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NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Welcome to the spring term 2015 and a warm welcome to new students and staff; Mrs Lizzie Leaman has joined as an Assistant Teacher and Mrs Tsveta Krasteva-Stoyanova as Teacher of Art.

The term has started in earnest and Years 11, 12 and 13 are all currently sitting practice examinations so please support your child in preparing thoroughly as these examinations are very important in ensuring that students achieve their best in the summer.

Once again the calendar is very busy with a wide range of activities planned, including many visits, enterprise workshops, sports fixtures, House plays and language exchanges, so please make the most of these opportunities. This term will also see students in Year 9 finding out about their Key Stage 4 Curriculum and making choices about their options for September 2015. We look forward to meeting parents on 26 January to explain the options further at a time when qualifications/examinations are beginning to change.

At St Bart's learning is at the heart of all we do and we all strive to achieve our best. As we enter the New Year I have reminded all students of this in assembly and how it is important to have high aspirations and determination to succeed. We learn from our successes and mistakes and, as Thomas Edison allegedly said when he failed more than 1,000 times when trying to create the light bulb:

“I have not failed 1,000 times. I have successfully discovered 1,000 ways to NOT make a light bulb.” This led to success through effort and determination.

Therefore, please support and encourage your child with their learning journey this term as there really is no substitute for hard work. Students who routinely complete their independent study and try their hardest always do well. By working in partnership we can ensure that students reach their true potential.

Last term there were many successful events that were reported on in BartholoNews, but one of these that was most notable and brought our whole community together was BBC Children in Need. All students did something to make a difference to others and I am so proud to report that as result of all their efforts we have raised £8,857.20 to date which is a tremendous total. Well done and thank you to everyone.

Finally, over the next month we will be asking all members of the school community to give their views on what St Bart's has to offer and the success of our students through completing our annual Kirkland Rowell questionnaire. We really value your opinions as it helps us to promote the school and further improve upon our many strengths to ensure the best provision for all our students. I thank you in advance for your time in completing this questionnaire.

Ms J A Mortimore, Headteacher





CAR PARKING

The school has again received complaints about inconsiderate car parking at the beginning and end of the school day, as well as following school sports matches. This causes obstruction and a risk of accidents.

Drivers are asked not to block neighbouring driveways, only park in the marked disabled bays if entitled to do so and ensure there is a clear thoroughfare through the school driveway to enable other vehicles to enter and exit the site. There are occasions when coaches need access to use the drop off zones at 3.30pm; they are either returning from school trips or departing for PE fixtures and other activities. It is also important to keep the driveway clear should there be a need for emergency access.

Parents dropping off/collecting students are asked to keep road junctions and driveways clear, in particular in Bartlemy Road, Mayfair Drive, Buckingham Road, Wendan Road and Fifth Road (including the area at Brown's Meadow) and not to park on grass verges.

Sixth Form Car Parking

Sixth Formers are reminded they may park on the gravel area adjacent to the Wormestall field, entrance from Fifth Road.

They are not permitted to park in the main school car park and are asked to be considerate to neighbours.

Sixth Form drivers must complete a car driving registration form available from Mrs Tyson in W131.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher

DIARY DATES



Tues 13 Jan	A2 Practice Exams
Wed 14 Jan	A2 Practice Exams
Thurs 15 Jan	AS Practice Exams
Fri 16 Jan	AS Practice Exams
Wed 21 Jan	Y10 Subject Parents' Evening 4.30-7pm, Curnock Block
Fri 23 Jan	Y7/8 Davis Charity Disco, 7-9pm, Hall
Mon 26 Jan	Y9 KS4 Courses Parents' Information Meeting, Hall C/D 6pm; E/P 7pm
Thurs 29 Jan	Staff Training & Development Day



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

We are delighted to announce that the final total raised for the BBC Children in Need event by St Bart's is **£8,857.20**.

Congratulations to all those who baked (with and without Martha), knitted, wore fancy dress, exercised, played football for hours, busked, performed magic, joined in raffles, had a photo with Pudsey Bear, walked across Dartmoor, kept silent, became a human fruit machine, made badges, bandanas and afternoon tea with staff, looked after a puppy, washed cars, did chores at home, sold teddies, operated a spinner game and gathered pictures of staff in their childhood years!

