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## AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS

The autumn term began with excellent exam results; it ended with our superb school production. Congratulations to everyone involved in Oliver!

So many students have achieved well in their studies and in extra curricular activities. Winning the Regional Kids' Lit Quiz was an astonishing achievement. Congratulations to our talented and very knowledgeable team.

Well done to everyone who took part in Poetry Day and the Week of Words this term. Since September the new sports facilities have been extremely well used by the school and local community. We look forward to 2012, the Olympics year, and yet more participation and enjoyment of sport.

Thank you to everyone who supported weekend events: the Craft Fair, the Horticulture Day, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and adventurous training.

The Societies Fair saw 40 activities up and running; well done if you have taken part in something new since September. Certainly Enterprise has been high on the agenda, with the school being awarded the High Impact badge of honour for its work in Global Entrepreneurship Week. This year, the Champions of Enterprise fielded 40 teams!

Our fund raising efforts have been remarkable. We have raised money for *Jeans for Genes*, *Movember* and House charities whilst making generous donations to the Shoe Box and Peckham appeals.

The Key Stage Awards evenings have marked the academic and personal achievements of our students in 2010 – 2011.

As we look forward to 2012, we hope that students will be just as successful. Hard work and commitment are simply the best recipe for meeting potential.

Best wishes to everyone for a Happy Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

**Mrs C I Haddrell, Headteacher**

## WINTER WEATHER



Wintry weather is upon us once again.

We anticipate that St Bart's will be in a position to remain open throughout the year, given our new buildings, site and equipment. We have ample salt and have purchased snow clearing equipment, so that the car park area can be cleared. Our Hall enables us to supervise students if staff are delayed getting into work.

Should extreme conditions necessitate a closure or a later start to the school day, however, information will be provided via:

- The Schoolcomms email system
- St Bart's website [www.stbarts.co.uk](http://www.stbarts.co.uk) (click on News)
- West Berkshire Council website [www.westberks.gov.uk](http://www.westberks.gov.uk) (click on Schools)
- BBC Radio Berkshire
- Heart Radio
- Newbury Sound

If the school were to be closed, students should look on the Uniservity website to find the work set. Any students unable to access the site would be well advised to contact friends to pick up the work set, by phone.

**Mrs C I Haddrell, Headteacher**





## ATTENDANCE HOTLINE: Improvements

With effect from the start of the spring term, 5 January 2012, you will be able to speak to your House office. Simply phone the usual number 01635 576372 and then, as instructed, press

- 1 for Curnock
- 2 for Davis
- 3 for Evers
- 4 for Patterson

This will ensure that information is received directly to each House team.

**Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher**



## AD LUCEM PROJECT OPENING OF NEW SPORTS FACILITIES

We are delighted to announce that the new outdoor sports facilities at St Bart's will be officially opened by Alex Danson, Great Britain and England Women's Hockey Player. Alex will visit St Bart's on Tuesday 10 January 2012 and there will be a formal opening ceremony during a whole school assembly in the Luker Hub. She will then spend the afternoon with the PE department running a series of sports workshops involving some of our students on the synthetic turf pitch and multi use games area. This event will be a celebration of the completion of the Ad Lucem Project. The new buildings, formally opened in March, formed Phase 1 of the project whilst Phase 2, which was completed in September, included the sports facilities, bicycle shelter, landscaping and extra car parking spaces. These sports facilities have greatly benefited our PE department and we look forward to new sporting opportunities for all our students as we are inspired by London 2012. The floodlit courts are also benefiting the local community as various sports groups use the facilities in the evenings.

**Mrs C I Haddrell, Headteacher**

### YEAR 12 SUBJECT PARENTS' EVENING

Tuesday 17 January 2012  
4.30 – 7.00pm



## START OF SPRING TERM

There are two staff training days after the holiday on Tuesday 3 January and Wednesday 4 January 2012. All students return to school on Thursday 5 January 2012 for a normal school day with registration at 8.40am.

