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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As term ends today, may I thank everyone for their support, hard work and involvement throughout this academic year. It has been another successful and busy year, and has ended with some outstanding and enjoyable events, including students, and many staff taking part in Sports Day, Bart's Arts, Founder's Day Service with guest speaker Lord Carey, our World Cup winners' barbeque and curriculum days. We have also welcomed our exchange partners from Germany, Spain and China.

This year has seen many achievements which have been reported throughout the year in BartholoNews and celebrated in our whole school assembly every week. It is all these successes that make us so proud of all of our students at St Bartholomew's School.

We have also seen the completion of our new school building with the opening of the Hall Foyer and Heritage Garden. The Heritage Garden is also a fitting reminder this summer of our important heritage and our community values, with the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, of our ex students who died in the war who we still remember every year.

Farewells

We are sadly saying goodbye to several members of staff at the end of term. Mrs Hendrickx, Mrs Pratico and Mrs Mathias Baker are retiring and will all be greatly missed.

Mrs Hendrickx joined St Bart's in 1992 as a part time Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages for two years and then returned in 2006, and her commitment and hard work to ensure the success of all the students she has

taught, has been remarkable.

Mrs Pratico joined St Bart's in 2003 as a teacher of RE and in 2004 became Head of RE. Mrs Pratico's passion and enthusiasm for her teaching is outstanding and she has inspired countless students to take up

the subject and succeed. She has led her department to become one of the most successful in the school at Key Stage 4.

Mrs Mathias Baker joined in 2002 as a History teacher. During her time at St Bart's, she has held several posts including notably Head of Patterson House and Key Stage 5 PDP Co-ordinator. Mrs Mathias Baker has inspired so many students and her outstanding teaching talent will be much missed by colleagues and students alike.

We wish them all a happy retirement.

We are also saying farewell to a few other teachers: Mr Rose, Head of Evers House, and Mr Tristram and Mr Smith from Science, will be taking up promotional posts in other schools. Also from Science we are losing Mr Zovic, who is returning to the Falkland Islands. Miss Horsford from Geography is relocating and Mrs Dowle, Teacher of Mathematics, Mr Mitchell, Head of Film Studies and Mrs Lamont from the Business, Communications and Society Faculty are all taking up new opportunities. We wish them all well.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer break and we look forward to the summer results and welcoming all our new students in September.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher





END OF SUMMER TERM AND START OF AUTUMN TERM

Term ends today, Tuesday 22 July 2014 at 12.30pm.

Start of Autumn Term 2014

Mon 1 Sep Staff Training & Development Day

Tues 2 Sep Staff Training & Development Day

Wed 3 Sep Staff Training & Development 8.30am – 11.00am

Wed 3 Sep Student Term Begins
New Y12 report to Sixth Form Area at 11.00am
New Y7 report to the Hall at 11.15am
Y8 – Y12 report to Tutor Rooms at 12.15pm

Thur 4 Sep Normal day for all students
Y13 only report to Tutor Rooms at 8.30am to receive timetables followed by a normal day



EXAM RESULTS

A Level/AS Results

Thursday 14 August, 8.30am – 10am in Hall. Staff will be available to give advice in the Sixth Form Area and appointments can be made for 14 and 15 August by ringing the Sixth Form office on those days on 01635 576368 or emailing sixthform@stbarts.co.uk

GCSE Results

Thursday 21 August, 8.30am – 10am in the Hall. Staff will be available to meet with students and parents as required on 21 and 22 August. Appointments can be made by calling the Sixth Form Office on 01635 576368 or emailing sixthform@stbarts.co.uk

The **Sixth Form office will be open** on 14, 15, 21 and 22 August.

Students starting Year 12 in September who require subject guidance can meet staff between 10.30am and 12 noon on Tuesday 2 September in the Sixth Form Area.

Students starting Year 13 in September who have not resolved subject issues in the summer can discuss any changes on Tuesday 2 September from 1.15pm – 2.15pm in the Sixth Form Area.

MOTH CLUB

The moth club meets in the morning before school to look at the moths that we have caught in the moth trap that goes out overnight in the school nature reserve. We handle and identify the moths before releasing them to the undergrowth.



Buff Tip moth – possibly the most spectacular camouflage of any British moth, it looks exactly like a broken silver birch twig.

