



Week Commencing Monday 13th October 2025

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers

We are well into the term now, and it has been encouraging to see so many positive things happening across the school. Students have been engaging well in lessons and making good progress, while also benefiting from opportunities beyond the classroom.

Our Duke of Edinburgh Gold participants recently completed their expedition in some truly testing conditions. The weather was far from kind, but they showed great resilience, teamwork, and determination to see it through. We are very proud of their effort and the way they supported one another throughout, as well as grateful to the staff for supporting.

At the other end of the school, Year 7 have been enjoying their visits to the farm. These trips have given them valuable opportunities to get to know each other and build team skills, and the students responded with enthusiasm and curiosity.

Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to a strong and successful remainder of the term.

Thank you, Mr Farrer

In this week's bulletin:

- Safeguarding Alert
- 6th Form Open Evening – information for our Y11 parents and carers
- Uniform Sale – **Wednesday 22nd October**
- Online Safety – What you need to know about dealing with traumatic and challenging events
- Community News
 - Job vacancies at St Laurence
 - Join BoA Residents Panel
 - Family and Community Learning – new courses

And lots more.....

From Ms Barber - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Safeguarding Alert

The safeguarding team has been made aware of a safeguarding alert regarding a book series including 'Spy Dogs / Pups' and 'Spy Cats', written by Andrew Cope.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate pornographic content. The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

As a school we have checked that our ILC does not stock the books, and we would advise you to check at home for any copies.

Key dates for your diary - Week A

Monday 13 th October	• Y7 Farm Day (LG5) 9:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday 14 th October	• Y7 Farm Day (LG6) 9:00am – 4:00pm • Y10 Bronze DofE Launch for Conigre & Ashley House Students • Y6 Open Morning Year 7 Admissions St Laurence School • Y12 Mixed Media Workshops • Y10 Photography Walk • U16 Girls Netball National Qualifier
Wednesday 15 th October	• Y7 Farm Day (LG7) 9:00am – 4:00pm • Y10 Bronze DofE Launch for Huntingdon & Westfield House Students • Careers Fair • Y8 Christchurch Trip
Thursday 16 th October	• Y7 Farm Day (LG8) 9:00am – 4:00pm • Y6 Open Morning Year 7 Admissions St Laurence School • Y10 Bronze DofE Launch for Budbury Students • Y8 & Y11 Reports issued
Friday 17 th October	• Y13 Holburne Museum Trip

Dates for your diary - Week B

Monday 20 th October	•
Tuesday 21 st October	• Y13 Berlin Trip • Y10 Work Experience Briefing • Y6 Open Morning Year 7 Admissions St Laurence School
Wednesday 22 nd October	• TERM 1 ENDS – School Closes at 3:00PM • Uniform sale starts at 4:30pm

***Tuesday 14th October - The GCSE Art Catch-Up Club has been cancelled**



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Open Evening
6th Form
Thursday 6th November 2025 | 5:00pm – 7:30pm



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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.



In the Wiltsire Music Centre

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

St Laurence 6th Form Open Evening – Thursday 6th November, Trinity Hall

Dear Parent/Carer & Year 11 Student

I would like to warmly welcome you to our **St Laurence 6th Form Open Evening**. We are immensely proud of our 6th Form and I look forward to sharing with you the wide range of opportunities available here at St Laurence. The evening will begin with a presentation to outline our offer with speeches from the Headteacher, Head Students and myself.

Following the presentation will be an opportunity to explore the range of courses offered and talk to subject teachers. This will help inform the decisions you make about your post-16 options. Students will also be attending talks on post-16 options during the day

In 2025 we were once again the **highest attaining state secondary 6th Form** in Wiltshire with a staggering **B grade average**. For many years now, we have been rated in the **top 15% of 6th Forms nationally**.

St Laurence 6th Form 2025 Exam Statistics	
Average Grade per student	B
% Grades at A* - A	32%
% Grades at A* – C %	75%
% Grades at A* - E%	98%

Due to the large numbers expected on the evening, we are holding two presentations and staggering the arrival times to enable parents/carers and students to engage in conversation with teachers. Trinity Hall has a limited number of seats so we would ask that you arrive at the time allocated below.