## HORTICULTURE UPDATE



### Vegetables

With growth both inside and outside the polytunnel slowing down considerably with the cold temperature and lack of sunshine, we have been harvesting some of our winter vegetables, packaging them up and selling them to keen members of staff.

So far, we have harvested some radishes, plenty of fresh herbs, including some coriander, and some winter new potatoes (Charlotte and Duke of York). We really enjoyed digging out the potatoes and were surprised by how many each plant had made. The Duke of York variety was more successful than the Charlotte variety so we have made a note to stick with the Duke of York for next season.

Vegetables that will be ready for harvesting in the New Year include the cos lettuce, mixed radish and beetroot, but we will have to wait until April-May for the red cabbage and broad beans and until June-July for the peas and garlic.

### Ornamental border

Plenty of hard work has gone into digging and preparing a large border at the front of the Horticulture area which we will be planting up with a mixture of perennials and hardy annuals in the spring. It should look fantastic from April onwards.

### Winter work

Some of the tasks for January and February include planting trees in our bluebell woodland area, planting a native hedgerow and designing and creating a living willow structure for the entrance to the bluebell woodland area.



**Dr Fitter**



## AACHEN CHRISTMAS MARKET TRIP

### Germany

On 1 December, 44 very excitable Year 9 students headed off for a trip to the Aachen Christmas market in Germany. The students were clearly prepared for the overnight trip in the coach as they arrived at 10.45pm with pillows, blankets, bags of food and some even in their pyjamas! With a little persuasion the students managed to get some sleep and we arrived in Aachen the next morning feeling only a little tired.

The day was full of activities which included a three course lunch (a typical German meal of *Schnitzel*), a one hour tour of the town (with a piece of local *Printen* to taste) and some freetime to explore the market and buy typical German products for Christmas presents. The students maximised their shopping time and most spent all their money on interesting gifts for various family members and the odd thing for themselves! Some students even practised their German or joined the staff on duty in the cafe for a mug of *heisse Schokolade* to get warm. The trip arrived back at school at the much earlier time of 3am (apologies to the parents for making them start the weekend a little earlier than planned)! Thankfully the students had the rest of their weekend to catch up on some much needed sleep.

The group of students that I took were excellent. Not only did the students enjoy themselves but the staff did too and appreciated the way the students behaved. Thank you to all involved and *frohe Weihnachten*.

**Miss Boggett, Trip leader**

### Student Account - The Christmas Market Trip to Aachen, Germany

I loved Germany. I was able to do most of my Christmas shopping. Even though it took us about 10 hours to get there it was worth it. We watched *Mean Girls* on the way there. We stopped at a couple of services before we got on the Euro Tunnel. On the Euro Tunnel we got out and had a look, however it was not amazingly exciting. When we got there we parked next to a Lindt factory. We had a look around followed by a German meal. We had a tour of Aachen town centre and then we finally went shopping in the Christmas market! We had a traditional German hot chocolate drink to warm us up as it was freezing. Then sadly we went home and we got back at school at 3am on Saturday. I would love to go again!

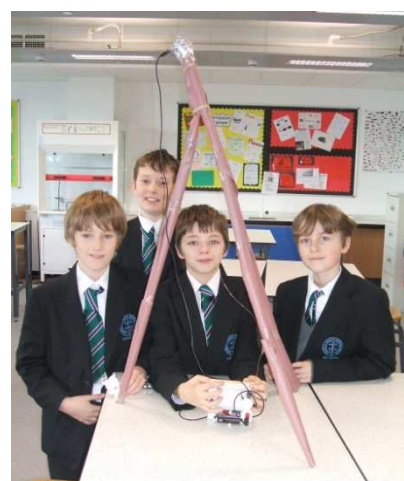
**Evie Ballard 9P3**

## SCIENCE CLUB

This term in Science Club we have done a wide range of activities. For example, slime, flame testing and building lighthouses. Dr Fitter judged our build a lighthouse competition and our team got 24 points, closely followed by our two rival teams with 22 and 11 points. We learnt that a triangle was the strongest structure to use and had to make the light bulb work.

