



END OF TERM

Term ends on Friday 23 July 2010. Students will be dismissed by 12.30pm. Please can students make sure their lockers are emptied, padlocks removed and all books and other equipment taken home for the holidays.



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we reach the end of term we can look back on a very successful and eventful academic year. In December the attainment and achievement of our students, our curriculum, care, guidance and support and the partnership working with other providers were all recognised as 'outstanding' by Ofsted. We have continued to work hard to provide teaching and learning of a consistently excellent quality. Our sporting achievements have been truly exceptional this year in terms of the number of team and individual competitions at a local and national level that our students have won. In the arts we have enjoyed not only the exceptional quality of the Corn Exchange Arts Barts, but many concerts, dance evenings and dramatic productions. We have further developed as an International school, as we have welcomed exchange students and visitors from China. As we end the year we can celebrate our redesignation as a Business and Enterprise College, and the reaccreditation of the Challenge Award which recognises the quality of our provision for Able, Gifted and Talented students. The Investors in Careers Award also reflected quality provision.

We welcomed more than 1,300 visitors to the school for the ONA Reunion; this was a marvellous opportunity for former students to meet up and remember all that the school has meant to them.

I should like to thank our students and the staff for their tremendous hard work and commitment which will lead to well earned success in the summer.

We are indebted to the Parents' Association for their wonderful support of the school in a wealth of contexts, ranging from Art Barts to the fete, the Craft Fair, barbecues and parties of volunteers for snow clearing in the dreadful conditions last January.

We are very fortunate to have such dedicated governors who have worked tirelessly on behalf of the school to help secure Phase 1 of the Ad Lucem Project, the completion of the new building and securing of the necessary furniture and fitments. They continue to address the shortfall in funding for Phase 2; the completion of the MUGA (multi use games area) synthetic turf pitch, Fives courts, bicycle sheds and landscaping.

The new building will enhance learning and we look forward to these. However, it is the quality of the staff and students that makes St Bart's the wonderful school that it is. As we end the term we say goodbye and thank you to a number of colleagues who will be leaving us and who have had such an impact on the life of the school.

Mrs C I S Haddrell, Headteacher



FAREWELLS

The summer term sees the retirement of Alex Sankey, Science Technician and Hazel Lambert, our Finance Manager. Alex and Hazel have made an outstanding contribution to the school.

Alex Sankey has been the Biology technician, initially at Luker and then at Wormestall for 27 years. Her contribution to the day to day running of the Biology department has proved invaluable; dealing with orders, finance and the huge amount of equipment. She has been a highly valued member of the field trip teams, giving great support to the staff and the students, who have seen her as an integral part of their education. Alex Sankey will be greatly missed by the Biology department, the faculty as a whole and staff who have worked with and known her over the years.

The smooth and efficient running of the school's finances over the past 12 years is a tribute to **Hazel Lambert's** work as Finance Manager. Hazel is not only meticulous in her approach, well organised and thorough, but creative in her thinking. She is highly respected, not only for her financial acumen but her professionalism and leadership of the Finance team. As Finance Manager, arguably, her work has come under greater scrutiny than that of any other, not only from Review Officers, Auditors and West Berkshire Council, but our own governors. On all occasions the quality has been praised. Hazel has given excellent service to the school.

Judith Fisher is leaving St Bart's to take up a Chinese exchange post in 2010-2011, at our Aurora partner school in Shanghai. Whilst at St Bart's Judith Fisher has inspired countless English students. She has held responsibility for the Year Team, as Acting Head of Faculty, as KS5 Coordinator for Careers advice and UCAS support. She has led the Advanced Extension Award and supported students taking the Extended Project. Judith Fisher will be missed by colleagues and students; we wish her well and look forward to updates from China.

From the Geography department, **Alice Crick, Andrew Hutchings and Lucy**

Parsons are leaving. Alice Crick will be moving to America and Lucy Parsons relocating to the Midlands.

Two of our Maths teachers are taking up promoted posts in other schools, **Jonathan Cassidy and Alison Reader.**

Sara Kinsey, Food Technology, leaves us to take up a Head of Department post in Wiltshire.