To all those who came along on the night and simply joined in, a further thank you.

Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher



SUPPORTING STUDENTS' PREPARATION FOR THE WORKPLACE

We are planning to launch an Employability Skills Programme for students at St Bart's later this term and are keen to hear from any parents who feel they may be able to support the scheme by providing access to their workplaces.

This new programme is being introduced as part of the restructuring of the Year 12 Core Studies options to help Sixth Form students to prepare for the workplace and, crucially, encourage them to secure a variety of work experience.

Rather than earmark a specific week for work experience, students are encouraged to use the Wednesday afternoon core studies slot, or failing that Friday afternoon enrichment. We are encouraging them to secure experience in a variety of different workplaces during this time or potentially, ongoing weekly involvement in the same workplace.

We would be pleased to know if parents can help either by providing access to their workplaces or in coming to speak to our Sixth Formers about your own working life. Any recommendations about organisations and speakers to approach would also be gratefully received at sixthform@stbarts.co.uk

Mr A Robbins, Head of Sixth Form



YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

The Year 10 Parents' Evening is on **Wednesday 21 January 2015** from 4.30pm to 7.00pm in the Curnock block.

Parents/carers have been sent information about booking appointments through our online system, including log in details, together with a short guide on how to use the system. Bookings can be made from Monday 12 January 2015 at 6.00pm by visiting <https://stbartholomews.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>.

For parents/carers of Year 10 students who do not have internet access, please contact your House office who will add appointments on your behalf.



Digital Photography Workshops for Beginners

Got a new camera and want to know how to use it more creatively?

Why not sign up for this course of **four** digital photography workshops

Tuesday evenings 7.00pm - 8.15pm

starting **Tuesday 20 January** at a cost of £40 per person

Open to adults and students alike

Pick up your registration form from Mr Turner in E130 or email pturner@stbarts.co.uk

Deadline for returns Thursday 15 January

YEAR 7 FAMILY ENTERPRISE EXPERIENCE 2015

Every spring term students in Year 7 are invited to come along with a family adult for a fun morning of enterprise. Sessions take place on a Saturday morning 10.00am to 1.00pm and are run by Mr Turner and Mrs McDowell.



As this is a very popular event we will be asking for a nominal charge of £10 per family towards materials and refreshments and you can choose from three available dates: 31 January, 7 February OR 28 February.

Letters with full details have been sent home by Schoolcomms and are also available from Mrs Gibbs in E130 or from the Enterprise pages on Open Hive.

Returns to Mrs Gibbs by Monday 19 January please.

Enterprise @ St Bart's

initiative innovation inspiration

KEY STAGE 5 AWARDS EVENING

The A Level certificates and prizes were presented to last year's Year 13 students at the annual Key Stage 5 Awards Evening on Thursday 18 December. The address and presentations were made by Professor Paul Hardaker, Chief Executive of the Institute of Physics. He is a mathematician by background and his career has encompassed a wide range of roles including 14 years in the Met Office where, for a time, he was Chief Adviser to the Government.

The evening gave St Bart's an opportunity to recognise students' hard work and commitment to school life.



PRESENTATION OF ADVANCED LEVEL PRIZES:

Art	Paige MacFarlane
Biology	Emily Light
Business Studies	Bethan Dadey
Business Studies (BTEC)	Hollie Randall
Chemistry	Stefan Klas
Classical Civilisation	Ben Evans
Computing	Alex Stillman
Dance	Lucie Dale
Economics	Luke Scarrett
English Language	Christine Goodyer
English Literature	Annie Cave
English Language & Literature	Cecily Burdett-Ward
Film Studies	Darragh Spelman
Food Technology	Rachel Broughton
French	Olivia Skarin-Smith
Further Mathematics	Oliver Da Silva
Geography	Katie Dowle
General Studies	Jordan Shaw
German	Christi Du Toit
Graphic Design	James Houghton
Health and Social Care (BTEC)	Katie Lovelock
History	Bethan Pratten
Mathematics	Lewis Rogers
Media Studies	Bella Davies
Music	Josie Fry
Music Technology	Mark Stafford
P.E.	Rosie Rimen
Philosophy & Ethics	Abigail Bird
Physics	Ashley Beaver

