



Parent / Carer Bulletin

Friday 9th October 2020

Headteacher's Update:

Week A	
12/10	3-5pm Y7 Team Building and Challenge Activity
13/10	3-5pm Y7 Team Building and Challenge Activity
14/10	
15/10	4.30pm-7.30pm - Y13 Early Subject Evening (remote)
16/10	

Collective Worship Term Theme: Celebration

Light in the darkest times

Let us try and find light that shines in the darkest times,

May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.

May we find celebration in a time of confusion,

May we follow the light of love and spread hope.

Let our hearts be moved by acts of generosity,

May we be led to share what we have with those in need.

We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness,

May we be signs of compassion in the heart of the world.

It has been an eventful couple of weeks since our last Parent Carer bulletin and I'd like to thank you for your support and patience. All year 9 students are currently having to self-isolate and I do realise the pressure this places upon their families. It was important to ask all students in the year to self-isolate because of the way we and most other schools have to be set up under Covid guidance, to minimise mixing between year groups. I hope that the remote learning has got off to a good start for all of those students. Please contact us via your child's House team if there are major difficulties with this – we will be ironing out more minor issues as quickly as we can. We will be doing live tutor group sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting on Monday 12th – students should go to the Tutor group class on MS Teams.

Thank you to our year 11 parents and carers for participating in the new **remote parents' meetings** system on Thursday. I hope this worked well for you in the end and apologise for the glitch towards the start, which was due to a problem with the system nationally.

Our **Remote Learning Plan** has been updated in the light of feedback and is on our website in the Covid section (follow the link: <https://st-laurence.com/returning-to-school>)

This is the point at which I promised to update you on our **mask policy**: there is no change to this, in the light of the national and local situation. We still need all students, apart from those with valid exemptions, to wear a mask in all indoor circulation areas and restaurant servery queues. Most are complying well with this and We appreciate your continued support in helping them to be organised about packing a reusable mask each day and ensuring that their masks are washed on a regular basis. We would be grateful for your help in reinforcing the messages we are constantly giving about the importance of masks, both in school, on transport, in shops and other designated areas.

From next week (Monday 12th October), we are making very slight changes to our **lesson times**. This won't affect the start and end times of the day or the staggered finish times. However it will make lunchtime 5 minutes longer, which will make the school day run a little more smoothly with the 3 break and lunch sittings which are currently required. This won't affect year 9 remote lessons – these students should join on MS Teams about 5 minutes after the normal lesson start time.

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Browse the ILC catalogue by opening this link from your desktop

Or go the St Laurence Website, and click on the SLSystems cog icon...

Then click this.

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Use the search box or browse quick lists. Double click anything that interests you.

Click "Make a reserve" if you'd like to borrow it.

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Don't know what you want to borrow? Email the ILC ILC@st-laurence.com with the subject line "surprise me" and you'll receive three surprise books!

Your book will be delivered to your tutor room. (Or into the loans box for 6th form.)

You can have 3 books, for 3 weeks.



When you need to return your book, simply place it into the returns box in your zone's TA hub.

If you need to renew the book, simply email the ILC and let us know you'd like the book a little longer.



X-Box Family Settings - for parents and carers

Microsoft have recently released some new management features that parents can use. Available for iOS and Android, it is a free download and it has some great features, e.g.:

- Create new child accounts.
- Manage screen time limits (including grant more time).
- Accept or decline friend requests.
- View and manage friends list.

The full article is <https://news.xbox.com/en-us/2020/09/24/xbox-family-settings-app-launch/>

For the attention of all parents

**Will your child be transferring to a
secondary school in September 2021?**

**You must apply for a
secondary school place**

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are also available at
all Wiltshire Council Offices.

**The deadline for applications is
Midnight on 31 October 2020**

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

Ring customer services on 01225 713010
for more information or to request our guide –
Finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire



St Laurence School

Year 5/6 Remote Open Evening

Despite Covid restrictions preventing us from running our traditional Open Evening, we are delighted to offer a number of opportunities to find out about our amazing school. Please visit the Home Page on our website here <https://st-laurence.com/>

to access our Open Evening video and our Admissions to Year 7 page here:

<https://st-laurence.com/admissions-to-year-7>

for more information about our Curriculum and AEN.

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