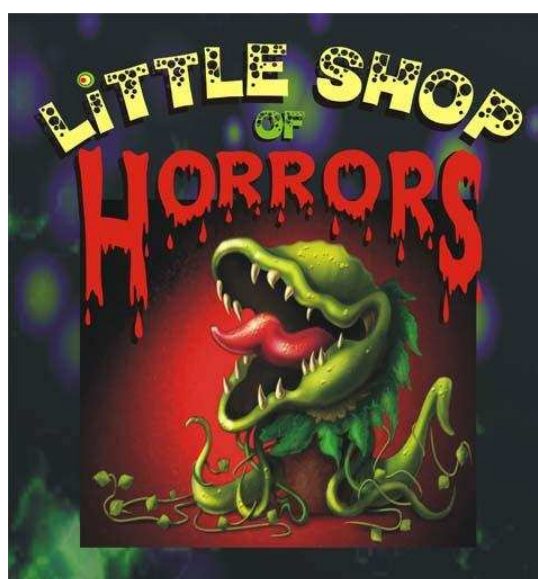


SCHOOL PRODUCTION



Performances on
Wednesday 4 December
Thursday 5 December
Friday 6 December

Tickets on sale outside the
Expressive Arts office
at all break times and
Activity Times Wednesday – Friday

£5 Adults £3 Concessions

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

When we moved to the new school site in 2010, the balconies above the Luker Hub enabled us to introduce a new element to our Remembrance Service; the dropping of poppy petals on the reading of each name on the Roll of Honour. This year, our Heritage Garden provided an extra dimension, when House Captains laid their wreaths by the commemorative stones for Curnock, Davis, Evers and Patterson and the new school flag was flown at half mast.



The reintroduction of the school flag, which had formerly been flown at Wormestall and Luker, enabled us to reinstate a very special school tradition. Symbolically the flag was lowered for the two minutes' silence and raised again with the Reveille.

On Monday 11 November, as the school gathered together, St Bart's was making an historic link with Ypres in Flanders, Belgium. See pages 2 and 3 for the report from Alaa Alwash 13P3.



Mrs C I S Haddrell, Headteacher

FLANDERS FIELDS GATHERING OF THE SOIL CEREMONY

The Belgian government invited schools in Britain to send a student and staff representative to Ypres. Alaa Alwash 13P3 and Mr Paul Brooker from our maths department, both of whom contribute to the Combined Cadet Force, made their way to Flanders.

Report by Alaa Alwash 13P3



The weekend began on 9 November; I travelled with Mr Brooker, to Belgium, as part of a project set up between British and Belgian schools in order to commemorate the centenary of the

beginning of the Great War; with the main event being held in London next year.

It began at St Pancras International station, at which a press event was held, all of the pupils and teachers from schools around the country met up here as well as representatives from Eurostar who took many pictures to be published in the media. I was fortunate enough to be chosen from all of the students to have my picture taken separately, a great privilege.

Boarding the train

Once aboard the train it was a non-stop service to Brussels, a comfortable and smooth travel experience, something which was continued thanks to correspondents from the Belgian schools in the form of teachers and students also, who met up with myself and Mr Brooker and very helpfully took us to our hotel accommodation in the town of Bruges. We were then taken to a fantastic restaurant where we enjoyed a fantastic meal; the steak in particular was amazing. After an enjoyable and rather relaxed time in the restaurant we were taken to a local theatre where we had the good fortune to watch two plays. The first was named 'Call of Duty'; a sombre and equally fascinating monologue about the Great War, seen through the experience of the famous Canadian medic and soldier John McCrae, a

riveting piece of drama; the audience was shocked in more ways than one. The second piece was named Wet Dust, and was written by the principal of one of the partnering Belgian schools, played by a small group of Belgian students and primarily a humorous play. Although a satirical piece, the reality of underage soldiers taking part in the Great War was a troubling thought.



Ypres cemetery

The following day, we had an early start to the morning, first visiting many cemeteries in Ypres and nearby areas, as well as being shown around some incredible renovated trenches, an iconic symbol of the type of warfare involved in the war. The cemeteries we visited were in an ironic way beautiful and well maintained, but also seemingly endless. The reality of the huge loss of life was really vivid at that time, nothing is more visual than a sea of limestone gravestones embedded in the luscious grass fields, and even those soldiers that could not be recognised were afforded the same respect of a gravestone. Following our time at the cemeteries we also visited a museum relating to the Great War, with many

contemporary artefacts and pictures available for all to see.