Please note: we would ask that **a maximum of three visitors (including students) attend per family.**

Important - Presentation timings for your child relative to their tutor group:

House Tutor group	Opening Talk in Trinity Hall
Ashley, Budbury and Conigre 1-5	5:00pm
Conigre 6 – 10, Huntingdon & Westfield	6:00pm

External Year 11s – Are welcome to attend any time slot. We will have guides available should you need them. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 6th November and hope you find it a useful and informative evening. We have a prospectus available to read on the school website should you wish to prior to the event.

Y12 Study Periods

We have been pleased with the overall approach of Y12 over the past several weeks whilst they have remained on site during their study periods. This has enabled them to focus following their transition to 6th Form. We have been seeing positive learning behaviours from the majority so far this term. We hope this continues to improve over the next term.

From Monday 20th October, Y12 will be allowed to sign out. We do reserve the right, that following teaching staff submitting learning profiles to us, to ask students to take part in a form of supervised private study. For any Y12 student affected by this the 6th Form team will be in touch with parents and carers to share our concern and inform them of next steps. In order to sign out, students will need to use the iPad in the 6th Form Centre Common room.

Y12 and Y13 presence in school

As was the case last academic year, we would like to remind all families that 6th Form students are required to be on site and in tutorial for an 8:35am start. They are also expected to remain on site for P1. This has been an expectation that has been in place for a number of years and one we would like to see continue.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

Mr Hainsworth

From: Mrs Nash – Head of Drama

Shakespeare Schools Festival - The Winter's Tale

The cast of the Shakespeare Schools Festival enjoyed a full day workshop last week rehearsing for The Winter's Tale which will be performed on Thursday 13th November at the Merlin Theatre in Frome.

Kat Merrick, a practitioner from the Coram Shakespeare Schools Foundation, was very complimentary about the young cast, praising their creativity and commitment. She gave some really useful advice and helped to direct one of the key scenes of the play.

Rehearsals continue each Wednesday and Friday - a call list is put up on the drama notice board each Monday. Please can I ask that the cast be available at these times as time is short and the ensemble nature of the piece means that it is essential that everyone is present when called.

Tickets for the performance are available directly from the Merlin Theatre and can be accessed here: [SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL – Merlin Theatre](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

From: Ms Favali - Teacher of Psychology

Social Sciences Sheep Brain Dissection Wednesday 3rd December - **there are no more spaces** available for this event

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 \(st-laurence.com\)**](http://st-laurence.com)

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Is your child about to outgrow their school uniform? Join us for our last sale of 2025:



1 **Date: **Wednesday 22nd October****

🕒 Time: from 4:30pm

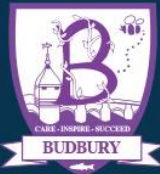
📍 Location: Trinity Hall (please use the Ashley Road entrance)

There will also be a selection of jackets and school shoes available.

Pre-sale donations welcome – please leave your clean, resaleable uniform at Reception during school hours.

If you can spare two hours to help at the sale, please email marketing@st-laurence.com for details. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

House Points

Ashley	Budbury	Conigre	Huntingdon	Westfield
				
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Twins win Young Inventor of the Year Competition



The Museum of Bath at Work held its Young Inventor of the Year 2025 award ceremony on Saturday 4th October where Zoe and Benjamin Rees-Roberts were announced as the joint winners for their designs.

Year 7 Ashley House twins, Zoe and Ben, came up with the idea of an 'Automatic Pollinator' – a mechanical butterfly which charges its battery from solar panels on its wings and enables it to pollinate flowers.

They also invented an electromagnetic cold preventer – described by Bath Newseum writer, Richard Wyatt, as “equally impressive”.

Here are the winners pictured with the award.

