



Week Commencing 16th October 2023

Headteacher's Update

Dear all

It has been another busy week at school with Year 7 continuing their Activity Days, Year 11 having exam study skills sessions in preparation of their mock exams after the half term and the last of our extremely full open mornings.

You will know that next week is a shorter week, ending on Wednesday at 3:00pm with all students returning on Monday 30th October at 8:35am.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Farrer

| WEEK B | CALENDAR - TERM 1 |
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| Monday 16 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 7 Activity Day 8:30am – 4:15pm• Year 11 Dance Exam Preparation• Year 10 DofE Certificate Presentation |
| Tuesday 17 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 13 Iceland Trip (returns 20/10/23)• Year 13 Berlin Trip (returns 20/10/23) |
| Wednesday 18 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 13 University Admissions Test• Year 9 GCHQ Careers Event• TERM 1 ENDS AT 3:00PM• TERM 2 STARTS MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER AT 8:35AM |

Collective Worship Term 1:

Dear God

We come here with grateful hearts as we celebrate our school.

We are thankful for the opportunity to reflect on the success and achievements we have had as a community.

We ask that this celebration can continue throughout that year.

We want to recognise the achievements of all, no matter how big or small.

We hope that our hearts will be filled with gratitude and praise as we continue to fully engage with life.



WhatsApp

safety guide for parents





16+

WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

58%

Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp

37%

Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp

5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp

-  **1 Review privacy settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.
-  **2 Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.
-  **3 Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.
-  **4 Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.
-  **5 Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.



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From: Mr Hainsworth – Assistant Headteacher

Tutor review - Thursday 16th November 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Parents / Carers of Year 7, 10 and 12 students are warmly invited to attend a **face-to-face meeting** at St Laurence School with their child's tutor for this year's tutor review.

This is an excellent opportunity to discuss how Year 7, 10 and 12 students have started their new Key Stage in ten-minute appointments with the tutor. A letter with more information will be sent to parents / carers at the start of Term 2. For now, if you have a child in Year 7, 10 or 12, please save this date.

From: Mr Blowers – Director of 6th Form

6th Form Open Evening - Thursday 2nd November 2023 in Trinity Hall

All Year 11 students, Parents and Carers, are invited to join to this event to learn why our flourishing 6th Form is the right choice after completing Year 11:

- Students in Ashley, Budbury and Conigre Houses (1-5) 5:00pm in Trinity Hall
- Students in Conigre (6–10), Huntingdon & Westfield Houses 6:00pm in Trinity Hall

For the past five years we have been in the top state 6th forms in Wiltshire (coming 1st or 2nd in each of the last four years for highest attainment). We look forward to welcoming you to find out what makes our 6th form so strong.

Please note: if you absolutely cannot attend your allocated session, as above, please come to the other one.

All the details of the event have been shared in a recent letter with: Parents/Carers and students but if you do have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Thank you – The St Laurence 6th Form Team



St Laurence School

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Open Evening

6th Form

Thursday 2nd November 2023
5:00pm – 7:30pm





Presentations led by the Headteacher and Director of 6th Form will be at 5:00pm and 6:00pm in Trinity Hall, followed by a tour of the school.



In the Wiltshire Music Centre

www.st-laurence.com Ashley Road, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire. BA15 1DZ

From: Ms Baldwin – Outdoor Education Coordinator

Year 11 Bronze DofE Presentation

I've invited Year 11 students **via email** who have completed Bronze DofE to the Lecture Theatre during Monday's tutorial to receive their certificate.

Please encourage your child to check their school email account and attend the presentation. They need to register first with their tutor.

Mrs Baldwin

From: Mrs Rhodes – Director of Learning & Progress KS3

KS3 - Save the date:

We have the following **KS3 online Parent Information sessions** planned for next term, starting at 6:00pm.

Year 7 - Tuesday 7th November 6:00pm -7:00pm

Year 8 - Tuesday 14th November 6:00pm -7:00pm

Year 9 - Tuesday 31st October 6:00 – 7:00pm

The sessions will cover Assessment and Reporting and any events that will be happening over the course of the year.

Logging in:

Your child will receive an invitation sent to **their school email account**. This should have then synced over to the MS Teams.

For the meetings, please ensure you sign into MS Teams **as your child** and join from their calendar. We have sent the invitation this way for our own Safeguarding reasons.

Please do not forward the invitation. If parents need an additional invitation, please email Mrs Rhodes karrho@st-laurence.com

From: Mrs Nash – Head of Drama

Arabian Nights

Thank you to everyone who applied for a place on the trip to see 'Arabian Nights' on Monday 18th December at the Bristol Old Vic.

We were inundated with replies and have managed to secure some extra spaces. The list of who has been allocated a ticket and details of how to pay will be sent out next week.

From: Mr Blowers – Director of 6th Form

Libya Aid 2023

For the past three years our 6th Form Leadership Team have led on fundraising for a key charity. This year it was for the Red Cross in Libya following the catastrophic floods last month.

We had: Limbo, Guess the Sweets, Map Challenge, Cookie Decoration, Netball, Tin Can Bowling, Chin Up, Clothes Sale, Cake Sale, Guinness World Record Attempt (such as how far can you blow a pea across the floor, demonstrated by Mr Blowers, below?!!) and Pin the Tail on the Unicorn.

It was a fantastic event - the sun shone and our students were magnificent. We raised over £200 for this charity and once again our 6th Form students demonstrated what an altruistic and collaborative team they are. Huge thanks to all the 6th Form who led events, and all the students that attended.