Several students from Year 7 to Year 12 are now official moth club members and a number of staff attend on a regular basis.



Elephant and Poplar Hawk moths – some of the giants of the moth world

Moth club will continue in September. If you are interested in hearing more about moth club meetings, then please email Dr Fitter on dfitter@stbarts.co.uk so that your name can be added to the moth mailing list.

POLO TEAM WINS NATIONAL SENIOR SCHOOLS POLO TOURNAMENT

On Sunday 22 June St Bart's polo team competed in the National Senior Schools Championship tournament, kindly hosted by Kirtlington Park Polo Club in Oxfordshire.

The weather was glorious and ideal for playing polo. St Bart's entered the novice section and were competing against schools like Rugby, Stowe and Sherborne.

The novice section was a knockout format involving each team playing chukkas of five minutes duration.

Chukka 1 saw St Bart's playing Rugby School and although Rugby provided some initial pressure it was St Bart's who scored first. They managed to stoutly defend this lead winning 1-0.

Chukka 2 saw St Bart's facing the Rugby School team and again it was a very close match but they won 1-0.

After the initial knockout part of the tournament St Bart's were the only team participating who had not been defeated and therefore went forward to play two chukkas with Stowe School to decide the winner. Both these chukkas were keenly contested with both teams very evenly matched but after some skilful play, St Bart's prevailed.

Finally, someone who deserves a mention and who contributed greatly to the success of this team is Sean Wilson-Smith at Hampshire Polo Club based near Winchester. He has coached the team for a number of years and his support and experience has guided them to becoming Senior Schools Novice Champions for 2014.



Tom Prendergast (13D3), Michael Osborn(12P2), Jazz Elliott (13P3), Cicely Colthurst (12D3) being presented with their prizes by Ann Spicer from Schools and Universities Polo Association (SUPA)



PATTERSON PEOPLE

As our school year comes to an end the Patterson House office would like to thank all Patterson students who have brought something positive to our House, whether it be a charity, sporting or any individual and team event. We say goodbye to our outgoing House Captains and welcome in Pippa Higgins and Charlotte King as our new Captains and Hannah Kirk and Ella Robinson as our new Deputies, not forgetting Toby Chandler who is Deputy Head Boy of the school but also will play a part in Patterson captains' team. We look forward to a full and productive 2014-2015.

We would like to pass on our congratulations to Anneli Giaver Enger and Phoebe Cowhig of Patterson Year 7 who were winners of the Year 7 poetry competition. Also, four of our Year 10 boys, Oliver Gyoffry, Matt King, Ben Stillman and Hasan Sheperia whose film 'Hitman', won the People's Vote at the Cineclub Awards at BFI Southbank.

Awards have been made recently to the following students. Also Eleanor Rollinson of 9P1 has just earned her Platinum award, the highest you can achieve before Year 10.

BRONZE (Year 7) Evie Chamings Georgia Davison Corin Dockley Mia Eldridge Felix Robinson Eleanor Starling Sophie Williams Josie Burdett Nichola Connorton Krystal Deacon Callum Hind Megan Hitchins Tom Bell Chloe Hitchens Anna Allam William Hogan Tom Lamden Emily Mayo Calum Meechan Oliver Muckleston Otilie Sanderson	SILVER (Year 8) Sofia Pivaral-Booth Mia Bhandari Molly Overend JUNIOR HOUSE COLOURS (Year 10) Sam Praill Callum Robertson Anna Joo Josh Parry Kiera Radburn
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We hope all Patterson families have a happy and restful summer.

Mr Brennan, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Humphries



ALUMINIUM CAN APPEAL

After the success of the water feature in the Heritage Garden, which was made from recycled materials by the Year 11 Horticulture Team in 2013-14, the Horticulture Teams for 2014-15 are hoping to make further sculptures from recycled materials.

We are appealing for help from you in collecting and donating any empty aluminium cans that you use over the summer break. As we will be smelting the metal, it is essential that there is no residual liquid inside and that they are clean. If you could rinse them out and then collect them in a plastic bag (unsquashed), this will allow us to dry them out before use. There will be a dedicated and signposted area, just inside the school yard, for you to drop off the bags full of cans from September 2014.

Further details of this will be found in BartholoNews at the start of the new term.