From ICT **James Doughty** will be taking up a scholarship for post graduate research.

From the Assistant Teacher and English faculty teams, **Jack Birtwhistle** will be leaving us to follow a post graduate course.

Cheryl Landeg, Travel and Tourism teacher, leaves her post this summer. **Amy Terry, Louise Richardson, Felix Schron and Petra Giede-Barnes**, our Assistant Teachers, and **Jane Brewer**, Family Support Worker, leave us this summer.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a good summer break.

Mrs C I S Haddrell, Headteacher



START OF AUTUMN TERM

The autumn term starts for all students on Thursday 2 September 2010. Year 7 students report to Luker Hall at 11.15am. Students in Years 8 – 13 report to tutor rooms at 12.15pm. Wednesday 1 September is a staff training day.



DIARY DATES

Fri 23 July	Term Ends
Wed 1 Sept	Staff Training Day
Thur 2 Sept	Term begins for all students School photos Y7, 9 and 11
Tue 7 Sept	Y12 Information Evening For Parents, W Hall, 7pm
Wed 8 Sept	PA AGM, LLC, 7pm
Fri 10 Sept	Davis Charity Disco, L Hall 7pm



SCHOOL DAY

As most parents will be aware the end time of the school day was brought forward from 3.30pm in September 2008 as a temporary measure to allow the school to manage students safely and effectively at break times during our period with reduced space due to the new school build.

This situation will continue until we move into our brand new premises in November 2010. As a result the school day will still be ending at 3.15pm for the first half of the autumn term, but will revert to 3.30pm in the week beginning 8 November 2010 our first full week in the new school.

This allows us to have an Activity Time of up to one hour, which will increase the time available for enrichment activities in areas such as PE, music, dance and drama in the middle of the school day.

We have informed the local bus companies of this change and we are already aware that some routes will be reviewing their timetables for November to fit in with the transport needs of our students.

Mr J Sharpe, Deputy Headteacher

DRAMA FESTIVAL

On Tuesday night last week, Year 12 drama students participated in a sixth form drama festival in Reading. We took three devised, ten minute, contemporary pieces with us, all of which had been put together in the two weeks prior to the event. This however did not stop us from putting on a great show and



we got many laughs and a great applause.

Our first piece, involved myself (Sophie Cooke), Lucy Kane, Lucy Holloway and Kathryn Kaiser. Called "Sisters in Springtime", it is set in a convent where a new nun, Sarah, joins with a dark and

murderous past. All is discovered by Margaret, a 40 year old from Somerset at the convent. Through the journey the audience

sees that there is more to Sarah than first meets the eye...

Our second piece, called "Loan Roulette", involving Dan Gladwell, Georgia Oldman and Matthew Hodgkin employed both humour and brilliant characterisation with a serious story line of a bank manager's fall from his life of luxury. Patrick lost his wife, his children and a lot of money due to his gambling habit.



This fast paced and very funny play left the audience roaring with laughter.

Our third piece that we brought with us was called "A Dish Preferred Cold". Leon Larkings, Hannah Kenison, Ed Allfrey, Adam Osmond and Sarah



Franks acted brilliantly in this revenge tragedy where a young woman, Beth (played by Hannah) is obsessed with investigating the motives behind her father's suicide when she was just eight years old. Through the twists and turns we discover the truth behind what drove her father to take his own life.

The evening was greatly enjoyed by all and we very much enjoyed watching the work of the other schools. We would like to thank Mr Hudson for supporting us and taking us to the event.

Sophie Cooke 12P2



WALL OF FAME

Congratulations to those students whose names are featured on our Wall of Fame. This accolade goes to all Year 7 and 8 students who have achieved 80% or more P+/P++ on their summer 2 2010 reports and to Year 9 and 10s who have achieved 70% or more. Please see the board outside Mr Cook's office for an updated list of names. Well done.

JOHN KING'S INVITATION TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Brendan Clifford 12P2, interviewed John King following his invitation to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Opening the interview Mr King was asked how he had received an invitation to Buckingham Palace for a Garden Party on 22 June 2010.

