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BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE

It feels as if the past 15 years have flown by! After joining St Bart's as Deputy Headteacher in 1998, becoming Associate Headteacher in 2007 and being appointed Headteacher in 2009, I

shall certainly miss St Bart's when I retire this week.

It has been a great privilege to work with such fine students, the staff, governors and parents. Some of the developments we have worked on in that time have included our moving from Grant Maintained to becoming a Foundation School, gaining Business and Enterprise College and more recently Academy status. The school has achieved Investors in People and awards such as Arts Mark and International School status. Our curriculum has developed and new courses have included General Studies, the Extended Project, Dance, a differentiated curriculum offer, and the Curriculum Enrichment and Skills days.

Our move from the single site was a tremendous endeavour but a wonderful opportunity. Students achieved their best ever results in 2011, the year of change, yet on a number of measures, the 2013 results surpassed those of that memorable year.

It has been my pleasure to work with others to see the Fives courts, Nature Reserve and Heritage garden projects come to fruition. And, as the term ends, the Enhancement Project is reaching completion.

We have wonderful buildings but, in my view, St Bart's will always be exceptional because of the people in our school community who make the school what it is.

In January Ms Mortimore will be welcomed to the school as Headteacher and I know that she will take the school forward, whilst retaining all that makes St Bartholomew's a truly excellent school.

Best wishes at Christmas.

Every best wish for the future.

Mrs C I S Haddrell, Headteacher

FAREWELL

As we reach the end of term, we shall be saying farewell to Mrs Drake who teaches Art and Mrs Johnson, Head of Film Studies. Both colleagues have given excellent service to the school, inspiring students in their studies and enabling them to achieve well.

END OF TERM AND START OF SPRING TERM



Term ends at 12.30pm on Friday 20 December 2013.

The Spring Term begins for all students on Monday 6 January 2014 with registration at 8.40am.

YEAR 12 AND YEAR 13 PRACTICE EXAMS 2014

Tue 14 Jan	A2 Practice Exams
Wed 15 Jan	A2 Practice Exams
Thurs 16 Jan	AS Practice Exams
Fri 17 Jan	AS Practice Exams



'SAFE IN OUR HANDS'

The school has successfully achieved accreditation in meeting the criteria set out in the West Berkshire Anti-Bullying Self Evaluation and Accreditation 'Safe in Our Hands'.



A certificate was presented by Councillor Peter Argyle at a ceremony on 2 December. Pictured above, with the certificate, are Sixth Form School Officers, Anti-Bullying Coordinators Cecily Burdett-Ward and Nikki Silvester, with Mrs Sims and Mrs Haddrell.



DAVIS DIARY

It has been a very busy half term. Thank you to all the carol singers whose singing help raise money for our charity Prostate Cancer U.K. So far this year we have a raised **£1,715.93**. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to **10D2** who raised £52.20 with the chocolate raffle and **9D1** who raised £41.44 selling cards, cakes and biscuits on the Study Focus days.

The following students in 10D2 have earned awards as follows:

Silver Cameron Graham

Gold Kim Gosling

Howard Drury

We wish you all A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Thorne and Mrs Lee

KIDS' LIT QUIZ UK NATIONAL FINAL 2013

At King's College School, Wimbledon

Following their victory in the Oxfordshire and Berkshire regional heat the week before, the winning team of **Isaac Fernandes 8C2, Molly Dummett 8C1, Libby Davis 8C1 and Daniel Rees 8E2** set off for the UK National Final on Friday 6 December.



Held at King's College School, Wimbledon, the final was an experience not to be missed. Each of the sixteen teams, all winners of their regional heats, was led in to the hall by a well-known children's author. The authors later mingled with the teams and were ready to sign copies of their books. The Mayor of the Borough of Merton and author Gillian Cross both said a few words. The Mayor told how a book she read as a teenager, and which was not even a particularly well-known title, had completely changed her life, had brought about changes at her school and had led to her career in politics.

The teams from all over the United Kingdom, representing both independent and state schools, comprehensive and selective, had fingers ready on the buzzer. There were five categories – Cities, Titles, Openings, Authors and Folk Tales - with thirteen questions in each category. The questions were incredibly tough.

Overall winners were City of London Girls' School, who will now take part in the International Final in Cornwall in July.

Our St Bart's team finished in 13th place.

The quiz finished with a celebratory tea, including a huge Kids' Lit cake.