Dr Fitter



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ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

Congratulations to former student Sam Trumper, who has just graduated with a first class honours degree in Psychology from the University of South Wales (Glamorgan). He will be commencing his Masters degree in Forensic Psychology in the autumn.

CHINESE SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS SAY THANK YOU

Eight students and their teacher, Miss Han, said "thank you" and "farewell" to all St Bart's staff and students at a dinner held for host families in school on Friday evening, 11 July. The Chinese were in the UK for 14 days and were hosted by school families.

They spent several days in school as well as visiting tourist sites in London, Oxford, Portsmouth, Winchester, Windsor and Stonehenge.

The highlights for the summer school party included their science, English, PE, dance and food lessons and the friendliness and welcome received from staff, students and host families. They thought that the school facilities were "amazing".

The tourist destinations were enjoyed, particularly the London Eye and the Thames river cruise. Shopping was always a hit!



The partnership with the Aurora Education Group in Shanghai has been a rich source of cultural enrichment. The Easter study tour involved 31 students and five staff spending days at the Aurora Middle School in early April.

China Challenge wants to thank the headteacher, governors staff, students and families for supporting our partnership in China.



ACCELERATED READER PROGRAMME

All students in Year 8 have been taking part in the Accelerated Reader Programme during the year. This challenges them to complete quizzes after reading books. This year students have managed to read 134.7 million words between them.

The winning tutor group was 8P1 with over 19 million words, followed by 8P2 with more than 17 million and 8C3 with more than 16 million between them. Special mention to the following students who have achieved over a million words since the year began:

5.8 million: Alice Points	1 million: Jacob Adams
4 million: Andrew McDowell Emily Carr	Marc Jenner Sofia Pivarol Booth Elsa Oakes
3 million: Hannie Makant Isaac Fernandes Ben McCarthy Lucy Matthews Victoria Osborn	Lottie Abell Courtney Renouf Molly Overend Theo Thomas Isabella Scott Harriet Atherton
2 million: Matthew Forsyth Isy Hart Amy Turner Lili Lukehurst Ciara Evans Holly Shaw Steph Noble	Marcus Evans Isabelle Lloyd Sam Bell Ellie-Mae Hawkins Libby Davis George Conington Molly Dummett Holly Shaw Khushi Singh Emily McDonagh Tom Fowler Lilia Norman Sofia Furnell Dominic Devereux

Mrs L Close, Literature Coordinator

BOYS' HAMMER THROW

Congratulations to Jamie Kuehnel 11P3 who threw an excellent 57.80m in the Inter Boys Hammer Throw placing him 5th at the final of the English Schools Championship at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. Good luck to Jamie who will be competing in the All England Under 17 Championship in August.



EVERS NEWS

It's been another excellent year in Evers House. There have been so many examples of our students working hard, getting involved in opportunities on offer at school, doing the right thing, and being enthusiastic and committed learners. The students are an inspiration to us – thank you to you all!

We would also like to say thank you to Mrs Pratico and Mrs Lamont for their years of dedicated service as tutors in Evers – their tutees have benefitted from their input during their school lives, and join us in wishing them both well for the future.

Thank you, too, to Mrs Uden for her work this year as 7E2's tutor.

This is my last BartholoNews Evers entry – I am leaving at the end of term to move to another school. I am leaving with mixed emotions – sad to not be a part of the best House in St Bart's next year, but reassured that the students will continue to progress to become the excellent young people they can be. Thank you to everyone for your support over the last two years, and I look forward to hearing about future successes!

Finally, we wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer break!

Mr Rose, Ms Evans and Ms Willcox.

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

**For all years, including
Sixth Form**

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

01635 576372

Leave a message with the following details:

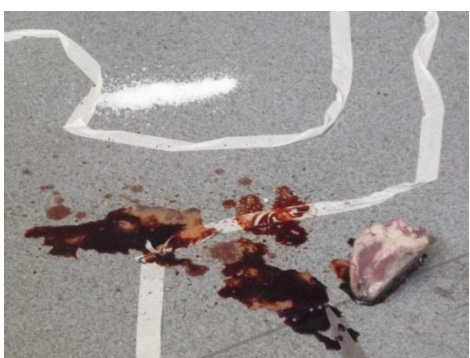
- Your child's name and tutor group
- Reason for absence
- Likely date of return
- Contact telephone number

BLOODSHED AT ST BART'S



On the 25 June, Year 7 students at St Bart's school found that their science classroom had become a crime scene - there had been a murder in the block that morning. Using their forensic skills, they managed to crack the case and accused

Samantha (one of the school's science technicians).