Mr King explained that every Local Authority in the country has a number of invitations at their disposal. West Berkshire has three allocations and one goes to the longest serving employee. Mr King has been teaching in West Berkshire for about 45 years and was privileged to receive an invitation. He is proud to have taught at St Bart's for so long and to qualify for this invitation saying it is a tribute to the school as much as to himself. He was delighted to be accompanied by his niece Anna Stockwell who was a pupil at St Bart's from 1981 - 1988.



Speaking about the occasion he said The Queen, Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Count and Countess of Wessex and Prince Michael of Kent were all present. The Queen looked radiant in a primrose coloured dress, very suitable for a garden party.

This wasn't the first time Mr King had met The Queen. He had the honour to talk to her on both occasions she has visited St Bart's. This time, therefore, he was more interested to explore the gardens at Buckingham Palace and meet some of the other guests.

Estimating about 3,000-4,000 guests attending, Mr King said many were dressed in uniform and the ladies were wearing hats. Mr King wore a suit, and some guests were

in top hats and tails. There were two military bands playing in different parts of the garden and the event was a very sedate affair.

The food was magnificent with lovely cakes, all sorts of pastries and sandwiches. The essential question arose about cucumber sandwiches, but Mr King didn't see any there. It could be that other guests had eaten them all before Mr King arrived in the refreshment tent.

There were many well know people attending including a cabinet minister, Teresa May. Melvyn Bragg was also spotted, much to Mr King's delight as he thinks he is one of the finest broadcasters. Members of the House of Lords were among the guests, some known by his niece. There were also bishops, army officers and many other worthy people from all over the country. Whilst no paparazzi were seen, Mr King did notice some discreet security.

The National Anthem was played when the Royal hosts arrived, although nobody was singing. It was played again to conclude the garden party.

Mr King very much doubts he will be asked again, as this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. It has been publicised that The Queen costs 62p to each tax payer in the country and Mr King agreed this rate is worthwhile.

Asked if he thinks The Queen might revisit St Bart's, Mr King explained that the Lord Lieutenant in each county has the biggest influence. The Queen's last visit to St Bart's was in 1993 when Robert Mermagen, who knew the Lord Lieutenant at the time, was headteacher.



CAR PARKING

The continuing construction of the new school requires work in the car park over the summer. This may affect access to car parking areas in September. Please would all drivers and pedestrians take extra care and follow the new signs.

All current car users are encouraged to walk to school wherever possible.

Mrs C I S Haddrell, Headteacher

SITE SAFETY BROUGHT TO THE CLASSROOM

On Tuesday 22 June our Year 12 Health and Social Care class had the opportunity to be able to go and have a look around the new school.

Before this visit a Health and Safety Manager from Willmott Dixon visited our class to talk to us about health and safety in the workplace. This was very interesting as we got to learn and discuss with a professional health and safety policies in the workplace.

The visit to the new school building was planned to demonstrate how health and safety procedures are implemented within a large project such as Ad Lucem.



When we arrived we were asked to put on protective clothing. Not only was this rather entertaining, but we felt safe, just as all the workers

should feel when entering the site.

We then started to make our way round the site with the health and safety



managers who were very welcoming and full of useful information. They took us in the four different House blocks and the new Wormestall block. We had the opportunity to take a look at our new sixth form common room and also the hub space, which is very modern and unique. Students will be able to use this area to relax at break times and have assemblies.

We are looking forward to the exciting new move and the buildings are looking amazing.

Bushra Begum, 12E3

AD LUCEM PROJECT

As *BartholoNews* was going to press the canopy over the Luker Hub in the new buildings was going up.



Its weight is two tonnes and 1,500m² of fabric has been used. The poles are 21m high and are fitted with snow caps.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM

**Wednesday 8 September 2010
In the
Lifelong Learning Centre**

This is a short meeting and all parents are welcome to come along and see how the committee is structured and hear how the PA benefits the school

Review of accounts
Appointment of officers and committee for the year

Further information from Richard Deal
on 01635 521824



EVERS NEWS

Thank you to all the pupils and staff in Evers for all their hard work and commitment though the year. We hope all staff, students and parents have a lovely summer.