Mrs Thomas, Librarian



EVERS NEWS

Carol singing

Please join us **tomorrow** between 5:30pm and 7pm for some hearty carol singing outside Tesco on Pinchington Lane, in support of our House charity, West Berkshire Mencap.

Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 10 December, Evers students sat down to a delicious Christmas lunch with crackers, table decorations and some festive tunes. There was a great atmosphere amongst the diners, and we'd like to thank Angie and the catering staff as well as the team of Year 13 students who helped to make it such a fun occasion.

Here are some of the 7E2 boys enjoying the



turkey:

And opposite is the Y13 crew after they had performed their waiter/waitress duties!

Sponsored silence!

Congratulations to **Loren, Hannah B and Hannah W, Beth, Maddy and Elisa (7E2)** who recently completed a whole day at school without talking! They have raised over £100 for Mencap – well done girls!

On the topic of fundraising – thank you to everyone who contributed to the retiring collection at the House Evening a few weeks ago. The collection raised over £220 for the DEC Philippines appeal in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan.

Thank you

Thank you to **Harry and Ethan (7E1) and Izzy (7E2)** for their help last Friday delivering food parcels to elderly people in Newbury as part of the Newbury Weekly News Christmas appeal.

We hope all our Year 7 students enjoyed last night's Evers Christmas party!



Finally, we would like to wish all Evers students, families and supporters a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. See you in 2014!

Mr Rose, Ms Evans and Mrs Willcox

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT DAY DATE CHANGE

The staff training day date in February 2014 has been changed. Please note that it will be on **Thursday 6 February** not Tuesday 4 February

THE ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL QUIZ 2013

The St Bart's Quiz is a general knowledge multiple-choice quiz that every student takes just before the Christmas break. There are prizes for the winners in each year group and the score of each student counts towards the House Championship. Have a go as a family this Christmas. The answers can be found on page 10.

1. What is the name for this punctuation mark? ;

- a) Semicolon
- b) Colon
- c) Wink
- d) Stop Comma

2. Identify the brand from this partial logo.

- a) Dairy Milk
- b) Dulux
- c) Dairy Crest
- d) Persil



3. How many legs does a scorpion have?

- a) 4
- b) 6
- c) 8
- d) 10

4. Approximately what percentage of the world population live in the United Kingdom?

- a) 0.01%
- b) 0.1%
- c) 1%
- d) 10%

5. Which novel starts with these famous lines?

'It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife'

- a) Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen
- b) A Tale of Two Cities – Charles Dickens
- c) The Da Vinci Code – Dan Brown
- d) Being Jordan – Katie Price

6. What is a chaat?

- a) a vegetable samosa
- b) a French cat
- c) an extended conversation
- d) an Excel graph

7. What does this logo represent?

- a) Thames Rowing Club
- b) Twitter
- c) Airport lounge
- d) Telephone



8. What is the capital city of Australia?

- a) Canberra
- b) Perth
- c) Adelaide
- d) Sydney

9. Which expression refers to a person who appears to have power but is in reality ineffectual?

- a) red herring
- b) black sheep
- c) white elephant
- d) paper tiger

10. Why did the one-day international cricket match between New Zealand and Australia in February 1981 end in controversy?

- a) the final ball was bowled underarm, along the ground so that a 6, needed for the win, could not be hit
- b) the match was aborted as the Australian team was reduced to 6 players due to a vomiting bug
- c) the floodlights failed with one ball to go
- d) a New Zealand batsman was found to be using an illegal bat made from aluminium

11. Which of these countries does not share a border with Greece?

- a) Turkey
- b) Romania
- c) Bulgaria
- d) Macedonia

12. Who was the highest paid female artist in 2012?

- a) Britney Spears
- b) Lady Gaga
- c) Miley Cyrus
- d) Rihanna

13. Which of the following is not a famous Parisian landmark?

- a) Gare de Lyon
- b) Tour Eiffel
- c) Pont du Gard
- d) Champs-Élysées

14. Which of these is not the symbol for an element?

- a) Hs
- b) Hb
- c) He
- d) Hg

15. In the 2011 census, which is noted as the second most popular language spoken in England?

- a) Punjabi
- b) Polish
- c) Urdu
- d) French

16. What was the name of the typhoon that devastated the Phillipines in November this year?

- a) Haiyan
- b) Cheng
- c) Salazar
- d) Guinto

17. Where did AP McCoy make history by riding Mountain Tune to victory to secure his 4000th career win in November 2013?

- a) Newbury
- b) York
- c) Cheltenham
- d) Towcester

18. Who composed the War Requiem?

- a) Britten
- b) Elgar
- c) Sibelius
- d) Wagner

19. Which of these is NOT a cheese?

- a) Stinking Bishop
- b) Cornish Yarg
- c) Ayrshire Dunlop
- d) Flat Stanley

20. What does QED stand for?

- a) Quickly and Easily Digested
- b) Queen Elizabeth Diamond
- c) Quod Erat Demonstrandum
- d) Quadrupedal Equine Display

