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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.

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In addition to faculty pages, you will find pages covering all the work we do on Enterprise; an update on our Eco Schools status including the work of our SAVE Group; and the activities that students are involved in which enable us to keep our International Award. We have a Film Club page which gives you news of the latest showing; the Student Voice page is steadily expanding with information and forums and there are also pages on Able Gifted & Talented. Did you know you can even browse through the library catalogue by visiting the Library page, and much much more!

Many departments have learning materials as well as course information on their pages, and there are opportunities for students to share their thoughts and opinions through questionnaires and forums.

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Pages are being developed and updated all the time with announcements, reports and photos of our school activities, providing you with the most up to date news.

So go ahead, log on and take a look!





A busy week of enterprise ...

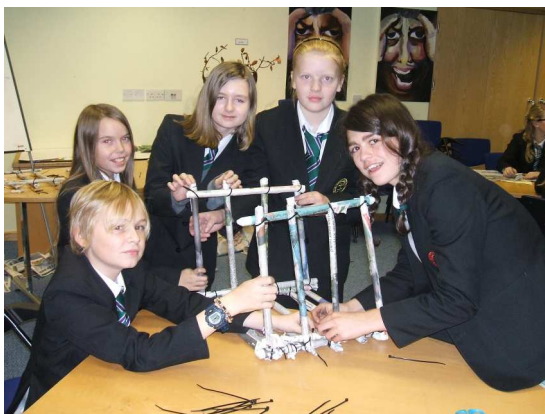
"I liked today because I made new friends and learnt about India and entrepreneurship"

Global Entrepreneurship Week is a worldwide movement promoting entrepreneurship and encouraging people to turn their ideas into reality. Here at St Bart's the week brought teams of students together from Years 7 to 10 all actively involved in a range of enterprising activities.

YEAR 7 : On 18 November, teams of students spent the day enthusiastically tackling a number of fun activities which focussed on skills such as teamwork, creativity and business.

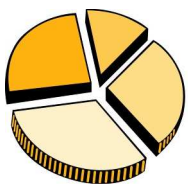
Looking at what life is like for poor people in India, the teams were challenged to see if they could survive life on the streets through playing the 'Paper Bag Game'. Using recycled newspaper the teams were shown how to make bags, one of the ways in which poor people in India make a living. Within a set time the teams had to work to make as many bags as they could and chance cards were distributed representing unexpected changes to the market such as a change in bag shapes, in pricing, a 'family' member falling ill. At the end of the game a shopping list of key items was handed out and after looking at how much they had 'earned' during the game the teams saw how difficult it was for them to purchase even the bare essentials.

Enterprising brains at work! ▶



Teams then moved on to the principal challenge of the day working with the Stixx machine - this machine takes recycled newspaper and rolls them into strong rods which can then be fixed together using plastic ties to create all sorts of items. The teams now took on the role of 'Indian Entrepreneur' wishing to bring jobs and prosperity to their local town. They were challenged to come up with a useable product which they could make using Stixx. As well as actually making their product they had to work on a 'dragons den' style pitch to 'sell' their idea to the judges. Great teamwork and inventiveness were the order of the day and some excellent items were made ranging from functional storage units to a tray and somewhat unusual bird cage!

YEAR 8: The Puppet Challenge was announced in the weeks prior to Global Entrepreneurship Week encouraging Year 8 students to use their imagination to create their own puppet show. How they produced it was entirely up to them and two teams rose to the challenge. Both teams chose to film their shows, having designed and made the props and characters themselves. The winners were Dylan Evans and Josh Bowen of 8E3, whilst runners up were Amy Major 8D1, Ulla Pritchard 8D1, Ellie Hubbard 8E2 and Kelly McDonagh 8D1. All were awarded book tokens in recognition of their excellent work.



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Check out the Y8 section of the Enterprise page on Uniservity to view the films!





Global Entrepreneurship Week inspiring our students

YEAR 9: Using a business loan of £20 your challenge is to purchase and sell a range of stationery items of your own choosing and make as much profit as you can. This was the challenge put to Year 9 students in the run up to the week

Pictured right is the winning team: (left to right) Lewis Rogers 9D2, Ashley Beaver 9D1, Ben Elliott 9D2, Ben Cowley 9D2 and Adam Olive 9D1. Together they produced a well thought out business plan and had clearly worked out their market and selling strategy. "People have said that they want cheap priced stationery that will last and not break. They also want funky stationery which will stand out from the crowd", reported Adam Olive, the team's appointed Researcher. The end of the challenge came during Global Entrepreneurship Week at which point the team successfully returned their business loan *and* made a good profit which they shared between themselves. Well done to everyone who took part.