School Fête

Thank you to all the Evers parents, students and staff who donated items to the Evers House Stall at this year's fete. Our thanks to Mrs Zealey, Mrs Uden, Mrs Metcalfe for their support on the day. We were also supported by a strong sixth-form contingent – our thanks to Patrick Naish, Adam Osmond, Georgia Oldman, Joe Norman, Jocelyn Nuttall, Hannah Fry, Jonny Summers, Aidan Thomas, Hannah Kenison, Jessie Webster, Rhianna Crook and Kirsty Crook. The combined sum raised was over £500 towards PA funds.

Our traditional Evers 'satellite' stalls raised the following impressive amounts:

Year 10 Cakes - £145.

Our thanks to Natalie Carter, Katie Stubbs, Helen Naish, Harriet Palmer, Eleanor Huckle and Hannah Macgregor.

Colourful Confectionery / Sweets in a Jar - £82

Our thanks to Charlie Amor, Jess Lockwood, Hope Dooley, Daisy Guille, Sophie Smith and Belinda Church raised £82.

Jewellery - £35

Our thanks to Sam Prentice.

Sweets in a Jar - £11

Our thanks to Nadia Morris, Ellie Pells, Sadie Henderson and Emma Randall.

Sweets in a Bucket / Teddy's Name - £8

Our thanks to Stamatula Malfas, Chloe Blisset and Charlotte Bullock.

School Officers

Many thanks to our outgoing School Officers and, in particular, our House Captains Eleanor Raymond and Joe Prentice. We look forward to working with our new School Officers:

Evers House Captains	Adam Osmond
	Georgia Oldman
Evers Deputy House Captains	Joe Norman
	Jocelyn Nuttall
Senior Leaders	Rianna Crook – Science Dept
	Will Dace
	Hannah Fry - Yearbook
	Melissa Raymond – Art Dept
	Jonathan Summers – Film/Media Dept
	Jess Webster

Recent Junior House Colours

Kwame Asembo	Harriet Palmer
Holly Kite	

Recent Bronze Awards

8E1	
Lucas Ludlow	

8E2	
Jason Frost	

Recent Silver Awards

8E1	
Hollie Couglan	Oliver Norman
Alfie Davis Ellard	Jennifer Pudney

8E2	
Laurent Bastienne	Freya Hall
Amy Beckett	Roberta Hudson
Ella Goodman	Morgan Humphrey

8E3	
Sadie Henderson	

**Mr A Metcalfe and Ms L Evans
Head and Deputy Head of Evers House**



SPANISH EXCHANGE

A group of 17 Spanish students from The Elisabeth School in Salou came to visit us from Wednesday 30 June to Tuesday 6 July. They stayed with 17 of our St Bart's students and their families. They spent some time in school with their partners in lessons, attended special lessons in Art, Food Technology and PE, especially organised for them during which they enjoyed making scones and eating them, building clay towers and playing rounders. They went on trips to London and Windsor. An evening out at Pizza Hut was enjoyed by all partners and teachers. A good time was had by all and many long lasting friendships were started.

The Modern Languages Faculty and the school thank all participants and hope both parents and students feel they would like to take part again and will continue to progress with their study of the language and its rich culture.

Many thanks

Chantal Challen, Head of Spanish

Parent Reviews

The Spanish Exchange has been a great opportunity for students to explore each other's languages and cultures, whilst having fun. Friendships have been forged; some of which will be longstanding.

The Spanish exchange was a very positive experience for us. Our Spanish conversation improved a little and our student said that her English had improved, although it was already very good and highlighted how much better our European friends are at learning languages. We learned a lot about Salou and its beautiful beaches and the Spanish students appreciated the trees and countryside around Newbury – one commenting at how much greener it is here than in Salou. We were lucky in that the whole group of Spanish and English students got on extremely well and they had several successful outings together, including a barbecue, a picnic at Highclere Castle and a visit to Pizza Hut.



DAVIS DIARY

We are coming to end of what has been a very positive and productive academic year for

Davis House.

Students have been very active with many House events and have been working hard raising money for our House Charity, Starlight. The grand total for the year is over £3,000 so well done to everyone who has contributed.

