**68%** of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?



## PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...



## ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS



## DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: [norfolkcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024](https://www.norfolkcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024)





## St Laurence School

has joined the following SOCIAL MEDIA platforms to keep you informed of some of the great work your children are doing at school.

We will post news and photos from school trips, dance and drama performances, STEM events and lots more. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and “like” and “share” our stories.

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**LIKE** 

**& SHARE**



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[twitter.com/stlaurencesch](https://twitter.com/stlaurencesch)

[www.st-laurence.com](http://www.st-laurence.com)


## Menu for Week Commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

*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
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	Leek & Potato Tart Served With Salad	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake Served With Vegetables	Pulled Chicken Wrap Served With Roast Potatoes And Vegetables	Chilli Con Carne Served With Rice And Mixed Vegetables	Battered Fish Served With Chips, Beans And Tartare Sauce
<b>PLANT BASED</b>	Cauliflower, Broccoli Bake Served With Salad	Mixed Vegetable Pasta Bake Served With Vegetables	Roasted Vegetable Wrap Served With Roast Potatoes And Vegetables	Vegetable Chilli Con Carne Served With Rice And Mixed Vegetables	Vegetable Fingers Served With Chips, Beans
<b>STREET FOOD</b>	Falafel Salad Bowl	Loaded Nachos	Tex Mex Chicken Wrap	Burger Of The Day	BBQ Chicken Slice
<b>TAKEAWAY TUBS</b>	Vegetable Egg Noodles	Chicken Curry Served With Naan	Cheesy Tomato Pasta	Cheesy Bean Slice	Vegetarian Quiche Served With Mixed Salad
<b>JACKETS</b>	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR 70P EACH.				
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Syrup Sponge	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Apple Crumble Cake	Chocolate Concrete	Toffee Cheesecake

**Meal Deal**  
Main Meal With Vegetables And Dessert



All Of Our Main Meals and Desserts Are Freshly Made On Site Every Day



Share  Repair



# Bradford on Avon's Repair Cafe

Around the back at  
**The Masonic Hall ~ Wallington Hall**  
Church Street, Bradford on Avon  
Please park responsibly and legally

**Saturday 18th May**  
**1000 - 1230**

**Saturday 15th June**  
**1000 - 1230**

**Saturday 20th July**  
**1000 - 1230**

**Refreshments available**

**Donations are welcome and needed 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)  
For specific questions about what can be repaired  
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Facebook Group: "BoA Share and Repair"**



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EVERY MONTH**

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