

ENTERPRISE BULLETIN

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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.

Enterprise Goes into Primaries



The summer term brought a taste of enterprise to Y6 pupils at Robert Sandilands, Falkland and St Nicholas's schools.

Following an initial survey amongst our local primary schools to establish their enterprise needs, the Primary Enterprise Experience was created and delivered to the interested schools by Mr Turner and Mrs McDowell.

• Pupils at Robert Sandilands at work on their gift card challenge

After an introduction during which pupils were asked to share their own ideas of what enterprise means, they set about the first team exercise : to carry a pear with the aid of just 3 bamboo canes—no use of hands allowed. This produced a number of interesting and amusing results but was a challenge which they all set about with much enthusiasm!

The main activity of the afternoon involved making a set of cards suitable for various occasions. Still in their teams, they were each given a basic kit to start them off with the option of 'purchasing' added extras to make them more 'saleable'. The session culminated in each team pricing their merchandise and delivering a sales pitch to the class to establish a winner. Sometimes there was a clear winner whilst on other occasions votes were divided, but in all cases the pupils worked really hard to produce some excellent results.

"It was really fun, thank you", "I really enjoyed doing this enterprise work and all the challenges", "Looking forward to coming to St Bart's", "Please come again!" - were just some of the comments received.

• Teamwork at St Nic's





SAVE Group relaunched

Initially formed in 2007 to manage paper recycling around school, the SAVE group has been relaunched with a new group of students and a new remit. Issues of energy, recycling and the school environment are all on the agenda with a new drive to get the whole community involved in sustainability.

The construction of our new school building has meant that these issues are even more important and as an Eco-School, the school aims to achieve the Green Flag Award which involves a full and detailed assessment of the school's eco activities.



One of SAVE's first tasks has been to look at recycling in school and how we can recycle more both in terms of quantity and in the types of materials i.e. not just paper. Two members of the group, Ammye Franks 9C2 and Melanie Harris 9E3, had the opportunity recently to attend the Student Voice Regional Conference at the University of Surrey which this year had 'creating environmentally friendly, student-led, sustainable schools' as its theme. Schools from around our region were able to share their experiences and gather information. Ammye and Melanie participated in a number of workshops and seminars on a range of topics ranging from the use of a Virtual Learning Environment as a forum for student discussion, to designing a wildlife-friendly school garden. Dr Bigmore who attended the conference with the two students said "The highlight of the day for the girls was their presentation on the new school and its aim to achieve Green Flag status. Both students gave a well polished, professional presentation and were strong ambassadors for the school at the whole conference."

You can find out more about SAVE and about Eco Schools by visiting the **Eco Schools** page on Uniservity (remember to log in first using your school network name and password).

AG&T students given green roof challenge by school's construction company

On 13 and 14 July, fourteen Year 9 Able, Gifted and Talented students were given the opportunity to experience a real business scenario for themselves : over this 2 day period the students worked on a genuine research project given to them by our school's construction team, Willmott Dixon.

The Challenge : to examine which type of green roof should be chosen for our new school. The students were asked to consider the advantages and disadvantages of two different planting processes and to present their findings to the Operations Manager, Construction Manager and site team at the end of the second day.

The students were divided into 2 teams, one investigated 'plug and planted' Sedum whilst the second looked into the 'blanket' method. Mrs Knott, Able Pupil Coordinator, remarked that "the Plugsters group in particular was very thorough. They discovered that it takes around three weeks to install and 9-12 months to achieve 80% plant coverage using the plug and plant method. The students researching the blanket method had used initiative and thought about the facts and were good presenters. They found that Sedum roofs of the blanket type were easy to install and maintain."



- **Examining samples of sedum at Digby Croft with Bill Eagling, Building Manager Willmott Dixon**

At the end of the challenge, Neville Dale, Operations Manager of Willmott Dixon, announced to the teams that the decision had been made to progress with the plug and plant option. The students in this group will be invited to go up onto the roof in December/January at the time the work is expected to be carried out and again later once the Sedum has been planted.

Students who took part were: Beth Andrews 9D1, Laura Brennan 9E3, Lily Chubb 9C1, Richard Cleal 9E1, Phoebe Dace 9E3, Nicholas Jenkins 9C1, Leonard Guy 9P2, Chloe McNeill 9D1, Fern Meads 9E1, Louise Parkes 9C2, Fiona Russell 9E3, Thomas Russell 9P1, Matthew Shaw 9P2.

WORLD SOCIOLOGY DAY 2009



On 15th July St Bart's held another successful World Sociology Day for Sixth Form students studying Sociology and Economics. Through workshops and presentations students were given an insight into the real issues faced by the poor regions of the world today.

Guest speakers from Christian Aid, Oxfam and People & Planet were invited together with John Madeley author and expert on economic and social development issues.

