# Parent / Carer Bulletin



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Week Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

## Headteacher's Update

Dear all

We held our annual Open Evening on Thursday and it was an incredible event. Over 1000 visitors to the school and over 160 students offering to be tour guides. They were an absolute credit to you and the school so please thank them for their efforts.

This week sees Year 8 on their Wellbeing residential trip and Year 7 on their Activity Days at Campwell Farm. Please keep your fingers crossed for some sympathetic weather!

The uniform shop is open until and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, from 11:00am to 3:00pm when it will close for good. There are lots of items still available and stock changes daily. Please do take this last opportunity to buy pre-loved uniform from the shop at 30a Silver Street, BoA

#### Letter From: Mr Farrer, Headteacher

Dear Parent

I wanted to share this document with you. We have been working hard as a school to consider how we can best work with you and have created the document below to outline the commitment we have.

#### Parental Engagement Vision

Schools and parents/carers have a shared priority to deliver the best outcome for their children. A true partnership takes sustained and intentional efforts on the part of all partners, with commitment and action by all.

Our mission statement 'People are our Treasure' reflects our desire to involve all stakeholders. Research clearly indicates that good schools become better schools when there is a strong connection with parents/carers as part of the learning community. When we work together, everyone benefits - students, parents/carers, families, teachers, schools, and communities.

"Parent involvement programmes that are effective in engaging diverse families, recognise, respect, and address cultural and class differences." Henderson and Mapp, 2002.

Parental engagement has a positive impact on student achievement, and we want parents/carers to feel welcome, respected, valued, involved and able to fully participate in school life, whilst respecting staff as qualified professionals and the decision making of the school.

This includes:

- fostering and sustaining a positive school climate in which all parent perspectives are encouraged, valued and heard, in line with the Parent Code of Conduct.
- eliminating barriers that may prevent some parents from fully participating in their children's learning and to reflect the diversity of our students and communities.
- collaborating to support student learning at home and at school.
- expanding communication and outreach strategies.

Examples of positive parental engagement include:

- attending subject consultation meetings, information briefings and/or tutor review meetings.
- reading communication from the school, including engaging with reports.
- talking to their child about school life and their home learning.
- contacting their child's tutor, House team or teachers to ask questions, share concerns or any information which enables us to better support their child.
- engaging in parent/carer voice surveys.

WEEK B	CALENDAR - TERM 1		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y10 Ashley House Meeting		
	• Y8 Wellbeing Trip – Day 2		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y10 Budbury House Meeting		
	Y12/13 UKMT Senior Challenge		
	Y8 Wellbeing Trip returns at 5:00pm		
	• Year 5 & 6 Open Morning 9:15am – 9:45am (call 01225 309500 to book)		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	• Y7 Activity Day at Campwell Farm (returning to school at 4:15pm)		
	Y10 Conigre House Meeting		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	• Y7 Activity Day 2 (returning to school at 4:15pm)		
	Y10 Westfield House Meeting		
	Y12/13 Holbourne Museum Trip		
	• 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Fundraiser (LibyaAid) 3:00pm – 4:15pm		
	<ul> <li>Y13 Parents Meeting (Iceland Trip) 6:00pm – 7:00pm</li> </ul>		
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Y10 Huntingdon House Meeting		
	<ul> <li>Year 5 &amp; 6 Open Morning 9:15am – 9:45am (call 01225 309500 to book)</li> </ul>		
	• 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Trip – The Wave 2:30pm – 7:00pm		

#### **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.

#### From: Ms Barber – Assistant Headteacher and DDSL (Online Safety and Wellbeing)

### End-to-end encryption and keeping your child safe online: A guide for parents and carers



HM Government

Your child likely spends time online, and this can be full of positives, but we must also be aware that child sexual offenders may use online platforms to target children.

As many as 850,000 people in the UK could pose a sexual threat to your child, either through online or in-person abuse.<sup>1</sup> Recent reports from the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) show the fastest-growing age group

appearing in online child sexual abuse imagery is 7 to 10 year olds. IWF data also shows prevalence of the most severe forms of online child sexual abuse have more than doubled since 2020.<sup>2</sup>

Social media companies have a responsibility to keep your children safe when using their platforms by ensuring harmful messages and content, and people seeking to cause them harm are identified and reported to law enforcement.