Students Review the 6th Form Active Trip to “The Wave” Bristol

We knew about the range of things that St Laurence 6th Form were setting up so that we could take part in opportunities to get active – both through physical and mental wellbeing activities. We decided to go to “The Wave”, as it was a completely new experience for both of us that we probably wouldn’t have had the chance to do otherwise.

It was a great opportunity provided by the school and Mr Blowers’ new 6th Form active scheme. Everyone enjoyed themselves so much despite having little or no experience in surfing before – it was a great beginner friendly activity!

We would really recommend taking any chances available like this inside or outside of school, whether that be an after-school club, or a trip away to somewhere like “The Wave”, because it is a great way to try something new, meet new people, and get active.



From: Mr Carter – Head of PE

Mid Wiltshire Cross Country Championships - Stonar School - Friday 3rd November

As part of the cross country inter house held for Years 7-9, students will be invited to form a team of 6 members to represent St Laurence School at the Mid Wiltshire Cross Country Championship.

For KS4 and 5, the PE Team are opening up the opportunity for anyone who would like to compete with the aim of finishing in the top 6 for their year group.

Students in Years 10-13 who would like to compete as an individual should email Mr Carter (jascar@st-laurence.com) to confirm their place on the bus.

At the championships, those students who finish in the top 10 positions will be invited to trial for the Wiltshire County Cross Country Squad at a race held at Sheldon School on Saturday 13th January 2024.

For students selected in Years 7-9, a letter will be sent in the final week of the term with an official invitation.

Laurence School Star Sporting Students

Swimming

Harry Woodford, Year 9, swam 50 fly in the medley team, achieving a 2 second personal best at the Inter-County Championships in Sheffield last weekend!

Overall, Wiltshire were placed 11th out of 17 teams, their highest position in 10 years. Harry's proud mum told us "It was a tough competition, but Harry absolutely loved it. He had an absolutely brilliant time and we are super proud of this achievement."

Netball



Four St Laurence School students, Erin Bool (Year 11), Alice Lindsay (Year 10), Olivia Proudman (Year 11), and Grace Farrell (Year 11), playing for Team Bath, won a netball fixture on Sunday 8th October against Sky Bound with an astonishing 67/3 to Bath.

Erin, Alice, Olivia and Grace

Have we missed a sporting achievement?

We are keen to celebrate all of our student's success in the wide world of sport. Please share your stories with Mr Carter, Head of PE, jascar@st-laurence.com



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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MIGHTY GIRLS SELF DEFENCE WORKSHOP

Girls: Yr6 to Yr 10 (Age: 10-15)

Tuesday 24th October Half Term 2pm - 5pm

In Bradford On Avon. Only £22



Mighty Girls



This workshop combines practical self-defence skills with a focus on movement, breath work, relaxation, and posture. This holistic approach enhances self-awareness and equips you to cope effectively in various situations.

Visit www.mightygirls.co.uk

***Discounted places available**

NINJA PARENTING FOR BIG KIDS

Is your 9-16 year-old
oppositional,
on screens, anxious,
hard-to-reach,
not co-operative
or refusing
to engage?

Longing to bring your older
child back into the fold?
To have meaningful
conversations and spend
quality time together?
Want to feel like you are
winning at this rather than
despondent, exhausted
and burned-out?

TEEN TALKS + Q&A

**HOW TO MOTIVATE YOUR TEEN:
A LIBERATING RESET FOR BURNED-OUT PARENTS**

Henry Dingle Teen Mentor, Young Fire Academy



**LETTING GO AND HOLDING ON:
WHY THEY NEED TO FIGHT US AND HOW TO SURVIVE**

Roma Norriss Parenting Consultant



FOOD
AVAILABLE

Thu 2nd November @ 7-9.30pm
-> CHEESE & GRAIN, Frome
-> £7 advance / £10 on door

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For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring
to a secondary school in
September 2024?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or
complete an application form, available at
all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 31 October 2023

All forms must be returned to the school admissions
team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide
to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

Dear Bradfordians,

if you would like to donate your time in any way, we would also be very appreciative as we always require assistance.



Bradford on Avon's Repair Cafe

**Saturday 21st October
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

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



Restaurant Menu for Week Commencing Monday 16th October 2023 (Monday – Wednesday)

| <div> <div>Lunch week 1</div> <div>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.</div> </div> | | | | | |
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| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| MAIN MEAL | QUORN SHAWARMA SERVED WITH SWEET POTATO FRIES & MIXED LEAF SALAD | COTTAGE PIE SERVED WITH A SELECTION OF VEGETABLES | ROAST GAMMON SERVED WITH ROAST POTATOES & VEGETABLES | CHICKEN CURRY SERVED WITH PILAU RICE AND VEGETABLES | 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 QUORN 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 |
| HOT SNACKS | SOUP OF THE DAY & BREAD ROLL | CAULIFLOWER & BROCCOLI PASTA BAKE | CHEESE & BEAN SLICE | PASTA & MEATBALLS | BURGER OF THE DAY |
| PIZZA SLICE | PIZZA OF THE DAY SALAD BAR | PIZZA OF THE DAY SALAD BAR | PIZZA OF THE DAY SALAD BAR | PIZZA OF THE DAY SALAD BAR | PIZZA OF THE DAY SALAD BAR |
| JACKETS | TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FROM 70P EACH | | | | |
| DESSERTS | STEAMED SYRUP SPONGE & CUSTARD | GOOEY CHOCOLATE SPONGE & CUSTARD | FRUIT COBBLER | STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING | LEMON CHEESECAKE |

Meal Deal

Main Meal
With Vegetables
And Dessert



£2.80

ADD OF Our Main Meals and
Desserts And Potatoes Made
On the Every Day