Science Club is open to all Year 7 on Tuesdays during Activity Time, 12.55 – 1.25pm in E016.

**Matthew Pudney 7E2, Ryan Davies 7C1, Lewis Raymond 7E2 and Gabriel Berger 7E2**





## DAVIS DIARY

Christmas is a time of giving and we thank all parents, students and staff who have helped to raise money for our House charity, whether it be singing carols, selling cakes, baking brownies or buying charity merchandise.

“This is the best Christmas lunch I have ever had at school,” one student was heard saying afterwards. A huge thank you to Mrs Billingham and her team in the kitchen.



Davis House festivities continued with the Year 7 Christmas party on Monday 12 December organised by the Year 12s. The theme of heroes and villains saw many excellent costumes including ‘Man in Black’ and ‘Zorro’. The decorations and Christmas music were almost as good as the constant flow of exciting games including a quiz, pass the parcel, musical chairs and budge. Burning off all of their energy was replaced with a delicious feast in the canteen with lots of food. The fun continued with dancing, singing and spreading the Christmas cheer! Thank you to the many Year 7s that came and celebrated with the team of Year 12s. ☺ *Naomi Reay.*



*Santa and Helper (Mrs Hodgkin and Mrs Duly)*

*Musical Chairs*

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
**Mrs Duly, Mrs Hodgkin and Mrs Lee.**



## VARSIITY RUGBY MATCH

Congratulations to **Will Dace**, who left St Bart's after

A Levels in the summer, and has achieved the remarkable feat of representing Oxford in the U21 varsity match played at Twickenham on the 8 December as a first year. It is a great honour to be selected to play in this fixture which is one of the world's longest running sporting battles, first held back in 1872, only one year after the first ever international between England and Scotland.



This time last year Will was running out in green and white hoops on the first team pitch as captain and one year on he was running out at the home of England rugby in the pivotal position as fly half.



Will's family all attended along with a number of the school old boys. Jack Crawford and Harley Ilott at Twickenham support the dark Blues and

Will Dace

Not only did Oxford have a convincing win but Will also had a very good game and was highlighted by a number of the reporters watching the match



"However, when wing John Harkness touched down under the posts immediately before half-time **having been**



**set loose following fresher Will Dace's excellent dummy through the midfield,** and although a penalty

on the whistle made the score 19-8, a rout looked likely."

<http://www.cherwell.org/sport/news/2011/12/08/dominant-blues-conquer-cambridge-in-varsity-rugby> -

Caspar Eliot on Friday 9 December 2011

## BUNTING CHEERS UP CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

Year 10 textiles students were given the brief to each design and make a section of bunting that would be suitable to hang in the children's hospice. They had 2 ½ hours from start to completion. They had to use recycled fabrics and make the design of each section bright and cheerful, suitable for children under the age of 10.



The students responded with a fantastic range of creative, colourful and fun designs. Each piece of bunting has been carefully constructed using appliqué and will no doubt be a great addition to the Naomi House Hospice. The bunting is currently being displayed in the breakout space between the two textiles workshops and is a credit to the students' hard work and skill.

**Mrs C Lamb**

### Student Achievement Officer

Part-Time, hours to be confirmed  
Teachers Main Pay Scale

We are looking for a qualified teacher to join the Personalised Learning Faculty, who will use appropriate assessment methods to clarify students' learning needs and produce an assessment report and intervention programme. You will be working with staff, parents/carers and other agencies to improve student outcomes.

Applications are invited from candidates with an appropriate teaching qualification and experience of working with young people in a related role.

For further details and an application form please visit our website [www.stbarts.co.uk](http://www.stbarts.co.uk)

**Closing date: Monday 9 January 2012**

## The St Bartholomew's School Quiz 2011-12



This general knowledge quiz was taken by all St Bart's students on Wednesday 14 December 2011. The score from every single student contributes towards the House Championship and there are prizes for the winners in each year group.