The UK government is proposing new legislation to tackle child sexual abuse online, including removing and reporting child sexual abuse content. Companies could face enforcement action, such as a fine, if they do not comply with the rules. But parents can help too, as legislation is just one way to help keep your children safe online.

#### What is end-to-end encryption?

Technology companies currently use encryption positively to keep your bank transactions and online purchases safe and secure. Encryption has many other uses throughout everyday life, but some social media companies are now proposing to use, or are currently using, end-to-end encryption (E2EE) in private messaging applications and on their websites.

#### E2EE is a technology that messaging platforms can use which means messages are only seen by the sender and receiver. This is already present on platforms such as WhatsApp and Signal.

Recently, many social media companies have announced plans to roll out E2EE on their messaging services, including Facebook Messenger and Instagram Direct.

E2EE overrides controls that help to keep your children safe and potentially poses a huge risk.

#### Does E2EE pose a danger to my child?

E2EE is being introduced by social media companies to enhance privacy for their users – but if this is done without putting the necessary child safety measures in place, it could pose a risk.

At the moment, social media companies scan their platforms to find and report child sexual abuse material (such as images, videos, and grooming conversations) to law enforcement, so that abusers are arrested, and children are protected.

If E2EE is rolled out widely without necessary child safety measures, social media companies will no longer be able to find and report child sexual abuse material in the same way. It will make it harder for social media companies and law enforcement to detect child sex abusers who are looking to manipulate, groom, and sexually abuse potential victims. Crucially, it will mean that social media companies will be unable to detect and prevent the spread of images and videos of child sexual abuse within encrypted messaging services.

Currently, the information that social media companies give to UK law enforcement contributes to over 800 arrests of suspected child sexual abusers every month, resulting in nearly 1,200 children being protected from child sexual abuse.<sup>3</sup>



1 https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/who-we-are/publications/533-national-strategicassessment-of-serious-and-organised-crime-2021/file

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2 https://annuaireport2022.iwf.org.uk/

3 National Crime Agency data.

## End-to-end encryption and keeping your child safe online:



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## What can be done by social media companies to keep their platforms safe?

It is possible for social media companies to keep their platforms safe for children, whilst also protecting privacy – it should not be a choice between the two.

Technology exists that can detect child sexual abuse material even if E2EE has been rolled out on a messaging or social media platform. Companies are making a decision not to explore or invest in these technologies. These decisions have real-life impacts for children.

Detecting child sexual abuse material is similar to detecting viruses on your computer. Antivirus software performs automatic checks on your device for viruses or harmful content to keep our personal information safe. The software will either notify you that the content is harmful or remove it for you.

Technology exists that would work in a similar way to identify images and videos of child sexual abuse while maintaining privacy.

Social media companies have a responsibility to work with UK Government, stakeholders and charities and invest in these technologies to build a solution for their platforms that keeps children safe.

#### What can I do to help keep my child safe online?

Online grooming or tactics used by child sexual abusers are not always easy to spot. It is important to talk to children about these behaviours and make sure they know they have a safe place to turn if they are concerned or find themselves exposed to grooming or sexual abuse.

With the implementation of E2EE, most child sexual abuse content will go undetected. No one will be able to see those that seek to target, groom and sexually abuse children online.



Children may not know that they are being sexually abused and exploited as child sexual abusers use a range of abuse and manipulation techniques, such as posing as children online.

Whilst it is up to social media companies to ensure their online spaces are safe, there are some actions parents and carers can take to keep their children as safe as possible online. The TALK acronym breaks these steps into four main areas. The key is to start now: whether your child has been using the internet independently for a while, or they are about to get their first mobile phone, it is not too late to take these steps.



Talk to your child about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation and listen to their concerns.



Agree ground rules about the way you use technology as a family.



Learn about the platforms and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.



