

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL**  
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## **NEWS INFORMATION**

### **TWO TALENTED STAFF RETIRE FROM ST BART'S**

Two highly regarded and talented members of staff at St Bartholomew's School will be retiring at the end of the summer term. Headteacher, Mr Stuart Robinson and Classics/English teacher Miss Barbara Mills have contributed enormously to the school and their expertise will be missed.

Miss Mills joined Newbury County Girls' School in September 1974 and over 35 years has taught Latin, Greek, Classical Studies, English and A level General Studies. Her wealth of expertise has inspired many students to take Classics at university. Among the younger students, every year many Year 9 students choose to add Latin to their timetables as they study the subject for GCSE.

She comments: "I will miss teaching students with intellectual curiosity who enjoy the subjects. It's always been a pleasure to hear of those who develop a keen interest in going to Greek or Shakespeare plays, or delight in visiting classical sites.

"I am look forward to spending more time bird-watching, listening to classical music and reading as well as undertaking voluntary work with animals and travelling outside school holidays. I will also enjoy spending more time with friends and family, especially my four wonderful nephews and nieces."

Mr Stuart Robinson has been Headteacher at St Bart's since September 1994. The school has benefited from his inspirational leadership, business acumen and determination to provide the best possible opportunities for young people in a comprehensive school. He has an enviable record of achievement at St Bart's and the last Ofsted inspection in 2007 judged St Bart's as 'outstanding'.

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Mr Robinson has retained the heritage of St Bart's whilst securing enhanced provision for the future. Since St Bart's was chosen to benefit from central government funds for building redevelopment Mr Robinson has worked with West Berkshire Council to progress the work. Under the name of the Ad Lucem Project, new school buildings are now being constructed which will be home to St Bart's from late 2010. Mr Robinson will continue to represent the school for the duration of the building works as Ad Lucem Director, ensuring a smooth transition to the new buildings.

Commenting on his retirement as Headteacher, Mr Robinson said: "Creating opportunities for students, education and St Bart's have been my passion for the last 15 years. I have been supported by an outstanding staff, exceptionally committed and capable governors and parents. I am proud that the St Bart's community offers a unique and special set of opportunities for our students. It has been a privilege to be the Headteacher.

"I will continue to work on the redevelopment project until September 2011, at which point the school community will have settled into the new buildings. Retiring as Headteacher will give me more time with my family, in particular my two grandchildren. I am also looking forward to being fitter and playing squash more often."

From September 2009 Mrs Christina Haddrell, currently St Bart's Associate Headteacher, will be the school's Headteacher. She will be ably assisted by six other members of the leadership team including Deputy Headteachers Mrs Maureen Sims and Mr Jeremy Sharpe.



Ends

20 July 2009

**Digital photo attached showing Stuart Robinson and Barbara Mills**

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