We thought you might like to have a go at the Quiz with your families over the festive break. Answers can be found at the end of the Quiz.

**1. Which of these countries is not a member of the European Union?**

- a) United Kingdom      b) Norway      c) Bulgaria      d) Greece

**2. What instrument is used to measure air pressure?**

- a) barometer      b) altimeter      c) oscilloscope      d) stethoscope

**3. What does this symbol mean?**

- a) harmful      b) flammable      c) high voltage      d) radiation



**4. Which country has been chosen to host the 2016 Olympic Games?**

- a) Canada      b) Brazil      c) Greenland      d) Malaysia

**5. If 'Il pleut' what are you likely to be?**

- a) happy      b) wet      c) rich      d) asleep

**6. If you are on the Autobahn, what are you likely to be doing?**

- a) sleeping      b) flying      c) driving      d) acting

**7. What would an entomologist study?**

- a) the digestive system      b) science fiction      c) insects      d) patterns of disease

**8. Which old London landmark is now situated over Lake Havasu in Arizona?**

- a) London Bridge      b) Houses of Parliament      c) London Aquarium      d) Paddington Station

**9. What is a Bombay duck?**

- a) an Indian fish dish      b) an Indian nut dish      c) an Indian duck dish      d) an Indian chicken dish

**10. What is a Plimsoll line?**

- a) the green lines drawn on a typical European basketball court  
b) the line at passport check in an airport one is not supposed to cross  
c) a loading line on a ship to avoid overloading  
d) the perfect line to take to maximise speed in downhill skiing

**11. What is a Mystery Play?**

- a) a heavily disguised pass in football                      b) a medieval religious drama  
c) a famous illusionist trick                                      d) no-one knows – it is a mystery

**12. Whose 2011 chart hit started with the following lyrics:**

*'White lips, pale face, breathing in snowflakes'*

- a) Katy Perry                      b) Prof Green                      c) Nicole Scherzinger                      d) Ed Sheeran

**13. What is a quisling?**

- a) a baby goose                      b) a traitor                      c) a set of arrows                      d) a game show contestant

**14. Whose real name was Norma Jean Mortenson?**

- a) Joan of Arc                      b) Madonna                      c) Margaret Thatcher                      d) Marilyn Monroe

**15. Which is the correct spelling of the large reference book used to look up information on virtually everything?**

- a) encyclopedia                      b) insiglowpeedia                      c) ensyclopedia                      d) enciclopedea

**16. Which famous detective is associated with Dr Watson?**

- a) DCI Tom Barnaby                      b) Hercule Poirot                      c) Sherlock Holmes                      d) Inspector Gadget

**17. Who is the Commander in Chief of the USA armed forces?**

- a) Stanley McChrystal                      b) Barack Obama                      c) Leon Panetta                      d) Ronald McDonald

**18. Which country does not have a border with Iraq?**

- a) Turkey                      b) Iran                      c) Syria                      d) Yemen

**19. How many pupils are there in St Bartholomew's School?**

- a) 1666                      b) 1812                      c) 1280                      d) 1437

**20. What are Serrano, Parma and Black forest all types of?**

- a) cake                      b) dry cured ham                      c) folk dances                      d) cherries

**21. Where are the cities of Bilboa, Sevilla and Valencia?**

- a) Italy                      b) Mexico                      c) Spain                      d) Portugal

**22. Which gas would give a squeaky pop when tested using a lit splint?**

- a) oxygen                      b) hydrogen                      c) nitrogen                      d) carbon dioxide

**23. In which sport is the men's world record 2.45m?**

- a) long jump                      b) pole vault                      c) javelin                      d) high jump

**24. Where would you find Nelson's column?**

- a) on the back page of the Guardian                      b) in Trafalgar Square  
c) in the harbour in Southampton                      d) at the bottom of the sea off Spain

**25. What is the aurora borealis?**

- a) an incredible natural light show in the sky around the North Pole  
b) a ring shaped drill for drilling bore holes during oil exploration  
c) the breathing hole in marine mammals (whales and dolphins)  
d) the technical term for 'seeing stars'

