Parent / Carer Bulletin



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Week Commencing Monday 11th March 2024

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I want to wish all of the year 11 students the very best of luck with their Spring mocks which begin next week. It will be the last time they have an opportunity of honing their skills ready for the summer and an opportunity to get some specific feedback to support their revision.

Secondly, I wanted to share with you some concerning news I have had from the police. There has been an increase in County Lines activity. County Lines is where illegal drugs are transported from one area to another, often across police and local authority boundaries (although not exclusively), usually by children or vulnerable people who are coerced into it by gangs. The police are now urging us to report suspicious behaviour as part of a police crackdown on county lines drug gangs in the southwest due to an increase in this activity. They have asked that we share these signs with you.

Spotting the signs of County Lines activity in your community:

An increase in visitors and cars to a house or flat New faces appearing at the house or flat Change in resident's mood and/or demeanour (e.g. secretive/ withdrawn/ aggressive/ emotional) Substance misuse and/or drug paraphernalia Changes in the way young people you might now dress Unexplained, sometimes unaffordable new things (e.g clothes, jewellery, cars etc) Residents or young people you know going missing, maybe for long periods of time Young people seen in different cars/taxis driven by unknown adults Young people seeming unfamiliar with your community or where they are Truancy, exclusion, disengagement from school An increase in anti-social behaviour in the community Unexplained injuries

We do not tolerate drugs in school, and I am firmly of the belief that they wreck lives. We will be continuing our drugs education through PSHE with some more information for parents and carers in the summer term and some more activities in school to ensure we are as proactive as we can be.

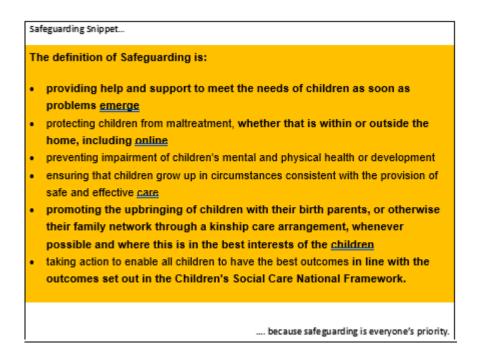
Mr Farrer

House Points



| WEEK A | CALENDAR - TERM 4 | |
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| Monday 11 th March | • | |
| Tuesday 12 th March | Y12 Geography Trip | |
| | Journalism Workshop with Deborah Bee | |
| Wednesday 13 th March | Y12 Geography Trip | |
| | Y12/Y13 Business & Sociology Revision Event | |
| | Y12/Y13 County Football Semi-Final | |
| | • Y10/Y11 Careers Drop ILC; 3.15pm - 4.15pm | |
| Thursday 14 th March | 6th Form Annual Quiz; 5.00pm- 7.30pm | |
| Friday 15 th March | • | |





From: Mrs Barber – Assistant Headteacher

Online Safety Starts with all of us.

Think before you share photographs and videos of your kids on social media. (youtube.com)

This video provides an in-depth look into why you should think twice before sharing your kids' photos and videos on social media. We discuss the potential threats to privacy, the risk of digital kidnapping, the long-term implications for your child's digital footprint, and the alarming role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in disrupting their digital life.

Key topics we cover include:

1. Privacy Concerns: We explore how sharing photos and videos can unintentionally expose personal information about your child and family.

2. Digital Kidnapping: Understand this disturbing trend where strangers steal children's photos and pretend they are their own.

3. Al and Digital Life Disruption: Learn about how Al can use your child's photos and videos to create deepfakes, manipulate their digital identity, and disrupt their digital life.

4. Long-Term Implications: We discuss how your child's digital footprint can affect their future, including their personal and professional life.

Remember, the internet never forgets. It's our responsibility as parents to ensure our children's safety and privacy. Watch this video to learn more about the potential dangers of oversharing on social media and how you can prevent them.

From Mrs Rhodes, KS3 Director of Learning and Progress

A reminder that the Online **Year 7 Subject Consultation** Meetings are being held straight after the Easter Break on **Thursday 18th April**. A letter and more information will follow in due course. Please make sure you have this in your calendar.

