



## Parent Bulletin Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to school this week. It seems many enjoyed a good Easter break and are happy to be back with their friends and learning in class.

This is short half term and there are number of key dates for your diary that I would like to highlight to you:

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bank Holiday, school is closed
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Learning Support Celebration 4.30-6pm
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Spring Play at 6pm 'Johnny and the Dead'
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – the day we break up for the half term holiday, finishing at 2.30pm.

Next week school is closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday. If Eid falls over the Bank Holiday weekend then all students will be expected in school as usual on Tuesday. If Eid falls on Tuesday and your child will be observing the celebration please inform us via WEDUC.

Below there are details about a vacancy on our governing body which some parents may be interested in and attached to this email bulletin is a flyer for the Herschel 200 event marking 200 years since the death of Slough astronomer William Herschel.

For parents of students in Years 11 and 13 the formal exams start in just two weeks. Please make sure your child is spending plenty of time revising for these exams, that they have a revision schedule and that they have a suitable place to stay at school and work. If there is anything we can do to support you and your child with their final exams please do contact your child's form tutor.

Finally, I hope everyone enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend and to those who are celebrating Eid I hope you have a lovely time - Eid Mubarak!

Yours sincerely  
Mr Peter Collins  
Headteacher



## News and Information

### Year 9 Assessments and Options – Mr Thatcher

Please see attached to this communication a letter of information for the forthcoming assessments.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

The Slough and Eton Governing Body is made up of governors from all walks of life and come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the school and the community it serves. The governing body is responsible for providing strategic leadership and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's performance.

The governing body is currently looking for a new **parent governor** and would be delighted to hear from a parent who has:

- a student(s) registered at the school
- an interest in the performance of the school
- a desire to contribute to and represent the community
- good communication skills, curiosity and the ability to look at issues objectively and confidence to ask questions and join in the debate
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements

### The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to ensure it carries out its duties effectively and play a vital role in ensuring that the board is connected with, and is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

### Expectations of governors

Governors need to be able to commit to the following:

- Attendance at meetings - 6 governing body meetings per year
- Maintain confidentiality
- Undertake necessary training
- Visits to the school
- 4 year term of office

### How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the parent governor role, please email [ceo.pa@sebmat.com](mailto:ceo.pa@sebmat.com)

Depending on the number of applications there may be an election process, which will be advised in due course.

### Herschel 200 at St Laurence's Church

On behalf of St Laurence's Church in Slough.

You may or may not know Sir William Herschel (1738 – 1822), lived, worked and died in Slough 200 years ago. He is buried at St Laurence's Church, Upton and we are celebrating his bi-centenary throughout the year. We have various events and activities being presented.

We envisage having five or six displays/zones related to William and Caroline Herschel within St Laurence's. These to cover aspects of their lives: music, Astronomy (including the model of Herschel's 40ft telescope and specially commissioned stain glass window), discovery of Uranus, life in Slough and grave which is in the chancel of the church, also a 10 minute film running 'Constructing the Heavens'. Students are welcome to visit independently after school or weekends during opening times.

We hope this whets your appetite. The church will be open to the public throughout the event in May

In August from 25<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> October we have a light sculpture exhibition running the length of the south aisles representing over 500 stars and nebulae. Opening times are yet to be sorted for the September events (check on website: [www.saint-laurence.com](http://www.saint-laurence.com) nearer the time). Caroline was an eminent scientist in her own right which may inspire girls in Science or the installation may be of interest to Art students.

Note to students in Physics studying "light, .... Solar system" - Herschel discovered 'infrared light' and discovered the planet Uranus in 1781, he catalogued many planetary objects using his homemade telescopes and did lots more besides. We therefore think Herschel merits some attention particularly in this year and we are here to help you.

Also, don't forget we are a Mediaeval Church dating from 1160, the church might be of interest in History or Religious Studies as well as Science.

That's it for now, look forward to working with you,

Thanks

Julie James (Church secretary)

pp. [www.saint-laurence.com](http://www.saint-laurence.com)

This week's **Collective Worship** reflection is:

*Dear God*

*I want to give us long and successful lives and that those who are unable to get shelter should be safe. Give those who have malnutrition and are hungry, clean water and food to fill them up. May everyone in this world get an education. Please take the hatred away from one another and create peace within ourselves. Make us all reunite as one instead being divided. Make us all realise that however we are, black, Asian or white, we are all equal to each other.*