21. Complete this famous phrase.

‘The pen is mightier than the’

- a) Pencil
- b) Sword
- c) Stick
- d) Voice

22. What value will the CO₂ concentration in the atmosphere exceed in May 2014?

- a) 300ppm
- b) 400ppm
- c) 500ppm
- d) 600ppm

34. What is the gestation period of a human in weeks?

- a) 32
- b) 38
- c) 44
- d) 50

35. What is the new term for a self-portrait photo, typically taken with a camera phone?

- a) Me-Me
- b) Snip-Snap
- c) Me-Gusta
- d) Selfie

36. What would you be playing if you collected a pung of East Winds?

- a) Happy Families
- b) Angry Birds
- c) Mah Jong
- d) Hanafuda

37. Which English King was killed at the Battle of Hastings in 1066?

- a) Henry VII
- b) Harold II
- c) William I
- d) James I

38. Which City has just been named as the UK's Capital of Culture for 2017?

- a) York
- b) Birmingham
- c) Oxford
- d) Hull

39. Which elementary particle, theorised in 1964, was discovered at CERN in 2012?

- a) Turners Blimp
- b) Thomsons Scalar
- c) Higgs Boson
- d) Norsk Neutron

40. What is the maximum number of slices of cake you can cut from a whole cake with just three straight cuts?

- a) 4
- b) 12
- c) 6
- d) 8

Tie-breaker

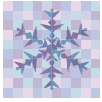
Place the following great books in order of their length (word count).

A	B	C	D	E	F
Lord of the Flies (William Golding)	Lord of the Rings (JRR Tolkien)	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Roald Dahl)	Nineteen eight-four (George Orwell)	To Kill a Mockingbird (Harper Lee)	Watership Down (Richard Adams)

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Shortest book

Longest book



WINTER WEATHER

So far the winter has been reasonably mild. However, on the occasions of more wintry weather St Bart's expects to remain open throughout the year, given our new buildings, site and equipment.

Care should always be taken when walking to and from school. In severe weather, individuals' decisions with regard to travel to school, must be based on their assessment of local road and transport conditions.

Should extreme conditions necessitate a closure on health and safety grounds, or a later start to the school day, information will be provided via:

- The Schoolcomms email system
- The Schoolcomms text message system
- St Bart's website www.stbarts.co.uk (click on School News)
- West Berkshire Council website www.westberks.gov.uk (click on Schools)
- BBC Radio Berkshire
- Heart Radio
- The Breeze

Should it be necessary to close the school part way through the school day, we will communicate this via:

- The Schoolcomms email system
- The Schoolcomms text message system
- St Bart's website www.stbarts.co.uk (click on School News)

In the event of an early closure, we will assume that parents / carers give permission for their child to be released from school, earlier than the normal time of 3.30pm, unless parents / carers let us know, preferably by email (or telephoning the House Office).

If the school were to be closed, students should look on the Open Hive 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.

GIRLS' PE

Netball League Fixtures

Y8 beat Kennet 15-3, Lauren Bell player of the match. Y8 then beat St Gabriel's in a friendly game 17-0, Issi Lainsbury player of the match. Y9 played St Gabriel's and won 11-10. Issi Sanderson player of the match.

BOYS' PE

Senior rugby

1st XV Won 12-20 v Kennet

The 1st XV retained their Area Champion title in a very hard fought contest played at Kennet School. The hosts used their home advantage opting for a narrow pitch which suited their large hard running forwards and also ensured there was a large partisan crowd which included much of their Sixth Form. Kennet got the score board moving in their favour early on after two penalties resulted in an easy kick in front of the posts after St Bart's defended with huge ferocity in contact.

Bart's had the better of the territory and possession but with a passionate physical Kennet defence could not create a sustained platform to score with Oli Cooper and Jack King both going close. The pressure told and St Bart's also were awarded to penalty but the effort was put wide. Kennet in their next venture to the St Bart's half did not make the same error slotting their second kick at goal. St Bart's responded well and in the next visit to their 22 after a good line out, Cole Bates sent rampant Captain Ali Price – Richards through under the posts. Angus Clements converted to give St Bart's a one point lead going into the break.

