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## OXBRIDGE SUCCESS

Two Year 13 students are celebrating success as they have received Oxbridge offers for entry in September 2014. They are Annie Cave 13D3 to read Human, Social and Political Sciences at Magdalene College, Cambridge and Christi Du Toit 13E2 to read German at St John's College, Oxford.



*Annie and Christi*

The students have been offered these places following a rigorous entry procedure which included aptitude tests, submitted essays and a number of interviews. They are now required to meet exceptionally high standards in their A Level exams which they will take in the summer.

This is an outstanding achievement. Obtaining these offers reflects the hard work they have put into their entire education and to the support given by staff and families.

A large number of Sixth Form students have submitted university applications and many have already received very good offers.



## DATA SHEETS

## COLLECTION

The Data Collection Sheets were sent home with students last week. This is a reminder to return them by Wednesday 22 January to the Form Tutor.

Please check the details we currently hold with great care, noting any changes as needed. We would be particularly grateful if you would check that the priority contacts and the email addresses we hold for you are accurate.

Thank you.

**Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher**

## ARTWORK OF THE MONTH

The Artwork of the Month for December 2013 is awarded to Rosie Stanton 10E1. For homework students were asked to produce an accessorized line drawing of their face.



## LIFE IN THE CORN EXCHANGE PANTOMIME

In early September 2013, an audition was held to find 12 children to play the Young Company in the Corn Exchange Pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk. Out of the lucky dozen who won a place, an impressive third of us came from St Bart's:

Emily Beck, 9D3; Niamh Watson 8E1; Hannah White 7E2 and Phoebe Cowhig 7P2.

The Panto ran from 29 November to 5 January, with over sixty shows. There were two teams of six children, and each team performed with the adult cast on alternate days to a staggering 21,000 audience members.



Being in the Pantomime is an amazing experience, as you learn so much about the development and performance of a show. Plus it is fantastic to work with a professional cast and crew. The intense rehearsal schedule and term time performances did mean that we had to miss a few days of school, but we all worked hard to stay on top of both our school and panto work. We'd like to thank the school for supporting us to have this enriching experience.

**Phoebe Cowhig 7P2**

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## PATTERSON PEOPLE



Welcome back after the winter break; we hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year.

Shortly before we finished last term we chose our new charity after voting from all Patterson students. We are pleased to announce that we will be supporting Guide Dogs (this used to be known as Guide Dogs for the Blind). We ended the term with our charity carol singing at Tesco's and raised £120 with only about a dozen singers. Particular thanks to Joe and Eleanor Rollinson who provided the instrumentals and kept the whole group together.

We also did very well with a great result in the House Chess with Patterson winning the senior section.

Looking forward to the New Year we start with House Dance for which rehearsals have already begun and we hope to continue our excellent record of winning every year so far (six years in a row)! It is not too late to join in and we are particularly interested in boys also taking part. Speak to the House office or dance staff if you want information about rehearsal times.

Watch this space for information soon about our House Evening taking place in early March.

**Mr Brennan, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Humphreys**

**17 December, Bradfield College**

Attending this conference was an exciting opportunity for our past and present Sports Ambassadors. The aim of the conference was to inspire the Ambassadors so they can fulfil their roles as PE and sports advocates in school and within the community. It also aims to build on the Olympic legacy which is still key within our school.

The newly appointed Year 11 Ambassadors, Georgie and Joe, continued their training and attended a variety of workshops throughout the day, including one which gave them an insight into what their involvement will be in the School Games Competitions in March/April this year.

Our three Platinum Year 12 Ambassadors, Ciara, Ryan and Christie, were asked to support the two Athlete Mentors, Alex Danson GB hockey player and Ian Rose, retired Paralympic GB judo athlete, in their workshops which were on the role of the Sports Ambassador. Within the workshops their task was to provide the real life experiences of what a Young Sports Ambassador does in school, discuss the skills of an effective Ambassador and outline the qualities and skills of a positive role model. They did this superbly using examples from their own experiences.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to work alongside past and present Olympic athletes and to have the confidence and experiences to share with such a wide audience of budding new Sports Ambassadors from across the whole of Berkshire.

Well done to our five students who attended the day; as always, excellent representatives for our school.

**Mrs L Leach**



**PA DISCO**  
**Years 7/8**

**Friday 24 January 2014**  
**7pm – 9pm, Hall**

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



**STUDENT, PARENT AND STAFF QUESTIONNAIRES**

As part of our aim to include feedback from all members of our school community on the strengths of St Bart's and areas for further improvement, students, parents and staff will be asked over the next week to complete questionnaires. As we have done over the last three years, we have worked with a company called Kirkland Rowell, who have a client base of over 2,000 schools throughout the country, to produce these questionnaires and the feedback received will be evaluated against the very large bank of comparative data which the company has. We will also be making comparisons with the results of the 2013 survey in order to evaluate the change which has taken place in the last year.

Students will be completing the questionnaire during the normal full school assembly slot on Wednesday 22 January and parents will receive their questionnaires in envelopes sent home with their children by the end of the same week. We would encourage all parents please to complete the questionnaires, which should take no longer than 15 minutes, and to return these in envelopes with their child by Monday 10 February at the latest. They will then be sent to Kirkland Rowell for collation and analysis. The feedback received will then be used as part of our school improvement planning and a summary of this feedback will be published in BartholoNews.