Activities included the Trading Game devised by Christian Aid (pictured top left) - the students took on the role of poor and rich nations and saw how trade actually works, who benefits and who loses. "We were split into 3 groups, USA, India and Sierra Leone, each with different resources to trade. It was fun but it taught us about inequalities and how unfair the trade market actually is".

People and Planet (pictured below) also had the students actively examining issues of world trade. This organisation is the largest student network in Britain campaigning to end world poverty, defend human rights and end poverty. Amongst their network are groups at Universities and Colleges and also Sixth Forms who campaign on issues of fairtrade and climate change. Interest was such amongst the students that it is hoped to develop a Sixth Form group here at St Bart's.

• Christian Aid's 'Trading Game' in action



• Oxfam gives students an insight into their work in South Africa

Oxfam's speaker, Peter Blum (above), spoke to students about the charity, what they do and how they raise money. He also talked about his visit to South Africa, about the assistance Oxfam provides to support groups set up and run by South Africans in their struggle against HIV/Aids. These groups provide the community with education, drugs and counselling and are often run by people who have personal experience of this terrible disease. He gave accounts of the people he had met and how they live with Aids.



• People & Planet get everyone on their feet

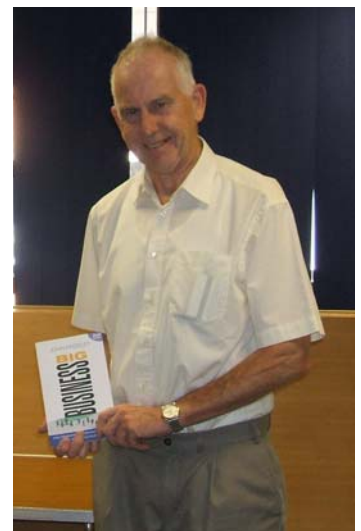


*"Oxfam inspired me to help
—I donated £30"*

Author, John Madeley (right), gave an interesting talk about the power and influence of transnational corporations on third world countries. He also spoke about the social and economic impact of mining and dams in developing countries.

"After taking part I have come away with a wide breadth of knowledge based on the subject of trade and fair-trade standards"

• Guest speaker John Madeley



Coming up next term

Watch out for these exciting activities which will be taking place next term.

- **Y12 Champions of Enterprise** (Tuesday 29th September)
- **Global Entrepreneurship Week** which will involve Y7 Entrepreneurship Day, Y8 'A Cracking Good Idea', Y9 Apprentice and Y10 Make Your Mark Challenge (Monday 16th—Friday 20th November)
- **Young Enterprise** Y12 Company Programme and Y12 Primary Programme



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Film Club at St Bart's ★

Initially set up as a result of Young Chamber, the Film Club is now back up and running regularly on Wednesday's after school by a team of three very keen Y8 students: Emily Wilkinson 8E2, Laura Merrell 8E2 and Charlotte Summers 8E2.



As members of the online film club for schools —**FilmClub.org**— the school is able to use this excellent website to research films, order online, write reviews and find out much much more about the world of film and film making. The St Bart's Film Club advertises its films around school and via the Film Club page on Uniservity. Everyone is welcome to join and to take advantage of the our membership of **FilmClub.org**. Why not come along to the next film, get involved, help choose the next film you would like to see—or simply get together with your friends and watch a good movie. ★ ★

Films coming up: Confessions of a Shopaholic, The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, Hairspray ...



St Bart's students take part in European Day

European Day is a day's conference organised by the EBP in partnership with the Downs School and local business. Aimed at middle to high ability Year 8 language students studying French, German and Spanish, the conference provides students with an insight into Europe, the use of languages at work and encourages them to continue their language studies. Below is a report from the group of St Bart's AG&T students who attended.

We went to Downs School in Compton. In Downs School the whole place was modern and clean and they had modern technology. We were put into groups of about 8 to 9 people from other schools. We were put into French, German or Spanish groups.

To start with we played a game with dice that had pictures on them. We had to name the pictures in our language. Then we had to role two dice together and make a sentence from them. Then we did an interview with a teacher, we had to translate a list of questions we were given.

The main task was a presentation on a city which the tennis champion from Wimbledon was visiting. Each team had the name of a city and had to research that city in the language of their team. We all worked as a team, some of us researched and some of us designed and we all came together as a team in the end.

It was great to work with people from other schools. The quiz at the end was really fun but we learnt lots of new vocab from the interview. We also enjoyed meeting lots of new people.

"Our pupils did a brilliant job in their presentations and impressed some of the other students with their language knowledge."

The day was a great success and seven of our pupils came in the top four groups:

Millie Pinder, Juliette Brennan-Ruiz, Jasmine Elliott, Spencer Beale, Ed Portman, Robbie Taylor and Prince Jiju. Well done to all those who took part."

Miss Launchbury