From: Mrs Jones – Exams Officer

| Timetable of Y11 March English & Mat | hs Mock Exams w/c 11 March 2024 (in Sports Hall) |
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| Week A | |
| Tue, 12 March | |
| Lesson 4 & 5 early lunch | 1.00pm - Maths paper 1 1h30m (non-calculator) |
| Wed, 13 March | |
| Lesson Tut & 1 | 8.35am - English Language 1h |
| Lesson 4 & 5 early lunch | 1.00pm - Maths paper 2 1h30m (calculator) |
| Thu, 14 March | |
| Lesson Tut & 1 | 8.35am - English Literature 45m |
| Lesson 4 & 5 early lunch | 1.00pm - Maths paper 3 1h30m (calculator) |

| | table of Y10 Mock Written | | | | 26 April - 8 Ivlay 2024) | |
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| Fri, 26 May (week A) Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35 | Y10 History 2h | Late Break 11.05 - 11.30 | Lesson 3 11.30 - 12.30 | Early Lunch 12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00 | Y10 Biology - Combined Science 1h15m - Separate Science 1h45m | |
| Mon, 29 April (week B) | | Late Break | Lesson 3 | Early Lunch | | |
| Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35 | Y10 Chemistry - Combined Science 1h15m - Separate Science 1h45m | 11.05 - 11.30 | 11.30 - 12.30 | 12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00 | Y10 Maths Non-Calculator Paper 1h | |
| Tue, 30 April | | Late Break | Lesson 3 | Early Lunch | | |
| Line up under main quad canopy by 8:33 | Y10 German Reading 1h30m Y10 French Listening 1h (in Lecture Theatre) | 11.05 - 11.30 | 11.30 - 12.30 | 12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00 | Y10 English Language 1h15m | |
| Wed, 1 May | | Late Break | Lesson 3 | Early Lunch | | |
| Line up under main quad canopy by 8:33 | Y10 Design Technology 2h Y10 Dance 1h30m Y10 Drama 1h Y10 Food 1h45m Y10 Sociology 1h45m | 11.05 - 11.30 | 11.30 - 12.30 | 12.30 - 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00 | Y10 Maths Calculator Paper 1h | |
| Thu, 2 May | | Late Break | Lesson 3 | Early Lunch | | |
| Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35 | Y10 Computer Science 2h Y10 PE 1h15m Y10 Music 1h45m (in Lecture Theatre) | 11.05 - 11.30 | 11.30 - 12.30 | 12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00 | Y10 Philosophy & Ethics 1h30m | |
| Fri, 3 May | | Late Break | Lesson 3 | Early Lunch | | |
| Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35 | Y10 English Literature 1h | 11.05 - 11.30 | 11.30 - 12.30 | 12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00 | Y10 French Reading 1h30m Y10 German Listening 1h (in Lecture Theatre) | |
| Mon, 6 May (week A) | | | | | | |
| | Bank Holiday | | | | Bank Holiday | |
| Tue, 7 May | | Late Break | Lesson 3 | Early Lunch | | |
| Line up under main quad canopy by 8:35 | Y10 Geography Paper 1 - 1h & Paper 2 - 50m | 11.05 - 11.30 | 11.30 - 12.30 | 12.30 – 1.00 Line up under main quad canopy by 1.00 | Y10 Physics - Combined Science 1h15m - Separate Science 1h45m | |

| Mon, 29 April (week B) | Session 1 Exam | | Session 2 Exam |
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| Arrive at the sports hall by 8:35am | Y12 Chemistry 1h30m Y12 Film Studies 2h | Arrive at the sports hall by 1:00pm | Y12 Law 2h Y12 Geography 2 x 1h15m |
| Tue, 30 April | | Early Lunch | |
| Arrive at the sports hall by 8:35am | Y12 English Lang & Lit 1h Y12 English Lit 2h | Arrive at the sports hall by 1:00pm | Y12 Biology 2h |
| Wed, 1 May | | Early Lunch | |
| Arrive at the sports hall by 8:35am | Y12 Psychology 2h Y12 Music TBC Y12 PE 1h30m & 1h15m Y12 Further Maths 1h30m | Arrive at the sports hall by 1:00pm | Y12 Physics 2 x 1h30m Y12 Philosophy 3h Y12 Drama & Theatre 3h Y12 French 2x1h30m |
| Thu, 2 May | | Early Lunch | |
| Arrive at the sports hall by 8:35am | Y12 History 2h30m Y12 Sociology 2h | Arrive at the sports hall by 1:00pm | Y12 Maths 2 x 1h30m |
| Fri, 3 May | | | |
| Arrive at the sports hall by 8:35am | Y12 Business 1h30m | | Y12 Catch-Up |

If you are entitled to exam access arrangements, this is detailed below.