Some of the 55,000 names on the Menin Gate



Menin Gate

Monday was the main event however, a grand event, that was staged at the Menin Gate. The Duke of Edinburgh Prince Philip was present as well as Prince Laurent of Belgium. Soil from cemeteries across Flanders and the nearby areas were packed into 70 individual sandbags, a British and Belgian student as well as a Belgian soldier then packed these sandbags onto an artillery cart to be taken to London in order to be used as soil for plants as a tribute to the dead on the centenary of the start of the Great War. This is the first time that soil has ever been allowed to be taken from these cemeteries and as such the symbolic significance of the act was immense. It was heavily publicised and featured in both Belgian and British television, notably the BBC in the UK. Furthermore very well organised, the national anthems of both countries were played as well as musical pieces on the bagpipes, with all explanations during the event given in English first and then Dutch. For me the most thought-provoking part of the ceremony was the rendition of the timeless excerpt from the 'Ode of Remembrance':

*'They shall grow not old, as we that
are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn
At the going down of the sun, and in
the morning
We will remember them'*



**PA DISCO
Years 7/8**

**Friday 22 November 2013
7pm, Hall**

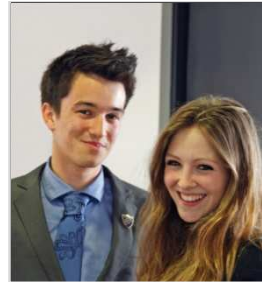
**£3 on the door
Refreshments available for sale**

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THIS EVENING

Tuesday 19 November 2013

5.30pm – 8.30pm



St Bart's is a successful comprehensive school offering exceptional opportunities. All St Bart's Year 11 students, and prospective students from other schools, are invited to our Open Evening.

Come and find out about our wide range of courses and extra curricular activities.

Presentations by the Head of Sixth Form at 5.30pm and 7.00pm as well as a series of subject talks throughout the evening.

Prospective students unable to attend the Open Evening can request a Sixth Form prospectus.

Tel: 01635 576368

Email: sixthform@stbarts.co.uk
www.stbarts.co.uk

VISIT TO OUR GHANA PARTNER SCHOOL



Over half term Mr Robbins and I were welcomed to our partner school, Kyiase Junior Basic, by a wonderful display of traditional singing and dancing by the pupils. It was so moving to see all the children singing The National Anthem and other traditional



songs in their native language Fante. We visited many of the lessons and also delivered some ad hoc lessons ourselves! They were so interested in hearing about our families and traditions and many of the younger pupils thoroughly enjoyed being taught 'The Wheels on the Bus' together with the actions!

On Wednesday morning we witnessed 'worship'. This was organised by the students and prefects. It was an amazing experience to join in with the singing, clapping and drumming and seeing the students participating with such joy.

We spent some time discussing shared curriculum projects, such as slavery, eco systems and the World Cup. Mr Robbins was particularly interested in the idea of sharing experiences of how all our students will celebrate this event, because Ghana is in the World Cup.

The students and staff were so welcoming and we have come back with some wonderful memories and excited about our future partnership.

Mrs K French





Tues 19 Nov
 Fri 22 Nov
 Wed 27 Nov
 Sun 1 Dec

DIARY DATES

Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30-8.30pm
 Y7/8 PA Disco 7-9pm
 Y12 Safe Drive Stay Alive, Reading, 12 noon – 3.30pm
 Technical Rehearsal, Little Shop of Horrors, 10am



DAVIS DIARY

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved awards as follows:

BRONZE	SILVER
Luke Brereton 9D1 Brooke Dury 8D2 Nojus Dudinkas 8D2 Kieran Portlock 8D2 Josh Benn 8D2 Maria White 8D2	Freya Eva 9D1 Angel Stone 9D1 Phoebe Deacon 9D1 Finn Chambers 9D1 Lauren Goodrick-Meech 9D1 Gemma Boulter 9D1 Tom Murphy 10D2 Connor Pass 9D3 Anh Bradshaw 9D3
GOLD	GOOD WORK PRIZES
Sam Barrett 9D1 Alex Forsyth 10D2 Emily Beck 9D3	Jay Chamings 7D2 Huw Williams 7D2 Ffion Godwin 7D2

Callum Edwards (7D1) raised £55.01 for our House charity selling his cakes. Well done!