Sports News

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 14th October

U14 Basketball vs MOAK (A). Return approx. 5:15pm

Year 8 Rugby vs Corsham (H). Finish approx. 5:00pm

U16 Netball National Cup 1st Round vs Marlborough College (A). Return approx. 5:45pm

Wednesday 15th October

Year 7 Boys Rugby Tournament at Trowbridge RFC. Return approx. 6:00pm

Thursday 16th October

Year 9 Netball vs JOG (H). Finish approx. 4:45pm

Year 10 Netball vs JOG (A). Return approx. 5:15pm

Recent Results

Wednesday 8th October

St Laurence 13 – 3 Kings Oak Academy (Year 7 ESFA Football National Cup)

Sent on behalf of the School Aged Immunisation Team

Flu Vaccinations – Years 7-11

Your child's flu vaccination is now due. We will be visiting St Laurence School on Friday 7th November and Monday 8th December to administer the nasal spray vaccine.

To give consent for your child to receive the vaccine, please:

- complete the consent form (yes or no) using the following link:
www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu
- use the school code: **WT137057**
- complete your child's consent no later than 48 working hours before your school session to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

Please refer to the letter sent by the school, via the app, for further information.

Thank you, School Aged Immunisation Team

Online Safety and Wellbeing

App Safety Settings - e-safetyadviser.com

With the Online Safety Act now in force it's no surprise to see a lot of focus and scrutiny on tech companies, their features and safety settings being so prominent in the media, particularly safety settings failures. However, that shouldn't detract from the fact that safety settings are important; they're not perfect and never will be, but they are there for a reason. Now feels like a good time to send a link to take a look at the parental controls for some of the more popular social apps from the Internet Matters website: [Social Media parental controls & privacy settings | Internet Matters](#)





ST LAURENCE SCHOOL

Job title	SITE SUPERVISOR / HANDY PERSON
Full school address	St Laurence School Ashley Road Bradford on Avon BA15 1DZ
School telephone number	01225 309500
School email address	admin@st-laurence.com
Number on roll	1400 (incl 260+ in Sixth Form)
Salary	£27,254 - £28,598 pa (hourly rate £14.13 - £14.82) Salary @£31,000 pa including shift and weekend allowance NJC Grade F SCP 9 – 11
Hours	Full time 37 hours per week, 52 weeks per year 24 days or 29 days annual leave depending on service (usually taken outside of term time) Shared weekly shift pattern: Week 1 5.30am – 1.30pm Week 2 1.30pm – 9.30pm
Contract Type	Permanent
Commencement date	As soon as possible after appointment
Advertisement closing date	Ongoing Advertisement – please apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment
Interview date	To be confirmed
Other important information	For further details please refer to the Job Description and Person Specification, phone Sally Hackett on (01225) 309506, email jobapp@st-laurence.com , or visit the school website (www.st-laurence.com)
We are looking to recruit a Site Supervisor to work as part of the Site Team to deliver a safe, clean, well maintained, environment for students, staff and visitors to the school. The successful candidate will demonstrate: • An ability to work unsupervised, be adaptable and flexible. • A strong work ethic and ability to carry out minor daily maintenance tasks. • Strong communication skills with the ability to build excellent working relationships. • A sense of humour and a can-do attitude. To apply please refer to the Letter to Candidates, complete an application form and send it with a covering letter to Mr Tim Farrer, Headteacher (via email to jobapp@st-laurence.com). St Laurence School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure And Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed. Email: jobapp@st-laurence.com Phone: 01225 309500 Web: www.st-laurence.com	



WE ARE HIRING!

Cleaning Vacancy

Imperial Cleaning Services have an exciting new opportunity for you to join their cleaning team at
St Laurence School

Monday-Friday
3 hours a day, 3:00pm-6:00pm or
3 hours per day 4:00pm-7:00pm

Pay: £12.21 per hour
Morning shifts available too.

Please contact us to find out more at:
recruitment@imperialcleaningservices.co.uk
or Tel: 01225 282525



The Quiz night has sold out!

There is time however to still order your meat/cheese or vegetarian grazing boxes on the Eventbrite site.

Last orders are Monday 13th October.

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



Calling all Year 9/U14 Girl football players

Fancy improving your skills and being part of a fantastic team?

We're looking for girl footballers to be part of our football community!

