

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL



AD LUCEM

# SIXTH SENSE



**Opportunities Galore!**

## SIXTH FORM GAMES

An important part of the life of a Sixth Former is the opportunity to join in the various sports available.

- **When do Sixth Form Games take place?**

Wednesday afternoons : Period 5

- **What options are available?**

### Winter

Rugby  
Lacrosse  
Football  
Tennis  
Netball  
Badminton/Basketball  
Dodgeball

### Summer

Tennis  
Rounders  
Softball  
Cricket

- **All absolutely free!**

All activities are on site and make use of our fantastic sports facilities.

- **Do I have to be ‘good’ at an activity to be able to take part?**

No – all activities are available for anyone and all abilities are very welcome. Sport is offered for team and recreational purposes.

- **What does a student get out of this?**

It’s a social occasion for many – an opportunity to meet other students in the Sixth Form. ‘A Healthy Opportunity’ offering light relief from studies.

- **How does the student get involved?**

All Year 12 and 13 tutors will receive information at the beginning of each term outlining the activities involved and where students need to meet at what time for their chosen activity.

## ST BART’S RIDING CLUB

St Bart’s equestrian club is a thriving and active organisation with members from Year 7 to 13. Membership ranges from those who simply like to be around horses and want to learn more; to those skilled riders who contribute to the success of our school teams.

Novice riders, stable management courses, show jumping, dressage, cross country, wide ranging training and social events take place throughout the year.

The club is an exciting and supportive group, which welcomes new members regardless of skill level or pony/horse ownership.

Look at the display boards to find out more, then.....JOIN US !

## POLO

Following the outstanding success of the school polo team in July 2007 in winning the School’s and University’s Polo Association Millfield Cup, we have a very strong uptake in this equestrian discipline. We remain the only comprehensive in the UK to participate at this level.

You DO NOT NEED your own horse. We are currently establishing a relationship with the New Hampshire Polo School, this side of Winchester and approximately 20 minutes travel time by car. We will be training on a weekly basis. The cost is heavily subsidised and there are opportunities to play in tournaments and House matches.

You could also learn to ride through this opportunity as you do not have to be able to ride to join in with the polo coaching! Contact Mrs Sims for further details.

# THE COMBINED CADET FORCE

The aim is to provide an organisation within a school so that boys and girls may develop powers of leadership, self-discipline, responsibility, self-reliance, endurance, resourcefulness and perseverance through a wide variety of experiences and activities.

All cadets begin with basic training within the three services consisting of drill and inspection. Thereafter more specialisation occurs relevant to the individual service chosen but includes: map and compass, safe handling of weapons for target shooting, service knowledge, initiative exercises with opportunities to attend activities such as orienteering, shooting and obstacle courses. It is a uniformed organisation and dress and turn out are important, especially hair length for boys.

## Royal Navy

Activities concerned mainly with water – sailing, wind-surfing, navigation, knots, etc.

## Army

Land based activities including field craft, battle craft, skill at arms etc.

## Royal Air Force

Concerned with flying and gliding, principles of flight, air navigation, aircraft recognition, etc.

Opportunities are available to all cadets to attend adventure training at weekends and during the Easter holiday. Activities include hill walking, climbing, abseiling etc.

Much of the instructing is done by members of the Sixth Form who form a key part of the aims of the CCF. New comers are 'fast tracked' in order that they can join the team of NCO Instructors by specialising in certain activities.

There is also the possibility of taking the BTEC First Diploma in Public Services, which is equivalent to four grade A-Cs at GCSE, through involvement in CCF activities.

Finally although the CCF is in no way a recruiting organisation, anyone thinking of a career in the armed services will benefit from joining the CCF in order to take advantage of the many opportunities available.

For more information feel free speak to Mr R J Gregory.

## TEN TORS



Organised by the MOD this is open to some Youth Organisations. 2,400 youngsters take part every year in a hike across Dartmoor. The aim is to visit ten tors and students from the Sixth Form may walk 45 and 55 miles depending on age and previous experience!

Training starts in November and the event takes place in the second weekend of May. Approximate cost is £40-50 and all that is required is that the student is fit!

The aim is to give a sense of self reliance and students gain a great feeling of achievement.

Interested parties should speak to Mrs Scourfield in October/November of the Autumn Term. Information is posted on notice boards.

## **WORLD CHALLENGE EXPEDITIONS**

St Bart's has been running extremely successful expeditions in the Sixth Form since 1990. Nearly 300 students have been part of 30 teams who have visited countries across the developing world. Destinations have included Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Pakistan, Nepal, Tanzania, Borneo etc. These students all bring their individual strengths to the team, whether this is leadership, organisational ability or a sense of humour.

The ethos of the expeditions is that the students are essentially in charge of the day to day running of the expedition. In the planning phase they will plan the itinerary of the month long expedition, they will raise the funds and get fit.

