Parent / Carer Bulletin



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Week Commencing Monday 29th September 2025

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this bulletin finds you well. I would like to begin by sharing my sincere thanks for the wonderful support around our Open Evening on Thursday. The event was a great success, with many prospective families commenting on the enthusiasm of our students, the dedication of staff, and the welcoming atmosphere across the school. It was a real pleasure to showcase the many opportunities our school provides, and we are proud of how our community came together to make the evening such a positive experience.

Looking ahead, we are excited to see our first group of Duke of Edinburgh participants this year head off on their expedition next week. This marks an important milestone for the students involved and we wish them every success as they take on this challenge, and I know they will gain invaluable experiences and memories from it.

You will shortly receive a letter from me summarising the first four weeks of term. It has been a busy and purposeful start to the year, and I am keen to share some reflections as well as our key priorities moving forward.

Finally, a reminder that the PTA will be hosting their **Quiz Evening on Thursday 17th October.** We are so grateful for the commitment and energy of our PTA team, and for the funds they raise which, this year, will support the vital area of mental health provision in school. Your continued support is hugely appreciated.

Thank you, Mr Farrer

In this week's bulletin:

- Year 11 Parent/Carer Information Evening (online)
- Y10 Option Changes Deadline
- Careers News and Y11 College Application dates to remember
- Which part of the school was officially opened 20 years ago?
- Sports News Y9 Rugby; Netball Club; Cross Country Competition
- Online Safety what you need to know about Youth Violence
- Community News
- School Fundraising Quiz Night tickets now available
- E-Scooters and electric bikes do you know the law?
- Food parcel assistance from The Hub

And lots more.....

Key dates for your diary - Week A Monday 29th September Y11 Parent/Carer Engagement 6:00pm – 6:45pm; (Online, see details below) Tuesday 30th September Y10 Netball V St Augustine's (H) Wednesday 1st October Shakespeare Schools Festival Workshop 1:15am – 4:00pm Y9 Rugby Tournament (Trowbridge RFC) Y7 Rugby V Corsham (H) Y9 Rugby V Corsham (A) Friday 3rd October

Key dates for your diary - Week B	
Monday 6 th October	 Y7 Activities Day (LG1-4) 9:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday 7 th October	Berlin Presentation 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 8 th October	
Thursday 9 th October	Y13 Reports Issued
	6 th Form UKMT Senior Maths Challenge
	 GCSE/A Level PE Parent Filming Event 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Friday 10 th October	

From: Ms Pritchard - Director of KS4 Progress & Learning

Year 11 Parent/Carer Information Evening (online)

All parents and carers of year 11 students are invited to attend an online Parents Information Evening. This will take place on Microsoft teams on **Monday 29**th **September from 6:00pm**.

Key contents will include:

- Important dates for terms 1 and 2
- Mock exams
- Supporting your child with revision, including revision timetables and strategies
- Revision clubs available in school
- · How to access revision resources from home
- Attendance

A link to the meeting will be emailed to all Year 11 students school email accounts to enable you to access.

Y10 Option Changes

The deadline for any final requests for Y10 students to change their options is Friday 3rd October.

Some classes in certain option blocks are full but if your child does wish to change an option, please email Mr Dutton: chrdut@st-laurence.com by the date above.

From: The Careers Team



Calling All Parent and Carer Professionals! Do you work for a company that could inspire our students?

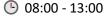
We're excited to announce our upcoming Careers Fair, and we'd love to invite Parents and Carers who work for a business or organisation to host a stand and share insights into your industry, career path, and opportunities available to young people.

Whether you work in healthcare, engineering, hospitality, finance, creative arts, trades, or any other sector — your experience could make a real difference in helping students explore their future options.

Event Details: 9



Wednesday 15th October 2025



If you or your company would be interested in taking part, please get in touch with careers@stlaurence.com.

Let's work together to inspire the next generation!

We will be meeting all our year 11 students to talk about the pathways available to them after GCSEs.

Open evenings are beginning to happen across all our local colleges and sixth form providers; and apprenticeships opportunities are beginning to be advertised.

To be able to make the right choice it is important for all students to consider all option to find the path that is right for them. If you have any questions, please feel free to email careers@st-laurence.com.



From: Ms Whitehead - Head of Design Technology

As part of their Design Technology studies, Key Stage 3 & 4 students make a variety of products using Resistant Materials, Textiles and Electronics. Details of projects for the year are summarised on the school website.

An annual voluntary contribution of £5 per student for Key Stage 3, and £7.50 for Key Stage 4, makes it possible to provide a wider variety of materials & experiences. All students are encouraged to value the materials they are working with and should have their practical work to take home at the end of each project.

To make a payment, please use your Parent Pay account.

Thank you in advance for your support.



What's on the Menu?



Click the link to our Catering page for information on all the different ways our students can enjoy healthy and nutritious meals at school:

Catering | St Laurence School (st-laurence.com)

It's been 20 years since our purpose built restaurant was officially opened

From: Exams Team

Dates for Criminology NEA have been confirmed.

These assessments will take place in T13 & T14

- Y13 Monday 15th December 2025 & Tuesday 16th December 2025
- Y12 Monday 12th January 2026 & Tuesday 13th January 2026

Sports News

From: Mr Carter - Head of PE

Year 9 Rugby

The year 9 rugby team start their season with a 'pitch up and play' event at Trowbridge rugby club on Wednesday 1st October. The team sheet is available to students on the PE department noticeboard. There are still opportunities to represent the school for years 7-9.