Candidates who are entitled to a word processor, reader, scribe or separate room access arrangement will be collected from the canopy by reception and taken to their exam room.

- Individual timetables will show resolved session clashes and will be issued via school email
- Extra time can be accommodated for students with approved access arrangements, but please be aware that buses will not wait after school so alternative transport home must be arranged by students/parents/carers
- Study-leave for Year 12 students is Monday, 29 April Friday, 3 May except for Criminology students who should attend their Criminology lessons as normal during this week if not in an exam
- All information relating to exams, including seating plans will be displayed on the exams notice board in the main school quad and on Class Charts

From: Mrs Nash – Head of Drama

This is a LAST CALL for any pupil in **Years 7-9** who would like to take part in the summer production of **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**. Anyone else who would like to audition MUST see Miss Davies or Mrs Nash by the end of the day on Tuesday 12th March. for anyone interested in taking part backstage there will be a meeting soon - please listen out for messages in house notices and tutor trays

Year 11 GCSE

Our Year 11 GCSE Drama students really did themselves proud in front of the external examiner last week. Students performed extracts from 1984, Girls Like That and The Ballad of Maria Marten. Two students were assessed on their lighting designs and one student on their costume design. We won't know the results until the summer, but everyone should be congratulated for doing their very best on the day. Thank you to the family and friends who came to watch the dress rehearsals, Mr Evans and Miss Davies for technical support and Mr Abrahams and Miss Norcombe for their help supervising students and for staying to watch.

Monday 25th March - Our cast of 'The Taming of the Shrew' will be performing at the Tobacco Factory in Bristol as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. Information on how to get tickets can be found here <u>Shakespeare Schools Festival 2024 - March - Tobacco Factory Theatres</u>

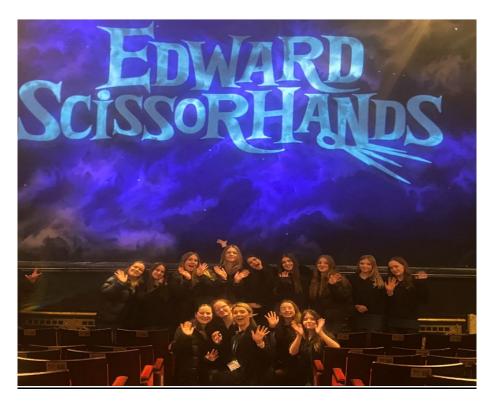
From: Mrs Whittle – SENDCO



From Miss Eyles – Dance Department

Staff and students had an incredible time in Bristol, on Thursday 7th March, watching Matthew Bournes Edward Scissorhands. This is our fourth Matthew Bourne dance trip, it was safe to say, that the students and staff did not blink. It was a spectacularly, stunning dance production. It is so important for students' wellbeing and creativity, that they are given the opportunity, to go out to the theatre and see shows like this.

Miss Eyles would like to give a massive thanks to all the staff, she would like to mention how exceptional the students were, a real credit to St Laurence Dance Department.



From: Mrs Favali – Social Sciences

Social Sciences Career Talk:

Any students in **year 10, 11, 12 or 13** who might be interested in pursuing a career in counselling are invited to attend a talk from Sam Osbourne, a qualified School Psychotherapist. He will be sharing about his experiences as a Psychotherapist, different types of counselling and the different routes/qualifications into becoming a Psychotherapist.

The talk will take place online on <u>Tuesday the 19th of March, in S4 at 3:30pm</u>. If you could let Ms Favali or Mrs Butterworth know if you would like to attend.

From: Heather Browne

Journalists visit at Connect Club on Tuesday 12th March.