Politics	Louis Durrant
Psychology	Angus Clements
Science (BTEC)	Jodie Charles
Sociology	Ella Tomkins
Spanish	Ashley Bourke
Sport BTEC	Jenna-Lee Engelbrecht
Textiles	Chante Batson
Theatre Arts	Emma Tindall

SPECIAL PRIZES FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AT ADVANCED LEVEL:

Amy Boliter	Christi Du Toit	Adam Olive
Annie Cave	Louis Durrant	Elizabeth Philip
Ben Cowley	Jasmine Elliott	Fraser Roberts
Oliver Da Silva	Prince Jiju	Lewis Rogers
Hermione Dace	Stefan Klas	Alex Stillman
Bella Davies	Emily Light	Emma Tindall
Elizabeth Dunmore	Nancy Morgan	Luke Wilson

SPECIAL PRIZES FOR PROGRESS SHOWN FROM KS4 TO KS5:

Curnock:	Davis:	Evers:	Patterson:
Aaron Simmonds	Chante Batson	Christine Goodyer	Ella Tomkins
Jade Wickes	Emma Seymour	Daisy Guille	Richard Alston

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AT ADVANCED LEVEL:

The Pembroke College, Oxford Prize:	Annie Cave
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SPECIAL SUBJECT PRIZES

The Donald Brown Memorial Prize for Biology:	Alaa Alwash
Tim Dennis Trophy for Drama:	Bethan Pratten
Drake Cup for Drama:	Rhianna Yates
The Lee Memorial Prize for Modern Languages:	Christi Du Toit
The Pinter Prize for English:	Natasha Hole

OTHER MAJOR AWARDS

The Combined Cadet Force - Army:	Ross Wheeler-Clayton and James Davies
The Combined Cadet Force – Navy:	Katie Dowle
The Combined Cadet Force – RAF:	William Barrett
Mike Hart Trophy:	William Herrington
Ann Capewell Cup:	Josie Moxham
Bill Slatter Trophy:	Luke Gregory
The John King Prize:	Ellen Catchpole
David Candy Prize:	Lewis Rogers
The Mermagen Prize:	Louis Durrant
Elizabeth Axford Rosebowl:	Elizabeth Philip
Side Prize for Leadership:	Annie Cave
Cooper Prize for Leadership:	Luke Wilson
The House Academic Shield:	Evers
The House Sports Shield:	Evers
The House Citizenship Shield:	Patterson
The House Championship Cup:	Evers



IMPROVING LEARNING FOR YEAR 11

On 27 January a company known as Positively Mad will be in school to work with students in Year 11. The aim is to improve student learning skills, improve preparation for exams and increase student confidence to aspire more highly.

Each student will be involved in a two hour session which will be interactive.

The first session will be for students in Curnock and Davis and will start in the Hall at 8.50am. Tutors will register students in the Hall at 8.40am.

The second session will be for students in Evers and Patters and will start in the Hall at 1.30pm.

Students are asked to ensure that they have pens and something to lean on.

Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher



YEAR 7 BOOKBUZZ BOOKS

Sponsored by the English Department and the library, all Year 7 students were given a book of their own choice to keep, chosen from a list of twelve books.

Before the books were given out at the end of last term, Ms Mortimore stressed to Year 7s the importance of reading and literacy in everyday life. The Book Trust reports that, "Research has found that children who enjoy reading and spend more time reading for pleasure have better reading and writing skills, a broader vocabulary, and even an increased general knowledge and understanding of other cultures."

The library is running a swap box for students who wish to exchange their Booked Up books for another one. The books must be in good condition to be accepted for the swap box and should not have the student's name written inside them.