**26. Which colours make up the Finnish flag?**

- a) red and yellow              b) red and blue              c) yellow and blue              d) blue and white

**27. What is the highest-grossing film of all time?**

- a) Titanic                      b) Lion King                      c) Avatar                      d) Toy Story 3

**28. How many counties share a border with Berkshire?**

- a) 4                      b) 5                      c) 6                      d) 7

**29. What is the square root of 121?**

- a) 21                      b) 14                      c) 11                      d) 13

**30. What would someone be after if they said "Ich habe Durst"?**

- a) money                      b) congratulations                      c) a dustbin                      d) a drink

**31. If two identical sandwiches and three packets of crisps cost £4.20 and each packet of crisps is 40p, how much does each sandwich cost?**

- a) £2.00                      b) £1.50                      c) £1.80                      d) £1.65

**32. In which European country was a new government recently appointed which does not contain a single elected politician?**

- a) Greece                      b) Italy                      c) Ireland                      d) Britain

**33. Whose 94<sup>th</sup> Symphony has the nickname "The Surprise Symphony"?**

- a) Mozart                      b) Sibelius                      c) Dvorak                      d) Haydn

**34. Who is the Secretary of State for Health in the current coalition government?**

- a) Michael Gove                      b) Andy Burnham                      c) Andrew Lansley                      d) William Hague



the side line. St Bart's had lost their pack leader and principle line-out jumper, but they did not let this phase them. Within a few more minutes of sustained pressure the ball was expertly moved through the hands to debutant winger **Karl Admans** who had just enough space to outpace his opposite number and dive in the corner.

The forward unit of **Macaulay Gill**, **Alex Thacker**, **Owen Rees** (*Berkshire U16 Squad*), **William Herrington**, **Edward Porter**, **Luke Wilson**, **Daniel Osmond** and **Lewis Rogers** worked superbly as a collective unit, and their fast paced rucking game improved as the game went on. Flanker **Lewis Rogers** stood out in his constant efforts to keep the pressure on the Kennet half-backs. **Gill**, **Porter**, **Wilson** and **Thacker** also tackled continuously, and **Herrington** and **Osmond** carried the ball past the gain line with great effect.

It was the three quarters who stole the show on the day, with Captain and Fly half **Alex Price-Richards** (*Berkshire U16 and London Irish*) leading an talented backline consisting of Centres **Cole Bates** (*Berkshire U16 and Welsh Exiles*) and **Tristan Telford** (*Berkshire U16 Squad*), and the back three speedsters **Sam Randal** (*National Athletics Championships 400m finalist*), **Karl Admans** (*Berkshire U16 Football*) and safe hands **Freddy Fane** at full back. The backs showed their superiority with beautiful natural running lines and sublime handling.

It was not long before the ball was again moved through the hands for **Karl Admans** to score his second try of the day. **Cole Bates** worked well with fellow Centre **Tristan Telford** to close down the Kennet centres, tackled strongly and supported each other at the breakdowns. Despite not competing properly in the line-outs and Kennet winning a lot of the line-out ball, St Bart's gained a lot of possession through turn over ball gained from scrum half **Angus Clements**. **Alex Price-Richards** also played a good game with the boot, kicking for territory and slotting the conversions.

In the second half **Giuseppi Spinelli** and **Joe Kitson** came on to add some power to the scrum and rucks, level headed **Olly Sopp** stepped naturally into his familiar full back

role and evasive runner **Ali Uwins** added fresh legs on the wing. **Owen Rees** moved from the front row to flanker to add some technical knowledge and further shut down the Kennet ball supply. St Bart's maintained their upper hand, and turned the screw further with improved rucking and phases of play. Kennet put up a good performance of their own, and the game was certainly not a one sided affair. They dominated the line-outs with their wiry front jumper, and through their strong, heavy forward unit they scored two good tries of their own - through good use of the maul which is not seen much in school boy rugby these days. In reply the St Bart's Forwards and Backs linked well to keep the ball alive, winger Sam Randal cutting infield off the blindside wing and backs looping in support to create one and two man overlaps, as well as breaking through in the Fly half and Centre channels. The game was rounded off with two more tries - one from **Alex Price-Richards** and one from **Tristan Telford**.