Leading fashion journalist, writer and marketing director Deborah Bee will visit school for a talk and workshop on Tuesday 12th March 3.15-4.15pm in F4. Deborah has worked for publications including Vogue, Cosmopolitan and The Times and runs her own sustainable fashion brand. If your child is interested in these fields, please sign up on Connect Journalists on School Cloud/email <u>heabro@st-laurence.com</u> before Monday

British science week 2024- Enrichment

Science Live Bristol

Some of the year 10 Scientists visited the Science Live show





State of the Matter-Chemistry Show This show was presented by the Explorer Dome Bristol

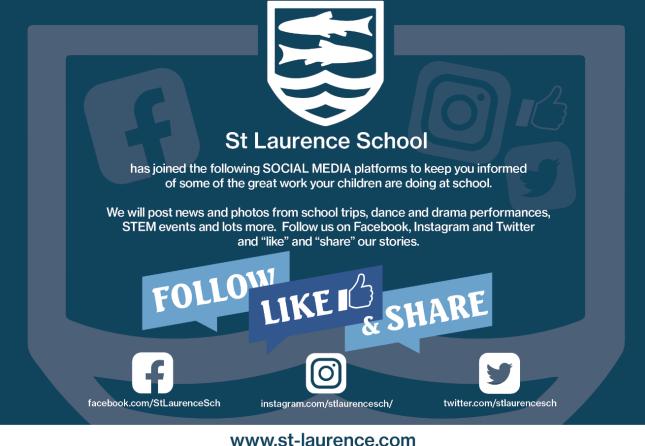












| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | | | FRIDAY | | |
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| MAIN MEAL | FALAFEL SHAWARMA SERVED WITH SWEET POTATO FRIES & MIXED LEAF SALAD | COTTAGE PIE SERVED WITH A SELECTION OF VEGETABLES | ROAST GAMMON SEEVED WITH ROAST POTATOES & VEGETABLES | CHCKEN CURRY SERVICED WITH PILAU RICE AND VEGATABLES | BATTERED FISH & TARTAR SAUCE MUSHY PEAS | | |
| PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN | VEGGIE BURGER SERVED WITH SWEET POTATO FRIES | VEGETABLE COTTAGE PIE WITH GARDEN SALAD AND GARLIC SLICE | ROAST QOURN SERVED WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS | VEGETABLE CURRY SERVED WITH RICE AND VEGETABLES | VEGETABLE FAJITA SERVED WITH CHIPS | | |
| STREET FOOD | STIR FRIED VEGETABLE NOODLES | PULLED PORK & APPLE WRAPS | HOMEMADE CHICKEN PASTY | SWEET CHILLI FALAFEL WRAP | DIRTY FRIES | | |
| TAKEAWAY TUBS | SOUP OF THE DAY & BREAD ROLL | CAULIFLOWER & BROCCOLI PASTA BAKE | CHEESE & BEAN SLICE | PASTA & MEATBALLS | BURGER OF THE DA | | |
| PIZZA SLICE | PIZZA OF THE DAY | PIZZA OF THE DAY | PIZZA OF THE DAY | PIZZA OF THE DAY | PIZZA OF THE DAY | | |
| JACKETS | | TRY OUR DELICIOUS FLLINGS FOR 70P EACH | | | | | |
| DESSERTS | STEAMED SYRUP SPONGE & CUSTARD | GOOEY CHOCOLATE SPONGE & CUSTARD | FRUIT COBBLER | STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING | LEMON CHEESECAK | | |

From The HUB

The Hub@BA15 continues to offer food boxes and due to the generosity of our local community we are pleased to offer an Easter parcel again for the school break.

We know that this has been a welcome help to many families during the holidays when free school lunches are not available, and children eat all the provisions!

Your contact details can be provided to the school and we will deliver the box (and bag); alternatively you can contact the Hub directly.

We also want you to know that we can provide parcels during non-school holidays for the entire family. Your child's school is in possession of vouchers which they can sign, and you can fill out or the school can issue an E voucher which comes directly through to us.

Bringing this voucher to the Hub on Church Street in Bradford on Avon allows you to receive a food parcel tailored to your family.

The Hub is open Monday through to Friday from 10 to 1pm.

Our phone number is 01225 920148 and email is info@boahub.co.uk should you need any further information.

We are also able to help with debt advice, some welfare benefit enquiries and form filling. We have a phone and computers with printing facilities which are available for use.

Coffee and a chat are always available but the coffee morning on 2nd Friday in the month offers cake as well!







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 16th March 1000 - 1300

April **On Holiday**

Saturday 18th May 1000 - 1300

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 Computer enquiries: edmund.bevan1@gmail.com For specific questions about what can be repaired phone: 07963 878319



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Hosted by Bradford on Avon Town Council



St Margaret's Hall Sunday 17 March doors open @ 2pm film starts @ 2.30pm £1 entry for adults children under 18 free