Know how to use tools, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

For support on having these conversations visit talk.iwf.org.uk

#### Additional support for you and your child If you think a child is in immediate danger, phone 999.

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or well-being, contact the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000 or email <u>help@nspcc.org.uk</u>

If you are concerned about a child or young person, find out how to contact their local children's social care team at www.gov.uk/report-child-abuse-to-local-council

If you are worried about online sexual abuse or grooming of under 18-year-olds, you can report it to the National Crime Agency's CEOP Safety Centre at www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

For further advice there are a number of organisations that can help, visit the Internet Watch Foundation website for details: <u>talk.iwf.org.uk/additional-help</u>

Music Act	ivities Te	erms 1 & 2	
Any day with advance notice (depends on availability)	Bb     <	GCSE/A Level Clinics By appointment	
Monday MC1		Music Tech Club STARTS TERM 2	
Wednesday MC1		Percussion Club	
Wednesday MC2		Guitar Club	
Wednesday WMC	XXXX	Bands/Ensembles By appointment	
Wednesday WMC		Choir	
Thursday MC2	S Providence of the second sec	Strings	
Friday MC2		Random Band	

#### From: Mrs Nash – Head of Drama

#### **Performing Arts Awards**

These will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 6:00pm in Trinity Hall.

Anyone who took part in any Drama, Music and/or Dance performances last year is invited to attend and eligible for an award.

Letters with further details will emailed home in due course - please check spam and junk folders if you do not receive one.

#### From: Ms Baldwin – Outdoor Education Coordinator

**Year 10 Bronze DofE:** This week, the Bronze DofE programme was launched to Year 10 students. Letters have been emailed home and are also available in the announcement sections of Class Charts.

Please discuss with your child if they would like to take part. If they do, the programme planner and enrolment forms need to be completed and handed into Student Reception by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**.

Students can also drop in for help with the programme planner on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October** after school in M4.

#### St Laurence School Star Sporting Students

#### Cricket

A huge congratulations to **Alfie Johnson** (Y12) for being selected to play for Gloucestershire CCC 2nd XI. An amazing accomplishment.

#### Football

**Issac Hughes** has been named in the squad for Forest Green Rovers EFL Trophy clash vs Shrewsbury. Another fantastic example of a young St Laurence student making a mark in the adult game.

#### **European Biathle/Triathle**

It has been a busy summer for **Will Smith** in Y10. Will raced at the European Biathle, Triathle and Lazer run Championships in Erding, Germany. He came away with two Silver medals, three team golds and a fifth place in the Lazer run final. A really high level of competition with big teams from some of the World's strongest nations in Pentathlon.

He also raced at the World Lazer Run Finals at Bath and placed fourth in a tough final and then bronze in the mixed team relay. Again, a very high standard of competition.

Will has won the Southwest Junior Triathlon Series and recently went to the National Finals as the Southwest U15 top seeded athlete.

#### 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, <u>jascar@st-laurence.com</u>

#### From: Mr Chadwick – Director of English

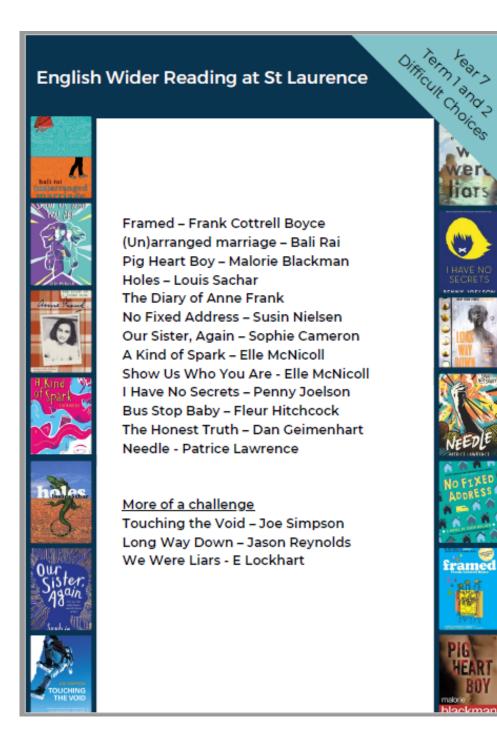
#### **KS3 Wider Reading Lists**

Wider reading is a fundamental part of a child's all-round education, and we try to encourage this at school as part of the Key Stage 3 English curriculum.

In short, reading opens so many doors for students both in school and beyond. Amongst other things, it improves literacy and vocabulary, knowledge of the world, and empathy.