**Mr J P Sharpe, Deputy Headteacher**



**DIARY DATES**

- Thurs 23 Jan Y9 KS4 Courses Parents' Meeting, Hall  
C/D 6pm, E/P 7pm
- Fri 24 Jan Y7/8 PA Disco, 7-9pm Hall
- Sat 25 Jan Curnock House Evening Rehearsal, Hall, 1pm -4pm
- Fri 31 Jan Curnock House Evening, 7pm Hall
- Thurs 6 Feb Staff Training Day**



## ONA v SCHOOL RUGBY MATCH

### St Bart's 17 - ONA 0

After the recent terrible weather it was a most pleasant surprise when Saturday 11 January dawned bright and clear, and the pitch battered by recent downpours was declared fit for the annual eagerly awaited encounter between the school 1st XV and the recent leavers representing the Old Newburians' Association.



The game itself lacked nothing in its customary passion and competitive edge but on this occasion the school side clearly had the upper hand and ran out deserved winners with man of the match **Lewis Rogers** (pictured left) a constant

thorn for the ONA. From the outset the school side dominated possession and territory, and the Old Boys were forced to concede penalties at regular intervals which scrum half **Angus Clements** duly converted to give the school an early nine point cushion. Further infringements saw ONA flanker **Tim Blake** somewhat unluckily sin binned as the referee's patience wore a little thin, but to their credit the ONA competed well whilst one player down and half time arrived with no further scores.

The start of the second half saw the Old Boys up the tempo and with a greater intensity generally they enjoyed their best spell of the game briefly threatening the school's try line. However it was to no avail as the school responded strongly, and after a period of sustained

pressure **Kelvin Van Vuuren** (pictured right) crossed for what was to prove the only try of the game.



With two scores the difference between the sides the Old Boys never relaxed their efforts as they fought valiantly to register on the scoreboard, but it was Cooper again with a late penalty which was the final nail in the ONA coffin and a convincing victory for the school was sealed.



ONA team - J. CRAWFORD [capt]  
R.LANDEG, T.TELFORD,  
N.CHEROWBRIER, J.BREACH,  
T.EASTMAN, W.BARNES,  
T.HERRINGTON, B.MONTAGUE-  
FOWLER, A HARRIS, A.POVEY,  
E MONTGOMERY, T.KING, T.BLAKE,  
O.REES, J.NORRIS, A.WEEKES.



School Team –  
Back row- B Tarquini, M Tucker, B Rees,  
C Nilsson, C Greensheilds, O Cooper,  
K Van Vuuren, L Rogers, S Randall  
Middle row- A Clements, J King, J Eva,  
S Cullen, C Forsen, T Calvert, E Porter  
Front row – Mr McGall, O Sedgwick, J Lewis,  
W Herrington, A Price-Richards (Capt),  
C Bates, J Houghton, M Nicholls,  
Mr Bateman

## **GIRLS' PE**

### **Lacrosse**

#### **U15 v Heathfield School, Ascot**

#### **Saturday 11 January**

The team played an excellent first game for the second half of the season. Despite the early start, we all played energetically and worked well as a team. The first half was kicked off with rapid successive goals; the extra shooting practice during Activity Time had truly upped our game.

The second half was even more exciting. The few attempts at goal by the opposing team were effectively turned around by our defenders and converted into goals. By the end of the match the whole team were ecstatic to have won the match without conceding any goals. The final score was a hugely satisfying win of 14-0; a small but ego boosting improvement from last year's 10-2 win.

Goals were scored across the board by Ruby Hornsby, Alex Jarman, Sam Jarman, Jo Kirk, Bobbi Lainsbury and Annie Taylor, with Bobbi being awarded player of the match.



Team – Jennifer Alston, Amy Bowen, Harriet Denton, Ruby Hornsby, Alex Jarman, Sam Jarman, Jo Kirk, Bobbi Lainsbury, Saffron Langley, Lauren Manton, Cait Prendergast, Saskia Spencer, Sophie Steele-Child, Annie Taylor and Suzie Winsor

**Report by Jennifer Alston and Saskia Spencer**

### **Lacrosse News**

We had a fantastic start to the second half of the lacrosse season. Last Saturday our junior teams travelled to Heathfield School in Ascot. Results and players of the match were:

Y10 won 14-0                      Bobbie Lainsbury

Y9 won 11-3                        Freya Eva

Y8 won 20-2                        Lauren Bell

Y7 won 7-4                         Mia Eldridge

The teams continue to train hard to prepare for away matches against St Mary's Calne.

### **Netball News**

#### **Sixth Form**

The Sixth Form team play their league matches this term. Last week they got off to winning ways beating St Gabriel's 28-10. Emma Seymour was awarded player of the match. Well done to all the girls who played.

#### **Years 10 and 11**

Our Year 10 and 11 netball teams got off to a good start in their local league matches which they play every Thursday during the spring term. Last week against The Downs the Year 10 St Bart's team won 25-2 and Elvia Clark-Morris was awarded player of the match. The Year 11 St Bart's team won 11-3 and Charlotte Fane was awarded player of the match.

#### **Years 8 and 9**

The Year 8 and 9 netball teams played in the local league last term. The results are now through and both teams have come first from a total of ten schools. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all the girls who were involved.