Dates for your diary:

Our study focus days are on 3 and 9 December. If you do not have your appointment details please contact Davis House office on 01635 576352.

Davis Christmas Lunch (tickets from Facilities office at A.T.) 5 December

Carol Singing at Sainsbury Supermarket
12 December 5 – 6 pm

Year 7 Christmas Parties
15 December 5 – 6.30 pm

Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Thorne and Mrs Lee



STUDY FOCUS

Study Focus Days take place on Tuesday 3 December 2013 and Monday 9 December 2013. Your appointment date and time have been sent either by Schoolcomms email or by letter.

If you have not received this communication please contact your child's House Office as soon as possible.



REPORTS ARE CHANGING

We have added colour to the reports in order to make it easier for you and your son / daughter, to check the rate of progress being made in each subject.

Please note that we are using the term 'expected progress' in relation to the starting point of a student.

- At Key Stage 3, Years 7 – 9, this means that we expect a student to make at least two levels of progress across the key stage.
- At Key Stage 4, Years 10-11, progress is measured from the starting point of the student (KS2 results) and not the 'target grade' which is agreed between teacher and student in KS4. Expected progress would mean three levels of progress from KS2-4.
- At Key Stage 5, Years 12 – 13, progress is measured in relation to average grade achieved nationally by similar students in each subject. Expected progress would be in line with or just above this grade.

The following scale will be used:

More than expected progress	Expected progress	Below expected progress	Serious cause for concern
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Many different aspects contribute towards 'progress'. We have therefore been working with students to explain how they can improve the grades on their report for Engagement in Learning, Homework and Progress. These posters are displayed in each classroom as a constant reminder and attached here for your information.

Reports will be via email

Please note that where we have email addresses for parents/carers, reports will be sent by this means on Tuesday 19 November (interims) and Tuesday 26 November (Year 7 full reports). At the same time a report will be sent to students via their school email address. For those without an email address, noted by the school, a hard copy will be provided as usual.

We hope that you will find the new system of colours to denote progress, helpful.

Mrs M Sims

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November 2013

Dear Parent or Carer

Influenza Immunisation

Influenza (flu) is a viral illness that occurs in the winter months. Some people only experience mild illness, whereas others can be severely affected. Flu can lead to complications such as bronchitis, pneumonia or ear infections. Sometimes this can result in hospital admission.

Influenza vaccine can protect against infection, it is offered routinely to people if they fall into a group who are at particular risk from severe influenza illness. The risk groups include children and adults with:

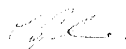
- Chronic respiratory disease including asthma treated with steroid inhalers or tablets or children who have been admitted to hospital with serious chest or breathing problems
- Chronic heart disease including congenital heart disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Diabetes, including diet-controlled
- Chronic neurological disease, e.g. cerebral palsy or neuromuscular disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Immunosuppression due to disease or treatment

If your child is in one of these risk groups we would recommend that you consider having them immunised. There is now a vaccine for children under 18 years old which can be given as a nasal spray rather than injection and this may be available at your surgery. (It may not be suitable for all children)

Further information on the seasonal flu vaccine is available at
<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/child-flu-vaccine.aspx>

For children and adults in these risk groups influenza immunisation is available free of charge from their GP surgery.

Yours sincerely



Paula Jackson
Consultant in Public Health
Screening and Immunisation Lead



CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

With the festive season fast approaching please note the dates for school Christmas lunches. Each House will be offered a limited number of tickets at a cost of £3.75. Dates are:

Tuesday 3 December	Patterson
Thursday 5 December	Davis
Tuesday 10 December	Evers
Thursday 12 December	Curnock

Lunch will be served at 12.15pm.

Menu

Traditional roast turkey with bacon wrapped chipolata and pork, sage and onion stuffing. Served with crispy roast potatoes, carrots, sprouts and gravy.
Christmas dessert

Vegetarian menu

Pumpkin, red onion and cranberry tagine served with crispy roast potatoes, carrots, sprouts and gravy.
Christmas dessert

Crackers, table decorations and a drink will also be included. Tickets are now available until Friday 29 November from either the Facilities Office (W030) during break and activity time, or the kitchen before school. These events are by ticket only. Lunch for those without tickets will be at 1.00pm on the above dates.