The following lists have been produced by English faculty and ILC staff in order to complement the reading that takes place in lessons. The themes under which the books are listed correspond to the titles of the current key stage 3 schemes of learning in English.

We hope that students and parents will enjoy selecting and reading some of these suggestions. We appreciate any support that parents can give in encouraging wider reading at home.



#### **English Wider Reading at St Laurence**



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time – Mark Haddon I Capture the Castle - Dodie Smith My Sister Lives on the Mantlepiece -Annabel Pitcher Ghost Hawk - Susan Cooper The Ghost of Thomas Kempe – Penelope Lively A Stitch in Time – Penelope Lively Skellig – David Almond My Name is Mina – David Almond Mondays Are Red – Nicola Morgan There will be Lies – Nick Lake The Haunting of Aveline Jones – Phil Hickes Tsunami Girl – Julian Sedgewick and Chie Kutsuwada Show Us who you are – Elle McNicoll The Upper World – Femi Fadugba

<u>More of a challenge</u> The Woman in Black – Susan Cooper Dracula – Bram Stoker The Midnight Library – Matt Haig The Electric Kingdom – David Arnold



#### English Wider Reading at St Laurence

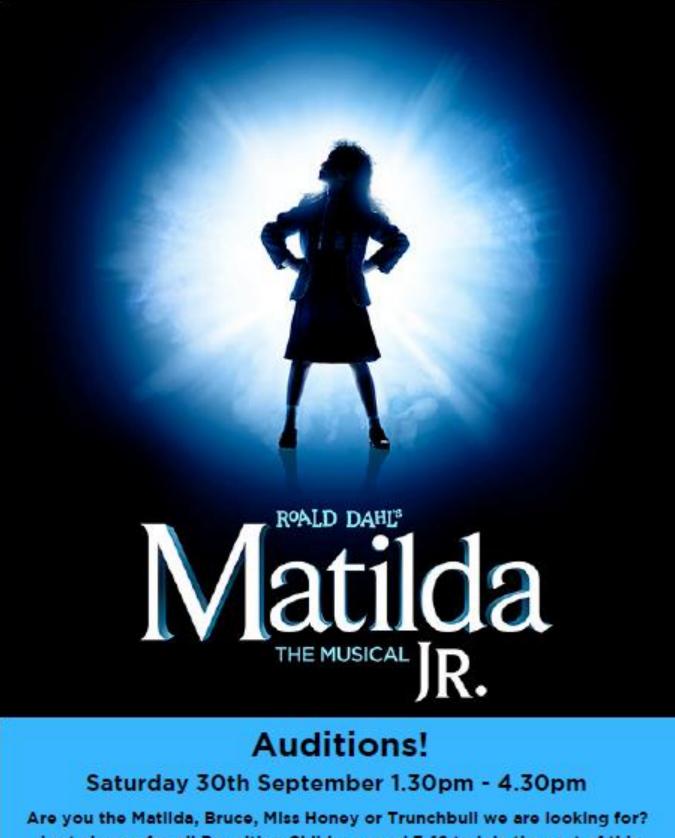
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Last chance for all Revolting Children aged 7-16 to join the cast of this spectacular award-winning West End show stopper to be performed in a professional theatre in February 2024! Limited Places.

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Email: moira@charactersstageschool.com Phone: 07932 785807

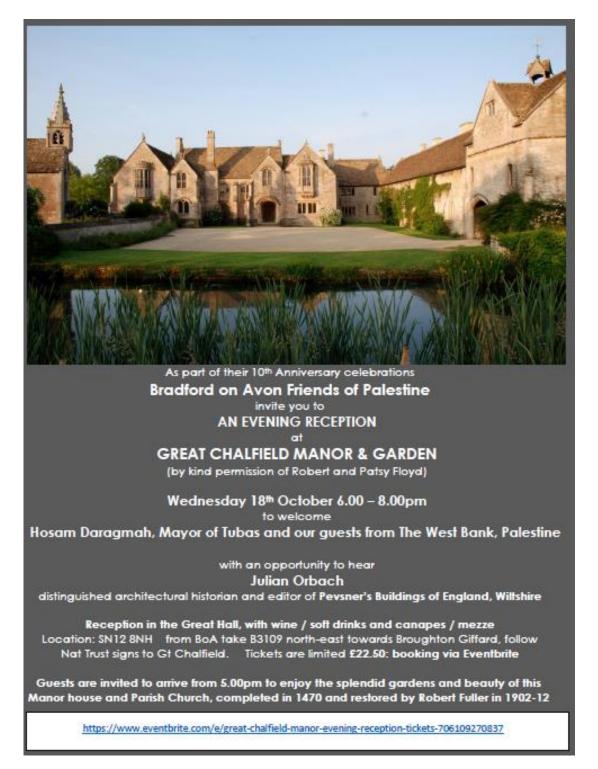
#### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bradford on Avon Friends of Palestine, Oct 2023