Training takes place after school every Thursday, sign up on the MCAS app to book your spot for next week.

From: Mr Bailey

Netball Club

We can now confirm that Netball Club is live on Bromcom. If your child would like to take part in netball this term, please login in, using the MCAS App, and sign them up.

Apologies for the delay.

From: Mr Burrows - Teacher of PE / KS3 PE Coordinator

KS3 Interhouse Cross Country Competition

All KS3 students will be competing for their house in the first sporting interhouse of the year in the week beginning **Monday 29**th **September**. Students will be competing in a cross-country competition during their PE lessons.

Interhouse competitions require determination, togetherness and participation, where the house with the most participants often ends up victorious.

Students' first PE lesson of the week will involve a short briefing and opportunity to practice ready for the main race which will take place in their second PE lesson of the week. The race takes place on our school field. Students can wear trainers for this, but it is recommended that football/rugby boots are worn if conditions are wet and muddy.

In combination with our Cross Country after school club, this event will also support the selection of our cross-country team that represents St Laurence at the West Wiltshire Cross Country Championship at Stonar School on Friday 7th November.

Results of this Interhouse competition will go in the final bulletin of the term. We look forward to seeing all our KS3 students competing for their house next week!

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 30th September

Year 10 Netball vs St Augustine's (H). Finish approx. 4:30pm

Wednesday 1st October

Year 9 Rugby Tournament at Trowbridge RFC. Return approx. 5:30pm

Thursday 2nd October

Year 7 Rugby vs Corsham (H). Finish approx. 5:15pm. Year 9 Rugby vs Corsham (A). Return approx. 5:45pm.

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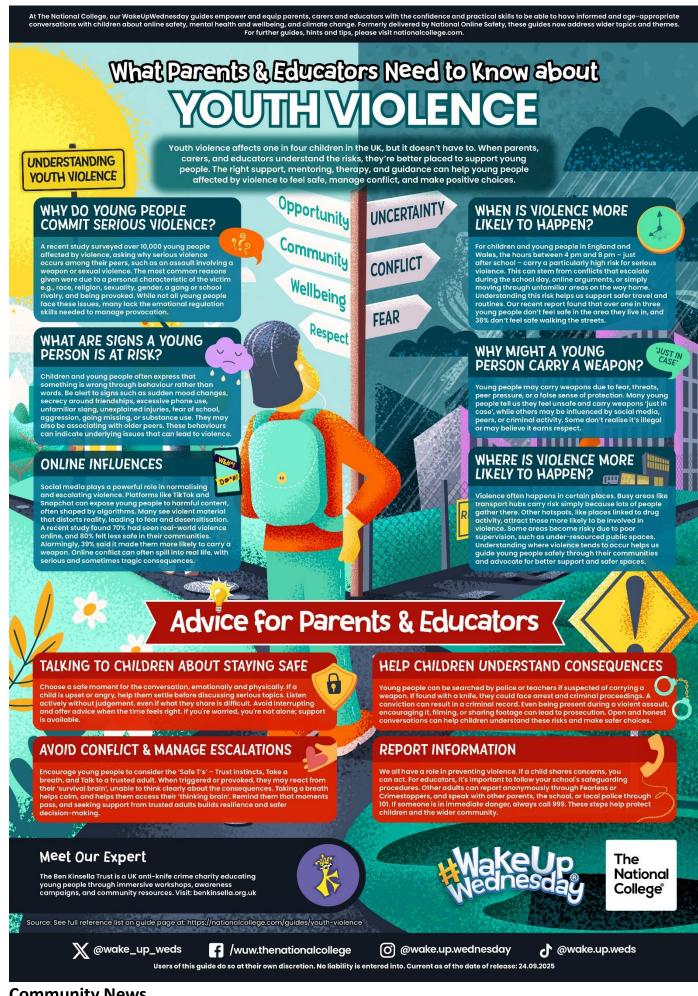


The Hub in the centre of Bradford-On-Avon is here to Help any family that is struggling financially. We are a registered charity that Can supply essential foods for Free.

Food can be collected from the Hub or from the school or delivered upon request.

We are here to help.
Please do contact us if we can
Help in any way.

Online Safety and Wellbeing



Community News

The PTA is hosting a Quiz night on Friday 17th October!

Please come along and support this event which promises to be fun and memorable! Every penny raised goes to much needed projects and equipment for the school.

Tickets and cheese platters are on sale through Eventbrite! There will be a cash bar on the night. Come as a team of 6 or form a team on this night.

Buy your tickets here:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-laurence-school-quiz-night-tickets-1680001141639?aff=oddtdtcreator





E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988.

You therefore need to have:

- A driving licence
- Insurance
- MOT and Tax

It is against the law to ride them on the roads/ pavements or in public spaces. This includes car parks and play parks. Legal electrically assisted pedal cycles can be ridden by people over 14 years old. To be compliant with the law:

- It must have pedals which you need to turn to propel it
- It should have a motor of 250 watts or less
- The electrical assist should cut out at 15.5 mph

If it doesn't meet these criteria, it is classed as a motor vehicle and needs a licence, insurance, MOT and tax to be ridden legally.

If you use an e-scooter or e-bike against the law, you run the risk of it being seized and destroyed. You may also be prosecuted.