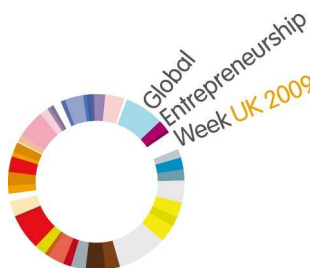
• Above: Ben, Adam, Ben, Ashley and Lewis = B.A.B.A.L Stationery

YEAR 10: The Make Your Mark Challenge launched Global Entrepreneurship Week and this year we had 4 teams ready to tackle this year's challenge : "Let local inspiration lead you to a cool creation". Using our local area as a source of inspiration, the teams had to come up with a product or service which had a low carbon footprint. All of the students worked hard brainstorming their ideas and working on their presentations during the course of the day. The winners were Alicia Hobbs 10E1, Amy Graham 10D1, Rebecca Craig 10C2, Annie Magee 10E3, Victoria Duncan 10D1 and Megan Prudden 10E3 with their community run bio-bus running on biogas produced from organic waste collected from local farms and stables. Their fortune continued when the school learnt that they had got through to the Regional Finals and the team duly headed to Royal Holloway College, University of London where the competition was to be held.



• Above: Mrs Haddrell spent time meeting all the Make Your Mark teams and listening to their ideas

Presentations took place in front of a panel of judges as well as the other finalists, and our winners (pictured left) did extremely well. Despite not coming home with a trophy the team was awarded a prize of a hazel tree sapling in the eco-friendly spirit of the challenge.



It was wonderful to see so many of our students actively and enthusiastically involved in a variety of enterprising events. Well done to everyone who took part! More photos on the Enterprise pages of Uniservity !

Is your trip to school a green one?



What can we do to make walking, cycling, bus travel and car sharing realistic options for most school pupils?



This was the challenge put to our Year 10 students during **Green Action Day** on 3rd December. Organised by the Education Business Partnership, students worked in teams investigating a range of topics associated with transport to and from school and their current impact on the school and the local area. Guests for the day were Coral Taylor and Rachael Obin from West Berkshire Council who gave the students an in depth presentation covering topics of global warming, cars and CO₂, congestion and health, as well as some interesting figures relating to our most popular forms of transport to school.



Each team looked at the four transport options and considered the positive and negative aspects of each one. They then had to look at the negatives and think of ways of overcoming them. All of their findings had to be put together along with their recommendations in a presentation and presented to the judges—at the time of going to print we were waiting for news of the winning team so we will report back in the next edition.

International School Award—an update



In 2007 the school was proud to receive the International School Award in recognition of its commitment to provide students with a wide range of opportunities to experience and learn about international issues. Since then St Bart's has continued to develop its international activities.

Recent events have included a visit from Sixth Form students from Holland who spent a month amongst us taking part in school life, joining in lessons and exchanging views and differences between school life in Holland and here in the UK. Much work has also been going on with our Chinese partner school in Qingdao (pictured), in Shandong Province and we shall be making our first full-blown exchange visit in the summer term. Students from Years 9 and above have been signing up for this exciting trip of a lifetime with the prospect of staying within a Chinese family and visiting sights such as The Great Wall, The Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and the Summer Palace.



With the award lasting 3 years, last month the school had to submit its Action Plan of international activities for this academic year. This will be followed by a Portfolio of Evidence which we will be submitting in July enabling us to be reaccredited to the International Award for the next 3 years. Activities included in our plan range from a Geography project on world diseases, the Mathematics' Trading Game and our Sixth Form Arabic group. Look out for news in the terms to come!



St Bart's is an Eco School



This term the activities of our eco-group, SAVE, have been given new direction and focus. Lead by Dr Bigmore, we have a new team of volunteer students who are now looking for more eco-enthusiasts to join them. If you are in Years 7 and 8 and are interested in green issues and would like to join the SAVE team please contact Dr Bigmore in the Science department or email her at hbigmore@stbarts.co.uk.

One of the principal targets for the group will be to help in the work towards establishing St Bart's as a "Green Flag" school. The Green Flag award is externally assessed by Keep Britain Tidy who administer Eco Schools in England, the international award programme which encourages schools to encompass green issues in their daily lives. Did you know there are 46 countries around the world that run the Eco-Schools programme involving 40,000 schools from England to France and Morocco to South Africa?

So, if you want to join the SAVE team—get in touch now! Visit the **Eco-Schools** pages of **Uniservity** for more ...

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