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

**For all year groups,
including Sixth Form**



If your child is absent from school please ring the hotline number

01635 576372

Leave a message with the following details:

- Your child's name and tutor group
- Reason for absence
- Likely date of return
- Contact telephone number



SWIMMING

Thank you to Mrs Seward who went to the Inter Schools Swimming Competition with the St Bart's teams last weekend. The results were as follows. Well done to all those who swam.

Event 307 Girls 4x25m Medley Relay

1 St Bart's 'A'	1:02.85
2 Downs	1:08.01
3 St Bart's 'B'	1:10.44
4 Kennet	1:13.85
5 St Bart's 'C'	1:15.11

Event 308 Boys 4x25m Medley Relay

1 St Bart's 'A'	1:01.52
2 Kennet	1:04.16
3 St Bart's 'B'	1:07.61
4 Downs	1:20.79

Event 309 Girls 4x25m Freestyle Relay

1 St Bart's 'A'	56.92
2 Downs	1:00.32
3 St Bart's 'B'	1:02.04
4 Kennet	1:02.30
5 St Bart's 'C'	1:05.21

Event 310 Boys 4x25m Freestyle Relay

1 St Bart's 'A'	54.61
2 Kennet	57.20
3 St Bart's 'B'	57.51
4 Downs	1:08.53

Teams

Girls' relay teams

St Bart's A – Millie Pope, Molly Dummett, Zara Ryan, Fiona Crane

St Bart's B – Jennifer Orr, Alice Points (Sasie Spencer for freestyle relay), Lois Ryan, Imogen Jones

St Bart's C – Amy Quesada Getgood, Frankie Twyford, Lauren Manton, Sarah MacAllan

Boys' relay teams

St Bart's A – James McFadzen, Charlie Knight, Joe Seward, Jordan Hobbs

St Bart's B – Matthew Pudney, Matthew Smith (Lucas Gore for freestyle relay), Alex Tomlinson, Sammy Hart

GIRLS' PE

Netball v The Willink

In their latest league matches our Year 7 A and B teams beat The Willink. The A team won 15-2 and Sophie Stancombe was awarded player of the match. The B team won 5-1 and Issy Sutton was awarded player of the match.

Netball v John O Gaunt

The Year 8 and 9 netball teams beat John O'Gaunt in their latest league matches. Players of the match were Sophie Harrop in Year 8 and Tosin Sonubi in Year 9.

Lacrosse Fixtures v St George's Ascot

The girls braved the weather and played in horrible conditions in home fixtures against St George's Ascot, securing some great wins. Scores and players of the match were:

Year 7 won 13-0 Otilie Sanderson and Izzy Hole

Year 8 won 19-1 Davina Emetulu

Year 9 won 18-0 Amber Layton

Year 9 Report v St George's

Conditions were horrible and it rained throughout the match, but we deserved a great victory winning 18-0. By half time we were in the lead 9-0 with Annabel Mangan scoring 5 goals, Georgie Sanderson 2 and Amber Layton 2. In the second half Annabel scored 2 more goals, Georgie 4, Issy Sanderson 2 and Abby Graham 1.

Squad – Freya Eva, Alissa Thiel, Rebecca Shaw, Amy Q-G, Laura Kirk captain, Suzie Drake, Izzy Sanderson vice captain, Abby Graham, Georgina Sanderson, Annabel Mangan, Frankie Twyford, Amber Layton, Beth Daly, Tosin Sonubi and Mia Drury.

County Lacrosse

Well done to the Year 10 and senior lacrosse girls who represented the county at the County Lacrosse Tournament. The U19 A and B and U15B Berkshire teams were overall winners of this tournament. A special mention to Tamara Yeung who has been awarded a West trial.

U15 County Lacrosse Success

Congratulations to the girls who were recently selected to represent the Berkshire lacrosse teams.

A team – Jen Alston, Jo Kirk and Ruby Hornsby

B Team - Annie Taylor, Sam Jarman, Alex Jarman

This was an excellent achievement for the girls who then played in the South West Counties Tournament at Westonbirt on Saturday 9 November. The girls played superbly throughout the day. Jo Kirk was selected as captain of the A team for the tournament which was a great opportunity for her and the B team had a superbly successful day by winning the tournament.

Girls' Football

Well done to the U14 girls' football team who are through to the fourth round of the National Schools Cup. They beat Marlborough 5-3. Goals were scored by Victoria Bullock and Lauren Bell. Players of the match were awarded to Tallulah Dove and goal keeper Victoria Osborn.