Once in the country students will be assigned leadership roles, they will be in charge of the budget, transport etc.

For the majority of students it is a life changing experience and they return as more confident and organised individuals who have developed a range of valuable leadership skills.

## **CREATIVE WRITING (Troupe Barts)**



Creative writing is a chance for students in the Sixth Form to express themselves, through prose or poetry, and at the same time, help inspire younger students. The termly *Week of Words* is also a great chance for students to lead workshops/sessions in aspects of creative writing that interest them in particular. The group meets regularly and there is also an active on line community for sharing ideas and feedback.

## **DEBATING SOCIETY**

The debating society at St Bart's offers a wonderful opportunity for Sixth Form students to engage in lively and heated debate, amongst themselves and with the lower school. The Sixth Form play a key role in the running of the society choosing topics, leading debate and adjudicating at the end. The level of debate is very high and engages all those involved. The atmosphere is inclusive and light hearted, bringing together people throughout the school in a lively and meaningful way. We are able to deal with controversial and serious topics, respectfully listening to others' arguments and building upon them. It is a stimulating club and the Sixth Form are playing an ever increasing role in its running. There is also the possibility of taking part in county and nationwide competitions for debating and mock trials.

## **SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

The *Small Minority* is a new student led publication to allow a voice for the creativity and ideas of the many talented writers within the school, as well as an outlet for new ways to express ourselves. Sixth Formers have a lead role in coordinating, editing and producing as well as writing material for this publication.

## **SCHOOL RADIO**

With the new school building comes new technology and a great chance to set in motion a school radio station. It is currently being set up and is looking for anyone with an interest in media to get involved. The radio will be played in all blocks during school breaks and will include music, talk shows and even radio plays from students looking to get their material published.

## DRAMA AT ST BART'S



There are plenty of opportunities for theatrical productions at St Bartholomew's, which has one of the strongest Drama Departments in Berkshire.

Year 12 students are completely responsible for organising the House Plays which are produced using actors from Year 10. All aspects of the production are your responsibility including directing, producing, obtaining rights, costumes, lighting, make up. So even if your preference is 'behind the scenes' there is plenty of scope for all.

The autumn and summer terms see the 'Expressive Arts Showcase' featuring the talents of Dancers, Actors and Musicians from St Bart's in two nights of entertainment. Details will be appearing in tutor briefings. We are not just looking for performers, but the full range of backstage support as well.

St Bartholomew's also partakes in a number of external events such as drama competitions with other schools in the area. These will of course be of particular interest to students studying Drama at AS and A Level but are open to all students who may be keen.

The high spot of the year for many is 'The School Play' which involves students from all years and requires technicians, constructors, designers and production crew as well as performers. Auditions will be at the beginning of September.

For more detailed information please speak to Mr H Hudson.

## DANCE

There are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved with dance in the Sixth Form.

There have been a lot of developments in dance provision across the school this academic year. As well as the opportunity to take AS and A2 Dance, there are also extra-curricular activities to get involved with. This year we are putting on a production of Oliver! on 30 November, 1 and 2 December.

In the spring term we will hold the St Bart's House Dance Competition and we will be looking to Sixth Form students to be Dance Captains for each House.

We currently run six dance clubs throughout the week after school and sixth formers are encouraged to take responsibility for running some of the clubs for our younger students.

There is also the opportunity to take part in theatre trips to see professional dance companies throughout the year.

For more detailed information, please speak to Mrs Kearns, Head of Dance.

## LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE

In the sixth form, students have the opportunity to try new languages, whether or not they are studying a language at A level. At the moment, a beginners' Arabic class runs once a week. There is also a beginners' Chinese class.

Classes are free of charge, apart from the purchase of a text book (£10) and open to all sixth form students.

For further information, please contact Mrs Wood in the MFL dept.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

### What is it all about? Bronze, Silver, Gold

Aged between 14-25? Select a level and choose your programme:

Volunteering – help someone/your community

Physical – Sport/fitness to learn and enjoy

Skills – Something you have always wanted to try? Get better at your chosen hobby?

Expedition – In groups UK or abroad – walking, cycling, canoeing or riding?

Residential (Gold only) – Helping at summer camp to sailing tall ships- You choose!

The length of time for each depends on the level of programme you're doing.

St Bartholomew's currently supports Programmes at Bronze, Silver and Gold. Please contact Mr C Edwards, Award Leader for details of current programmes.

Check out [www.DofE.org/sections](http://www.DofE.org/sections) for loads of inspiring ideas

## ENTERPRISE



Being a Business and Enterprise College allows us to offer an exciting range of opportunities to Sixth Form students that would not otherwise be available.

## CHAMPIONS OF ENTERPRISE

This two-day event sees all Year 12 students working in teams to present a business plan, marketing plan and financial plan to a team of judges from local businesses. The winning team goes on to represent St Bart's in an area final.