The second half was a nail biting affair which was literally bone crunching as both teams would not easily concede the game. Kennet thought they had won the game when they were awarded a late penalty with three minutes left of the clock and were getting ready to celebrate a famous win. St Bart's however had other ideas and produced their best rugby in these minutes with some superb handling sending in Oli Cooper over in the right corner. The game was made completely safe with another late try as Scott Cullen emerged from the fog to cap a fine display.

A big thank you to all those parents who came along to support, the whole squad (particularly those who did not get any game time on the day) and well done to the everyone for being crowned Area Champions! The game was perfect preparation for the last game of the season against

Both the teams travelled to The Downs School and played great rugby to ensure St Bart's came away with string wins. The first team

played with their best pattern this season, going through phases to build tries, sucking in defence and then moving the ball to space after quick ruck ball. **Will Herrington** went over for the first try as he dived over untouched out wide. On a very small pitch it was hard to create much space and the game had a large tackle count from both teams. Of particularly note was a defensive line out on our five metre line when **Lewis Rogers** sacked their catcher. We then turned over their ball and pick and drove to the edge of the 22 before **Cole Bates** who had an excellent game with kicking the ball cleared to touch. **Angus Clements** at scrum half also had a very good game controlling the tempo and missed up his box kicks with swift passes. He also gave the team a platform to build the victory on with two first half penalties stretching the game away from the home side. **Charles Forsen** was rewarded for his excellent work rate throughout as our hooker powered over for the second try. His front row colleague **Herrington** did want to not to be out done and from a line out on the half way broke through at the tail and went raced in with superb turn of pace (please note it was a small pitch)! The last try came from **Oisin Sedgwick** who beat two defenders through with excellent footwork and then accelerated to the line for a fine score. The team have one more game in the league against Kennet school to see if they can retain their current status as Area Champions.

Rugby - St Bart's 2nd XV Crowned Floodlit League Champions after an undefeated season.

Having already beaten Windsor Boys, Reading Grammar, Theale Green and Trinity schools earlier in the season, the 2nd XV travelled to The Downs School with the aim of maintaining their unbeaten record.

St Bart's started the game brightly with Fly-Half James Lewis dictating the play by bringing both the forwards and the backs into the game. After squandering a few early chances, the ball was shipped down the St Bart's back-line at pace which saw Olly Norman score in the corner, 5-0. Straight away from kick off St Bart's found themselves deep in the Downs' half once more, after a few successful pick and drives from Lockhart, Malone and Tarquini, the St Bart's backs again got to show their ability to move the ball wide, which saw Olly Norman bundle over for his second try of the game, 10-0. Towards the end of the first half there were signs of The Downs gaining some momentum however some solid defensive work from St Bart's frustrated The Downs as they weren't able to punch through to score. The pressure was then relieved after a Tom Calvert interception took St Bart's half way up the pitch, unfortunately he slipped at the vital moment. This led to some good, fluid back line play from St Bart's, however they were unable to run in anymore tries before the break. Half-time, 10-0.

The second half began where the first had left off, with St Bart's deep in Downs' territory. Some excellent work from scrum-half Alex Murtagh saw him fall just short of the line, however Luke Wilson was on hand to pick up the pieces and score St Bart's third try of the game. 15-0. There was no sign of St Bart's easing up as a successful scrum saw the backs get the ball in hand and out to full-back Calvert who was able to extend the away sides' lead. 20-0. St Bart's forwards were able to punch holes in the Downs defence which resulted in Kelvin Van Vuuren forcing his way through to score after an excellent offload from Luke Wilson. 25-0. The game was rounded off in style after another successful move from the St Bart's' backs saw a deserved man of the match Tom Calvert score his second try of the game.

Final score St Bart's 30 Downs 0.

THE ST BARTHOLOMEW'S QUIZ ANSWERS:

Q	Answer	Q	Answer	Q	Answer	Q	Answer
1	a	11	b	21	b	31	c
2	d	12	a	22	b	32	a
3	c	13	c	23	c	33	b
4	c	14	b	24	b	34	b
5	a	15	b	25	c	35	d
6	a	16	a	26	a	36	c
7	b	17	d	27	c	37	b
8	a	18	a	28	b	38	d
9	d	19	d	29	c	39	c
10	a	20	c	30	b	40	d

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2013



Opening of the new Eton Fives courts



The nature reserve

Remembrance Day

