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We are committed to educating our students to become enterprising individuals, successful in their learning, in their future careers and in life. This Bulletin is a termly publication to students, staff, parents, businesses and community partners. The Bulletin highlights and celebrates some of the good practice that is taking place. We hope that through this Bulletin you will gain a better understanding of what it means to be a Business & Enterprise College.



Grace Davis and Lucy McMillan, pictured above (7C1), decided to join forces and use their £10 enterprise loans to purchase a number of different coloured blankets and butterfly sequins. They then cut the blankets into lengths suitable for scarves and decorated them with the sequins. After calculating their costs the girls decided to sell their scarves for £2 each and after selling to friends and family they proceeded to make an excellent profit of £47.02 which they generously donated to the Curnock House Charity.

Meanwhile, Keian Ho (7P3) decided to make use of his family's new ice cream machine and using his £10 loan bought the ingredients he needed to make homemade ice cream. With the school's summer fete coming up Keian had a perfect sales venue for his delicious ice cream and booked himself a spot. Despite the presence of Mr Whippy, Keian made a profit of £16 and a well deserved

"thumbs up" from his food tech teacher!

Sam Middleton and Billy Dijkman (7C1) used their loan to have prints made of a picture supplied by Billy's father which they successfully sold. In addition Sam used his loan to run a stall at a car boot sale making £75.

Anna Allam (7P2) decided to buy card and envelopes with her loan and made cards of various designs (pictured right) which she then sold at a coffee morning and to friends and family making a profit of £15.

Molly Tucker (7E2) and Amber White (7P3) also pooled their loans to make lemonade. They were so successful that they made a grand profit of £61.78.

Well done to everyone for having a go and we look forward to hearing of your enterprising endeavours next year in Year 8!

Generating entrepreneurs of the future

Last term groups of Year 7 students and their parents attended 3 successful sessions of the Year 7 Family Enterprise Experience. To further inspire the students to see how enterprising they could be, they were each presented with a £10 Enterprise loan — their challenge was to use the loan to set up a mini enterprise and see how much profit they could make.



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As reported in the Spring edition of the Enterprise Bulletin, over the last two terms our Year 9 Apprentice teams have been taking part in the Education Business Partnership's new challenge, CULTIVATE—an enterprise challenge funded by RBS aimed at encouraging youngsters to develop their business potential.

Following a couple of mentoring sessions with business volunteers our teams went on to present their business ideas to a panel of judges at Bayer on 24th April. The school was delighted to learn that out of our five teams three had impressed the judges and made it through to the Final!

These three teams were then each given their own personal business mentor to provide them with additional mentoring in the run up to the Final and our thanks must go to them for giving their time and enthusiasm both of which

helped the students to prepare both themselves and their presentations for the main event.

The big day finally arrived on Thursday 3rd July and our students, together with invited family members, came together at Bayer with teams from other organisations and schools to present once more to the judges.

Feedback from the judges illustrated how impressed they were by each team's proposition, their presentation and commitment to the whole challenge. Of course there could only be one winner and how delighted the school was to learn that it was one of the St Bart's teams who took the top prize—Congratulations to Fiona Paus and Rachael Coombs who received a cheque for £500 towards the further development of their business! A fantastic achievement.

We will be following Fiona and Rachael's progress with great interest!



Fiona Paus and Rachael Coombs receiving their winners' trophy and cheque at the Final of the Cultivate challenge

Introducing our Cultivate finalists :

Max Uden, Michael Seath, George Freer and Callum Wyatt : Personalised wooden signs

Fiona Paus and Rachael Coombs : Tie dye t-shirts

Gabriel Berger, Dermot Gannon and Callum Fletcher : Personalised wooden rulers

World Cup fever at St Bart's

The Summer Term allows the school some time to offer specially designed activities for local primaries and this year being World Cup year we had to have a football challenge!

On 24th June, thirty-eight Y6 pupils from St Nic's took over the conference room ready to take on the tasks. Working on a series of maths related challenges each one with a



World Cup theme, the pupils worked together in their allocated country teams. The excitement and competition was increased with each task taking place under strict time restraints—the beginning and end of which being appropriately announced

by the blast of the referee's whistle!



Not only were maths skills challenged but equally those of team work, time management and communication were key to team success.