This year several of the Year 11s have trained with and represented the 6<sup>th</sup> form teams, and if RFU rules would allow it a number of them would be in starting line-up of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV v ONA match which is going to be played on Saturday 7 January at Fifth Road. With five of the St Bart's teams winning their area rugby competitions this term (so far), next season looks as if it going to be an even more exciting one.

#### Year 11 Squad v Kennet

Alex Thacker, Macaulay Gill, Owen Rees, Ross Collington, Edward Porter, Lewis Rogers, Luke Wilson, William Herrington, Daniel Osmond, Angus Clements, Alex Price-Richards, Cole Bates, Tristan Telford, Sam Randall, Freddy Fane, Karl Admans, Joe Kitson, Giuseppi Spinelli, Olly Sopp, Ali Uwins, Ben Elliot, Jack King, Tom Calvert,  
**Mr Bateman**

## Mighty 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Victorious again St Bart's 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 11 Desborough 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 5

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Rugby Team put on another impressive display and maintained their unbeaten record for this season.

This match started off as a forwards battle with both teams fiercely



contesting the rucks and set pieces. St Bart's front row of **Aaron Povey, Macaulay Gill and Bradley Montague-Fowley** did a superb job in the scrums as well as individually. Stalwart **Povey** made strong runs and presented the ball excellently to allow the ball to be recycled, **Montague-Fowley** was at every break down showing his superior fitness and also a great sleight of hand with some super off-loads, and **Gill** was quick around the park, tackling well and jackling the ball at the tackle area.

The second row pairing of **Conor Holt and Alex Thacker** worked well, **Holt** showing salmon-like jumping abilities as first jumper in the line-out and **Thacker** making tackle after tackle – getting low and driving the opposition backwards with some tactical offensive defence. **Man of the Match** Number 8 **Joe Eva** put in 100% all game, tackling his heart out and turning over ball at the tackle area time and time again to gain St Bart's the upper hand. The pack was completed by two players who usually play in the three-quarters. Centre **James Brown** put his notorious tackling ability to good use at open side flanker, and winger **Adam Jackson** looked as though he had played blind side for years.

The backs were complemented this time by Veteran U19 players **Jack Davis** and **Tom Eastman** -unable to play for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV in the U18 Daily Mail that day due to their superior years. Desborough must have noted St Bart's serious firepower as the team arrived that came in the form of the back three of **Sam Randal, Aidan Marshall** and **Matthew Jefferies** as the game was played on a narrow pitch which meant that space outside was limited. **Jefferies** managed to make a superb

run from 22m to 22m, sublimely cutting through gaps with a sidestep that was up there with the likes of JPR Williams. Scrum halves **Neil Wilson** and **Alex Maciver** shared the honours in the pivotal number 9 position, both playing a sterling half each. Jack King came off the bench to put in a fine defensive performance on the wing, shutting down any chance of an outside break from Desborough's powerful winger. **Davis** Captained the team, leading the backs from fly half. The two penalties that he slotted through the posts gave St Bart's their lead. **Eastman** linked well with **Chris McGann** in the centres, and complemented **McGann's** attacking runs with support and a few runs of his own. **Eastman** rounded off a whole team effort with a good try in the corner to round the match off in style.

**Mr Bateman**

### Rugby Reports

Last week was outstanding for rugby players involved in West Berkshire Area rugby tournaments. On Tuesday 6 December the **Year 7 B** rugby players travelled to Hungerford R.F.C. for matches against four other local Schools. They started strongly with a five tries to one victory over Kennet and followed this up with a seven – nil win against a quite large Downs team. Park House briefly put them under pressure as they trailed to an early try before running out comfortable winners by four tries to one. Needing to win their final match to seal a tournament win against John of Gaunt they romped home in style to win by eight tries to nil and a thoroughly deserved victory leaving them unbeaten in the season.