One of the students reported, "As we lined up for our lesson, there was tension in the air. The door was covered in yellow and black tape and as Mr Zuvic rushed out to meet us, our fears were confirmed. Inside there was an awful scene. On the floor was the outline of a body, a human heart sitting in and surrounded by pools of blood, a trail of white powder, a dagger and a ransom note promising more murders if we didn't pay up. It was intriguing!"

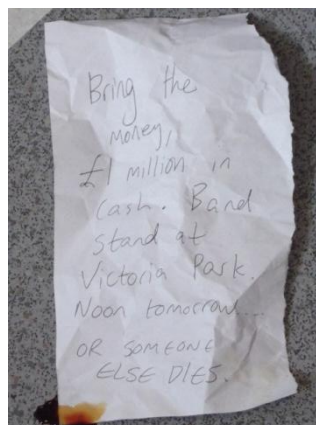


At first, it seemed impossible to track down the killer, but we used the evidence to narrow down the suspects to just one. We started by extracting DNA from a sample of kiwi also found at the scene using water, salt and washing up liquid. After sending the DNA off to the Thames Valley Police for further testing, we found that the samples could be traced



back to someone working on the ground floor of Evers (where our classroom is). We then took the white powder and discovered that it was lithium chloride (we did this by burning it and samples of various other powders and comparing the flame colours) - something only the science technicians have access to!

It took all our forensic knowledge, but we finally cracked the case by using chromatography (the separation of dyes in liquids) to find which technician's pen wrote the ransom note. After comparing all the different dyes that had travelled up the chromatography paper, we revealed that the murderer was Samantha, and got a confession out of her. Justice was served!



We all really enjoyed narrowing the search down and I especially enjoyed the bit when we tested the lithium chloride by burning it; it was fascinating to see how different the reactions were and how chemistry can be used in real life to solve problems.

This experience has been great, and I hope, we can do more projects like that in the future. If next year's science is anything like this, I can't wait!

Phoebe Cowhig, 7P2

FORMER ST BART'S STUDENTS CHALLENGE DARTMOOR TO A REMATCH FOR CHARITY

A team from Newbury is undertaking a gruelling trek challenge on Dartmoor - ten years on from the last time they took on the notoriously tricky terrain together.

Having completed the Ten Tors trekking series whilst at St. Bart's school just over a decade ago, Laura Marsh (née Gordon, 26), Abi Benford, James Cullen and Tom Bance (all 27), of Newbury, are returning once more to take part in the Dartmoor Challenge 2014, to help raise money for the charity ShelterBox.



Under the team name 'Barts Boots Bashers', the foursome have opted to take on the 'Elite' level of the challenge. This will see them attempt to hike 45 miles through the Dartmoor National Park over two days, overcoming bogs, steep hills, complex navigation and challenging weather conditions.

Furthermore, the team will have to carry an iconic 'ShelterBox' for the entire trek, in addition to their basic kit. The box, used by the charity to deliver life-saving disaster relief all over the world, measures 84cm x 60cm x 57cm, and weighs up to 60kg fully packed.

Bart's Boots Bashers will compete against hundreds of other teams on the moor for points over a variable course. They will depend on their navigation skills, endurance and teamwork to see them to the finish line – and meet their £1,000 fundraising goal.

Laura says, "We're excited, if a little nervous, about taking on Dartmoor again. We have so many memories from our time there whilst at school. It'll be great fun to come together again to complete this tough challenge, and this time it's all for a good cause too."

Bart's Boots Bashers will undertake the challenge on 13 and 14 September. To sponsor the team please visit www.justgiving.com/LauraFMarsh.

DIARY DATES



- Tue 9 Sep Y12 Parents' Information Evening, Hall, 7pm
- Thurs 11 Sep Y7 Parents' Information Evening: How to support your child with KS3 courses and meet the Parents' Association, Hall, 7pm
- Fri 12 Sep Y7/8 Patterson Charity Disco, Hall, 7pm
- Thurs 18 Sep KS3 Awards Evening (Y10 students), Hall, 7pm