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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Thank you and well done to everyone for their hard work and support during my first term at St Bart's.

Over the last week you should have received your child's/children's end of spring term progress report, which I hope you are pleased with. The students' engagement in learning this term has generally been excellent and we are confident that they will continue to do well next term. However, if you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

As we move towards the main external examination season, may I also ask that you encourage students in exam groups to make use of the Easter period to focus on their revision and attend the Easter revision sessions that we have put on, as appropriate, to ensure that they will achieve their true potential in the forthcoming examinations.

It has also been pleasing to see so many students involved in the vast range of activities across the school, and many of these have been featured in BartholoNews this term. It is impossible to highlight all the activities but this term the House plays, House dance and Easter concert have all showcased the exceptional talents of our students. World Book Day was marked with great enthusiasm, as staff wore badges showing which book they were currently reading. Students in Years 7 and 8 enjoyed our author visit and we welcomed Year 6 students from three of our feeder primary schools. Mathematical talent came to the fore on Pi Day, again in which we all participated, and our sports successes reported each week are outstanding.

Student participation in this way is a real strength of the school, and so congratulations to all of the students on their successes.

Last week it was also good to welcome back past students for the ONA lacrosse, netball and football matches, and to see that they have not lost their competitive edge!

Lastly, may I wish everyone a happy and peaceful Easter and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the summer term.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher



PARENTS AND VISITORS TO SCHOOL

Please may we remind you that **Safeguarding** is active in the St Bart's school community. **Health and Safety** is also of paramount importance.

When parents and visitors arrive on site they must report to Reception, at the front of the school.

Visitors are asked to sign the visitors' book, and then when departing from the school premises, are required to sign out. Visitors are required to wear a visitors badge and to be escorted around school by a member of staff at all times.



END OF TERM AND START OF SUMMER TERM

Term ends this Friday 4 April at 3.30pm.

There is a staff training and development day on Tuesday 22 April.

The summer term begins for all students on Wednesday 23 April with registration as normal at 8.40am.



CIRCUS COMES TO ST BART'S

We are embarking on a series of House events under the heading of Circus Skills. The first competition takes place next Tuesday, looking at the skills in 'living statues'.

Application forms to follow.



DAVIS DIARY

It is hard to believe that the Easter holidays are almost upon us.

We would like to congratulate the following students who have been awarded achievements as follows:

Good work prizes: Callum Edwards, Becca Dean and Sasha Howgate.

Silver Awards: Ella Townsend, Bethany Wolak, Amy Pontin, Khushi Singh, William Denton, Hannah Perry, Sarah MacAllan, Emily McDonagh and Holly Shaw

Gold Awards: Maisie Mabbatt, Emanuelle Dupas, Chloe Herbert, Joe Greenslade and Sophie Evans

Congratulations to our following Super-team members who took part in the Super Quiz on Monday 24 March: Alex Morrison, Maddi Mitton, Chloe Leftley, David Goldberg, Sophie Ings, Thomas Vaughan and James Houghton.

Thank you to 9D2 who have raised £10.92 in the 'Guess how many eggs in the jar'.

We wish you all a very happy Easter and if you going on holiday, safe travels.

Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Thorne and Mrs Lee

AUTHOR SAMIRA HEPBURN VISITS ST BART'S

Author Samira Hepburn visited St Bart's on Monday 24 March. Known for her books *Quicksilver*, *Serpent's Gold* (written as Sam Osman) and *Chasing the Dark*, Sam talked to all Year 7 and Year 8 students and visiting Year 6 pupils from some of our feeder primary schools. Sam was a TV documentary maker for many years and talked about the inspiration for her plots and characters. Not only did she use her experiences with investigating archives for her plots, but she also emphasised that her characters could be taken from any life experiences, not least from watching *EastEnders*. She read an extract from *Chasing the Dark*, her latest mystery thriller, and deterred any of her listeners from pursuing a life of crime in the Ukraine, where forcible tattoos performed by other prisoners give a

detailed history of an offender's crimes, prison history and gang reliability.

At the end, students were able to buy signed copies of her books.

All of Sam's books can be borrowed from the school library.

Mrs Thomas, Librarian



PA DISCO

Years 7/8

Friday 25 April 2014

7pm – 9pm, Hall

£3 on the door

Refreshments available for sale

RAF SECTION

A few RAF cadets went gliding at 612 VGS at Dalton Barracks, former RAF Abingdon, on Saturday 22 March. Cadets were instructed on the use of the parachute and how to jettison the canopy.



We then proceeded over to the runway and air traffic control and one after another cadet



took off in a small two-seater plane with an RAF trained pilot who explained and demonstrated the use of the controls before the cadet took control of the aircraft. Some cadets were lucky enough to have a second flight learning different skills on each flight. It was, as always, a fantastic day out and the weather was very kind to us.



G109B/VigilantT1



CCF FIELD DAYS

The army completed a very 'wet' night exercise in heavy and cold showers of rain. They survived a difficult night to a complete victory

over enemy in their battle drills.

The RAF completed various training courses, including the control tower at RAF Benson.

The Navy spent a night on board at Portsmouth and completed amongst other things very challenging high and low wire courses.

HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION

Pictured are the winners of the Years 10 – 13 House dance competition from Davis.



DYSLEXIA OPEN EVENING West Berkshire Dyslexia Association

Talk by dyslexic writer Sally Gardner,
Carnegie medal winner 2013 for
'Maggot Moon'

**Thursday 24 April 2014, 7pm
At St Bart's**

Enquiries marguerite@moontiger.co.uk
01635 866800

Booking in advance via
www.wbdyslexia.org.uk

Or pay on the night, 18yrs and under free with
paying adult.

£10 members, £12 non members

Refreshments included

JOB VACANCY

MINIBUS DRIVER – casual hours as required

Required as soon as possible

We wish to appoint a driver with a D1 licence to safely drive the minibus on school trips and manage the daily upkeep of the vehicle. A full clean driving licence is required.

Salary APT&C point 12, equivalent to
£8.78 per hour.

Hours will be flexible and paid on a
timesheet basis.

For further details and an application form
please visit Working At St Bart's on our website:

www.stbarts.co.uk

Closing date: Monday 21 April 2014

e-mail: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

All successful candidates will be subject to a Disclosure & Barring Service enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks.

*Do you need somewhere to do
group work?*

*Do you want somewhere quiet to do
homework?*

*Would you like somewhere to
complete coursework?*

Then you need to come to....

STUDY SUPPORT

When: Everyday
 7.30am-8.30am
 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Where: Patterson Hall Extension

*Refreshments are provided
for a small fee.*

ONA NETBALL AND LACROSSE FIXTURES – 22 MARCH 2014



The traditional sports fixtures against the ONA took place and the girls played netball in the morning and lacrosse in the afternoon. Out of four matches the school managed three wins. The second netball team won their game, as did both the first and second lacrosse teams. Well done to all the girls involved. Special mentions to Josie Moxham and Cicely Colthurst who were awarded players of the match by the ONA in the netball fixtures. In the lacrosse games the players of the match were Cicely Colthurst and Amber Chubb.