Arrangements are in full swing! At least 5 people will be visiting from Tubas, including Jalal who visited in 2015, a young male youth worker and a young female sports teacher. Help us celebrate by attending one of our celebratory events.

Delicious Middle East Buffet at St Margaret's Hall, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm with special guest Dr Zomlot, the Palestinian Ambassador to the UK.

An evening reception at Great Chalfield Manor, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm -8:00pm - with an opportunity to wander in the gardens/church from 5:00pm. Julian Orbach, distinguished historian, will give a short talk on the Manor.

Judith Hammond, FFI: email: <u>boafriendsofpalestine@gmail.com</u> to request £2.50 reduction from ticket prices!



## 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









**Free** Porridge is available to all students during Breakfast Club Open from 7:45am – 8:15am

## Libya-aid 2023 - Fund raiser

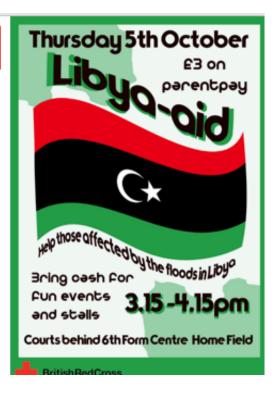
Every year the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Leadership raise money for a key charity.

This year, following tragic floods we are supporting Libya through the Red Cross

This will be open to get a £3 ticket on Parentpay from Mon 25<sup>th</sup> September

Come along and have some fun with a range of events after school at the 6FC

### All details on the poster



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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.



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

## **Restaurant Menu for Week Commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MAIN MEAL	CHEESE & BEAN SLICE SERVED WITH WEDGES & GREEN SALAD	HUNTERS CHICKEN SERVED WITH RICE & VEGETABLES	ROAST CHICKEN SERVED WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS	CHICKEN & VEGETABLE PIE SERVED WITH NEW POTOES AND VEGETABLES	SAUSAGE SERVED WITH CHIPS AND BEANS & CURRY SAUCE	
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN	SPICED FALAFEL FLATBREAD SERVED WITH SALAD AND WEDGES	HUNTERS QOURN FILLETS WITH RICE AND VEGETABLES	QUORN ROAAST SERVED WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS	VEGETABLE MINCE PIE SERVED WITH NEW POTOES AND VEGETABLES	VEGAN SAUSAGE SERVED WITH CHIPS BEANS & CURRY SAUCE	
STREET FOOD	VEGETABLE FRENCH BREAD PIZZA	VEGAN CHILLI & INFUSSED GARLIC RICE	AMERICAN STYLE HOT DOG	MEATBALL SUB	FISH FINGER BAPWITH LEMON MAYO AND CRISPY ICEBERG	
HOT SNACKS	SOUP OF THE DAY & ROLL	CHICKEN NUGGETS WITH A DIP AND SALAD	VEGETARIAN QUICHE & CRISPY SALAD	STIRE FRIED VEGETABLE NOODLES	PESTO PASTA BAKE	
PIZZA SLICE	PIZZA OF THE DAY	PIZZA OF THE DAY	PIZZA OF THE DAY	PIZZA OF THE DAY	PIZZA OF THE DAY	
	SALAD BAR	SALAD BAR	SALAD BAR	SALAD BAR	SALAD BAR	
JACKETS	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FLLINGS FROM 70P EACH.					
DESSERTS	STEAMED JAM SPONGE & CUSTARD	WARM GINGER CAKE SERVED WITH CREAM	PEAR CRUMBLE & CUSTARD	TOFFEE APPLE CAKE SERVED WITH CUSTARD	CHOCOLATE	