At our last assembly, we had a visit from two representatives of Willmott Dixon who spoke about the construction of the Davis Block in the new school. It was interesting to see pictures of it taking shape and we are looking forward to moving there after the October half term! A time capsule will be placed underneath the Davis Block with interesting information about Davis House.

Awards

The following students have received Good Works prizes:

Charlotte Woodley, Ethan Prince, John Deroche, Patrick Gannon, Luke Batson, Christopher Pattenden, Max McConachie, Niamh Gannon, Toby Main, Toby Whitehead, Georgia Pike, Rebecca Dore, Katherine Swanson, Lauren Brookes, Molly Husarik, Sam Leavesley, Daniel Wallace, Jack Maskell, Jason Guan.

Spencer Beale, Emily Goddard and Patrick Gannon, Annie Cave, Ross Collington, Adam Olive, recently received their Gold Awards.

The following students received their Bronze awards: Hannah Wolak, Eleanor Williams, Sam Barker, Max McConachie, Jessie Reddin, Oliver Overend, Alice Kidd, Charlie Gostling, Toby Whitehead, Toby Main, Sophie Baikie, Kiel Larkings.

We'd like to remind you that our **Davis House Evening** will be held very early next term – on 8 October and we hope to see many of you there for an exciting evening of entertainment!

A big thank you for all the help and support from students, parents and families over the past year and we wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you next term!

Mrs Hodgkin & Mr Clarkson

Davis House



SPORTS AMBASSADORS

I am delighted to share the news that Naomi Reay and Conor O'Neill have been selected as our new Year 10 sports ambassadors. This is a great achievement for these students and reflects their support and commitment. They will work alongside our present sports ambassadors, Milly Calloway and Matt Hodgkin who are presently in Year 12 and also Emma Norris and Karzan Amin who are currently in Year 11. Both Naomi and Conor will attend a day's training at Dorney Lake where they will be given a greater insight into their new role.

Mrs L Leach



PHONES AND SERVERS - DOWNTIME IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The school's IT servers are being moved into the new buildings over the summer holiday. Due to this work the network services will not be available from 2 - 5 August.

In addition, the phone system is being relocated on 10 August. At this time no phone lines in or out of school or voicemails will be available.

CALENDAR: AUTUMN TERM 2010

Examination/Course/Study Leave Dates 2010/11

Y11 Practice Exams	-	2-7 December
Y13 Practice Exams	-	17-18 February
Y12 Practice Exams	-	28 Feb & 01 March
AS Exams begin	-	16 May
GCSE Exams begin	-	16 May
Y13 Study Leave begins	-	26 May
Yrs 7 & 8, School Exam Week	-	16-20 May
Yrs 9 & 10, School Exam Week	-	6 - 9 June
Start of A2 Courses (Y12)	-	16 June

TERM DATES 2010 - 2011

Autumn Term 2010

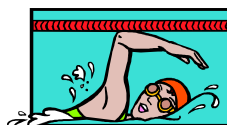
Staff Training Day	-	1 September
Pupil Term begins	-	2 September
School closed - Ad	-	22 October
Lucem move		
Half Term	-	25 October- 2 November
Staff Training Days	-	1&2 November
School closed - Ad	-	3 November
Lucem move		
School closed Y7 - Y10	-	4 November
Term Ends	-	17 December

Spring Term 2011

Staff Training Day	-	4 January
Pupil Term begins	-	5 January
Half Term	-	21-25 February
Pupil Term ends	-	8 April

Summer Term 2011

Staff Training Day	-	26 April
Pupil Term begins	-	27 April
Half Term	-	30 May-3 June
Pupil Term ends	-	22 July



FREE SWIMMING For 8 to 16 year olds

There are FREE swimming sessions for children aged 8 to 16 years over the summer holidays. Centres taking part are Northcroft Leisure Centre, Willink Leisure Centre, Bradfield Sports Complex, Hungerford Leisure Centre and Kennet Leisure Centre. Admission is on presentation of a residents' West Berkshire Card. These can be obtained at any West Berkshire Leisure Centre or library. For details about free session dates and times log onto www.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=19585&p=0