From Shanghai to Newbury—St Bart's welcomes visitors from Aurora

Following the Year 8 China Challenge Study Tour to Shanghai last Easter, July saw a group of eight students and their teacher making a reciprocal visit to St Bart's from Aurora School.

The students were invited to stay at the homes of our Easter Study Tour students and spent two weeks with us. Their arrival was eagerly awaited by our own students who were looking forward to being able to share their home and school life with the Aurora students after having had the opportunity to do the same over in Shanghai last term.

Arriving late on Sunday 29th June our visitors had to hit the ground running and came straight into school the following morning after spending their first night with our students' families. During their two week stay, the Aurora students were taken on days out to local cultural spots including Portsmouth, London, Oxford and Stonehenge. On other days they enjoyed spending time here in school either joining their St Bart's host in their lessons or taking part in specially organised lessons in Dance, Cookery, English, Maths and Science.

One of the many highlights of the visit had to be the afternoon spent with local primary school pupils who had been invited in to experience "A Taste of China". Groups of Year 5 pupils from Falkland, Fir Trees, John Rankin, Speenhamland, St Joseph's, Winchcombe and Willows filled the Conference Room on Friday 4th July eager to meet our Chinese guests who did an excellent job of helping the pupils with the activities of the day. These included learning a few Chinese phrases and a children's song as well as having a go at completing a Chinese number puzzle and a fun quiz.



A new addition to the afternoon's programme involved a photo sharing session. Prior to the July event both the Aurora students and primary pupils were asked to take photos of their home, their school and their favourite food ready to bring in with them on the day. This resulted in a fascinating cultural exchange with both groups keen to show the other their very different photos.

Being used to city life and living predominately in apartments, the Aurora students really enjoyed their time at home with our St Bart's students and their families.

Our thanks go to students and their families for welcoming them into their homes and also to everyone at St Bart's for making their visit such a good one!



“ Bringing Economics and Business Studies to life ”

The aim of **Shares4Schools** is to do just that—bring Economics and Business Studies to life for Year 12 students. As a school we have taken part in this initiative for a number of years and this year was no exception. Organised by The Share Centre, a leading retail stockbroker, this national competition allows teams of students to invest real money in the stock market providing them with invaluable personal experience of how the stock market works.

This year students Nadia Thiel, Alex Dean, Tom Denford, Scott Cullen, George Hunter, Stephen Mc Dowell, Rory Geeson, Toby Chandler, Hannah Francis and Olly Hicks were the ones to take up the challenge. Each team had to raise an investment pot of £1,500 which they then invested in the stock

market. The ultimate aim for each team is to be the one who has invested wisely and been the most successful. During the months October to May they buy shares on the stock market and at the end of this period the shares are sold with the team who has made the most profit being declared the overall winner.

As is the nature of the stock market not all teams made a profit—in fact only 5 schools out of a national total of 46 did so—it was therefore with great delight that we received the news that the St Bart's team came a fantastic 3rd nationally and 1st in the South-West.

As part of their prize the team were invited to London to receive their trophy and had a trip on the London Eye.



Enterprise Skills Day for Year 9

Enterprise Skills Day is the launch pad for the Education Business Partnership/Vodafone programme, **Take a Chance**, and this year 16 St Bart's students from Year 9 were chosen to take part together with students from other schools including Kennet, Park House, Trinity, Downs, Denefield, Theale Green and Little Heath.

The day brings students together to work in mixed school teams on a series of fun but challenging activities. Each activity is designed to give students the opportunity to practice and improve a range of key skills including communication, team work, problem solving and time management. All students are monitored and assessed as they make their way through the day and ultimately 6-8 students from each school are chosen to take part in the full Take a Chance programme in Year 10.



Problem solving, team work, communicating, planning, time management meeting new people and having fun!



Take a Chance brings students in to Vodafone's head office where they work in groups with the support of Vodafone business volunteers who guide them through five very individual workshops. Each workshop has been specifically put together to build and encourage self confidence, motivate students to achieve their full potential both in and outside school and to provide them with new ways of thinking and working which will help them in their everyday and future working lives. In addition, by running the

workshops at Vodafone itself, the programme enables the students to gain valuable insight into the working world and environment outside school.

Over the summer break, letters will be going home to the eight students who have been picked to continue on the Take a Chance programme. In the Autumn term they and their parents/guardians will be invited to an information evening at Vodafone and the students will get to meet their Vodafone business buddies prior to the first workshop.