NO WAITING TIMES - JOIN IMMEDIATELY

Games are played on Saturdays / Training is on Thursday evening

Please contact : secretary@btyfc.org.uk



Join us It's your space

We are here...
@ the Youth & Community Centre (Off Frome Road)

Free Entry, Food & Snacks
Voluntary Donations Welcomed

Monday 3pm-6pm Age 11+

Tuesday 5pm-7pm Age 8+

Thursday 3pm-8.30pm Age 11+

Follow us on socials...

   Help.Turkeys.Magically

Social Space • Relax • Play • Chat

JOIN OUR RESIDENTS' PANEL



Would you like to share your views and help to shape the future of our town? Bradford on Avon Town Council is opening up its Residents' Panel to new recruits!

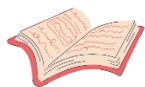
We welcome participants from all backgrounds. You can be new to the town or a lifelong Bradfordian. You just need to be over 16 years old and a resident of Bradford on Avon.

Panellists will be asked to answer a survey 2 times a year on a range of topics to help inform the town council and develop its services.

To find out more about how the panel has benefitted the town council to date and to sign up, please visit: bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk/town-residents-panel



BoA Bookfest 2025



Feeding reading for children and young adults
Saturday 25th October



BRADFORD ON AVON LIBRARY

Come and join us for a day of creative workshops and bookish fun!
Call 01225 863280 to book your place.

Upstairs Meeting Room

9.30 – 10.15 Hana Tooke (7+)

Cartography Workshop

10.30 – 11.15 Clare Harlow (7+)

Magical Gifts Workshop

11.30 – 12.15 Anika Hussain (YA)

Romantic Comedy Workshop

12.30 – 1.15 Emma from Connect Play Create (under 5s) Storytelling, movement and play session

1.30 – 2.15 Fleur Hitchcock (8+)

Spine-chilling Writing Workshop

2.30 – 3.15 Stewart Foster (YA)

My Books and Mental Health Session

Children's Area

9.45 – 10.15 Witch and Wild Storytelling (2+)

Folsy Spooky Tales and Craft

11.30 – 12.15 Emily Randall-Jones (7+)

Ghosts Workshop

2 – 3 Witch and Wild Storytelling (2+)

Folsy Spooky Tales and Craft

Books will be available to buy and get signed. Cash only please.



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STRINGS ENSEMBLE WORKSHOP

SAT 15 NOV 9.30AM - 1PM

Explore iconic film music, develop ensemble skills and find out what it's like to play in the West of England Youth Orchestra.

This friendly session is great for building your orchestral skills and confidence in a no-pressure environment. Just come and try it out!

Led by Ruth O'Shea, David Garcia and Lorna Davis



For aspiring
Grade 5 -
Grade 8+
string players

STRING SWAP!

Ever wanted to try viola or double bass?

Arrive at 9.30 and our tutors will show you the ropes!



£20 (£15 SIBLING)

To book scan QR code or visit:

www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk/event/strings-ensemble-workshop

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B Bath Strings Academy



Family and Community Learning

Supporting My Teen to Understand Their Skills Online Course



Booking
essential!

- Support your teenager to recognise their unique contribution
- Develop communication skills that nourish your teenager
- Appraise skills, interests and personal qualities with your teenager
- Explore how to nurture resilience and independence
- Support your teenager to use their strengths to plan for their future

Friday 7 November 10am - 12pm

Booking closes Friday 31 October

Contact familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
Visit <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>
Call the FACL team on 01225 770478
or scan the QR code



Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ on 31 August this academic year; they must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: on a lower income, earning less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to go into work, now or in the future.

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Family and Community Learning

Supporting My Teen With Wellbeing

Online Course



Booking
essential!

- Understand the changes in a teenage brain
- Learn techniques to promote wellbeing
- Explore positive psychology

Friday 14 November 10am - 12pm

Booking closes Friday 7 November

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Family and Community Learning

Understanding School Anxiety

Early Signs of Emotional Barriers to School Attendance

Online Course

Co-taught with education psychologist



Booking essential!
Booking closes
one week before
course date

Course Overview

- Strategies to support with anxiety and worry
- Strategies to support attendance
- Advice on reasonable adjustments that schools can make

Friday 12 December 10am - 12pm

Contact familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
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