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

This longer-term project involves interested Year 12 students setting up and running their own company for a year with help from local business experts. This is all absolutely genuine – a real company exists handling (and hopefully making) money, and buying, selling or manufacturing goods or services. Each year we have several companies set up who compete against each other and against those from other schools. There is a strong record of success at local Young Enterprise fairs.

This scheme also produces a formal qualification which is highly regarded by universities and employers.

Please contact Mrs D Seward for more details.



## YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Students take part in the National Youth Parliament competition which takes place at the Financial Commonwealth Office in London. The competition involves debating major global issues.

## TEACHING

### 'An opportunity to teach Enterprise Education to Primary School students'

This project sees a group of Year 12 students teaching Year 4 students at local primary schools for an hour a week for five weeks in the spring term. Materials are provided and training is given. This is an excellent opportunity for any prospective teachers or youth workers, or for students who want to hone their presentation skills and work as a team in a very rewarding situation.

## **LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

We pride ourselves on giving students chances to develop high quality leadership skills in a range of different areas and we are always privileged and delighted to see the confidence and enjoyment that so many of our Sixth Formers develop.

In the current Year 13 over 60% of students have been involved in at least one of the activities listed below – and this does not include those also leading in the CCF (see separate page).

## **SCHOOL OFFICERS**

At Easter, members of Year 12 are invited to apply for positions as School Officers (they are also nominated by staff if modesty gets the better of them!). Interviews and further recommendations follow, leading to the appointment of a Head Girl and Head Boy, their deputies and around 30 other positions. The team of School Officers then take a leading role in all aspects of the Sixth Form and represent the school at public events.

House Captains are part of the team and work closely with Heads of House in organising and encouraging involvement in House events.

## **MENTORING**

Students in both Years 12 and 13 are invited to become involved in working with lower school students in three main areas: literacy, numeracy and anti-bullying. Teams of students are led by a pair of School Officers and receive appropriate training before starting their work.

The mentoring is rewarding to both the Sixth Form students and to those who are mentored, many of whom make remarkable progress as a result of the attention and guidance they are given.



## **HOUSE PREFECTS**

Each House appoints Year 13 students to become attached to Year 7 tutor groups in order to support them settling into the school and to work alongside their tutor. Again the benefits are seen by both the Sixth Formers and Year 7 and also in the continuing importance of the House system at St Bart's.

## **YEAR 12 COUNCIL**

Two representatives from each Year 12 tutor group form the Year 12 Council. This meets three or four times each term to discuss issues relating to the Sixth Form.

## **LEVEL 2 AWARD IN COMMUNITY SPORTS LEADERSHIP**

The PE Department offers Year 12 students the chance to gain a Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership. This is a nationally recognised qualification that is a follow on from the Sports Leaders Level 1 course that we offer as part of our key stage for extra programme in Year 10 and 11. However, you do not have to have taken your Level 1 to do so. This course is offered on a Friday afternoon: Period 4 and 5.

For further information, please see Miss Ostinelli (Director of Sport).

## **LOCAL PROJECTS/CHARITIES**

Through talks and regular advertising in Common Room areas, students are encouraged to become involved in local community work. We have particularly strong links with MENCAP, PALS and Millennium Volunteers. We also have representatives on Newbury Young Person's Council and on the Greenham Common Trust which is set up to allocate funds to local youth projects. Several other students pursue a wide range of charitable interests, involving other Sixth Formers in their work remarkably often.

# MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES



## **‘House Music’**

This is a major event in the school year. The House Music Captains, recruited from the Sixth Form by the House Heads and Music Department form Choirs and Orchestras, select music, organise and conduct the rehearsals. We’ve had choirs of up to 120 strong and 40 piece orchestras taking part.

## **‘Senior Jazz Ensemble’**

Open to all students above Grade V on an instrument who have a keen interest in Jazz, this group consistently provides an exceptionally high level of performance.

Please contact the Music Department if you are interested.



## **‘Rock and Pop’**

The Music Department is always keen to support music making in all its forms. Opportunities exist for student bands to rehearse in the Music Department when it is not being used for school commitments. It would also be possible to work in conjunction with our A level Music Technology students on recording projects such as demo CDs, and in the past we have had bands approached by record labels with a view to releasing commercial recordings.

## **‘Student Ensembles’**

If you feel you would like to run a music enrichment activity for students within the school, staff in the department would try hard to support you. If there is a skill you could offer us, then please speak to us!

## **‘Battle of the Bands’**

A chance for students to organise and participate in this annual competition. Many Business & Enterprise opportunities exist in this venture.

## **‘Senior Vocal Group’**

A chance for vocalists to prepare for performances throughout the year in a wide variety of musical styles. Concerts frequently happen at venues outside of school.

## **‘Ad Hoc Baroque’**

This orchestra rehearses for specific concerts, and can accommodate most instruments at different levels, so don’t feel embarrassed about getting involved!

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