Man of the Tournament – Dan West  
Squad

Dan West [capt]  
Sam Donoghue  
Ed Cullen  
Jordan Garside  
Jacob Aldridge  
Max Carwell  
Billy Babbage

Mark Davis  
Sam Young  
Ben Beckwith  
Dan Pawson  
Jake Egginton  
Finn Chambers  
Nick Haynes

The **Year 10s** had a corresponding Tournament on Thursday 8 December held at Enborne Road.

The first match against tournament favourites Theale was a hard fought affair with no quarter asked or given and a 0-0 draw was a fair reflection of the game. It remained to be seen how many tries each could accumulate against the other teams assuming each could win all their games. Downs proved to be tough opponents and it was only a late Ben Rees try that sealed the victory. The game against Kennet proved to be the turning point as the team ran riot scoring 8 tries without reply leaving them needing 7 tries against Park House to win the tournament. Leading by 5 tries at half time it looked to be plain sailing but a mixture of anxiety and poor choices meant that try number 7 came with less than two minutes to play to gain an exciting and well deserved victory.

Man of the Tournament – Olly Cooper  
Squad

Charles Forson[capt]	Will Donoghue
George Blake	James Lewis
Jack Davis	Olly Cooper
Matt Tucker	Luke Newman
Jack Norris	Ben Rees
Olly Hicks	George Hunter
Joe Lukehurst	Tom Uden
Charles Blundy	Callum Malone
Ryan Winter	Callum Parr
Scott Cullen	Matt Billinge-Jones
George Jackson	Ethan Claridge
Joe Brace	

The team now eagerly awaits their Regional Semi- final against Dauntsey's School for a place in the last 16 of the National Daily Mail Vase Competition to be played at Home on Wednesday 14 December K.O 2.15

**Mr Hart**



## **GIRLS' PE**

### **Year 10 Netball League V Park House**

The Year 10 team went into their final match of the season undefeated and knowing that they must win in order to secure the league title. In awful playing conditions the team managed to gain an early lead passing the

ball short into GS **Hollie Coghlan** and GA **Christie Leach**, who converted their chances. Excellent interceptions by the defence of **Gemma Smith**, **Yvette Pinder** and **Lottie Woodley** saw St Bart's limit their opponents shooting opportunities, whilst movement down the court from **Victoria Tallis**, **Ciara Seward** and **Hannah Kirk** kept both shooters busy. The final score of 13-1 to St Bart's saw them win the Area League Title for the first time. Congratulations to all involved with the team and to **Kelly Blake** who missed the final match.

**Ciara Seward, Yvette Pinder, Christie Leach, Victoria Tallis, Hollie Coghlan, Hannah Kirk, Gemma Smith and Lottie Woodley.**

### **Senior Netball v Park House, 8 December**

On a cold, west and very windy evening St Bart's travelled to Park House for their last league game. We got off to a slow start with some misdirected passes, however realising long passes were not going to be effective on this occasion the team resorted to short sharp passes which proved to be a lot more effective.

St Bart's had solid defence from Hannah and Charlotte in the goal third which made it difficult for the Park House shooters to get under the post. This meant that St Bart's had a handsome lead of 9-0 after the first half. With a shortened game due to the increasingly heavy rain St Bart's excelled – some fine shooting from Ruth and Sophie helped increase the lead. With both teams getting used to the conditions Lucy made some great interceptions to prevent Park from scoring. With the final score ending in an impressive 29-1 we await the final overall results of the league.

Player of the match Hannah Benson.

Team – **S Fowler, L Swallow, R Hutchings, H Gillam, A Miller, H Benson, C Fowler, L Mugford.** Report by **Lizzie Swallow**

### **St Bart's v Park House Results Year 10**

St Bart's won 14-1. Player of the Match **Hollie Coghlan.**