Mrs Thomas, Library



2015 READING CHALLENGE LAUNCH

At the same Year 7 assembly the 2015 Reading Challenge was launched. Year 7 students are challenged to read more books, more difficult books, and books from different genres. Certificates are given for each stage reached: Bronze for reading four books between now and the end of the Easter term, Silver for eight books, Gold for 12 books, and Platinum for 16 and above. At the end of the Challenge in the summer term there is a special assembly when all Gold and Platinum award winners are given a book prize, an award is made for a Reading Champion from each tutor group, and the highest-achieving tutor group is invited to the library for special activities and refreshments. Each student has been given a Reading Challenge Passport to record their choices and progress.

The library catalogue can be searched from home via the school's website at mystbarts.co.uk. The link is the last on the list on the Staff and Student Access page.

There is plenty of help in the library for students choosing their next book, or children's book websites can be accessed via the school library catalogue by typing BOOK REVIEWS in the search box. A good website for finding the next book in a series is <http://www.childrensbooksequels.co.uk>.

Mrs Thomas, Library



STUDENTS' BAGS AND BELONGINGS

Students' bags and belongings should not be left in school overnight, unless safely secured in a locker. Bags left in corridors and the Luker Hub are a health and safety hazard and therefore at the end of the day they are now removed and stored in a crate.

The school does not take any responsibility for students' bags and belongings at any time. Therefore please ensure that your belongings are with you at all times and not left lying around.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher

DAVIS DIARY

Welcome to back to a new year and a new term.

Congratulations to Mrs Nicholls on the birth of her baby daughter Clara Roisin.



Welcome to Mr Ebbs who is the new tutor for 13D3.



Thank you

The McNeill family raised £124.08 carol singing over December

Emily Rivera raised £13.35 selling cookies

Karaoke £8.37 was raised
12D1 raised £67.50 in a raffle sale

Successes and Awards

Congratulations to Abi Livingstone 8D2, who represented the school in the Southern Region Trampoline Championships.

Congratulations to Andrew Mead who scored two holes in one playing golf. Andrew has won two holes in one in 16 months and was awarded two Boss watches

Bronze awards have been awarded to Ivan Beynon and Caitlin Roots. – Well done!

Dates for your diary:

Friday 23 January – Davis Charity Disco for Years 7 and 8, 7 – 9 pm

Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Thorne and Mrs Lee



JUDO NEWS

Congratulations to Jacob Aldridge 10E1 and Oliver Harris 12P3 who have won places on the England Cadet Squad for the next year.

This has come from hard work and success on the mat with Jacob taking a bronze at the recent British Championships and Ollie losing for the bronze and placed 5th.

For Jacob this is his third successive year and it is Ollie's second time after missing out last year.



HOUSE CHESS

The House chess competition for Years 10 – 13 ran from mid November for three weeks with each House putting forward a team of six players.

The standard of play was very high with the final result in doubt until the last few matches. Several players won all three of their matches – Josh Waters, Grady Beckett, Lucas Ludlow, Sam Nightingale and Simon Brennan-Ruiz – well done to them all. Many thanks to all of the players, the House Captains and Mr Bell for running the competition.

Matches

Week 1	Curnock	2.5	3.5	Davis
	Evers	5	1	Patterson
Week 2	Curnock	2.5	3.5	Evers
	Davis	1	5	Patterson
Week 3	Curnock	3	3	Patterson
	Davis	1	5	Evers

Final Standings

	Points
Evers	13.5
Patterson	9
Curnock	8
Davis	5.5

BERKSHIRE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Berkshire Cross Country Championships took place at Hungerford on 3 January. The following St Bart's students have been selected to represent the county at the Inter Counties Cross Country Championships in Birmingham on 7 March.

U20 men, Alex Hanson 3rd and Callum O'Neill 5th

U15 boys, Sam Hart 6th

U13 girls, Izzie Hole 8th

U17 women, Yasmin Ryder 7th

BOYS' PE

Football Training in Staffordshire

Last term the St Bart's Year 8 and 9 football squads travelled to St George's Park, Staffordshire, the new England Football Training Centre, for the weekend of 12-14 December.



During their weekend of training within elite facilities they learnt about the sports science that aids the England squads.



They also played a game against Cheslyn School, Walsall, beating them 5-3.

Year 8 Rugby

On 25 November the Year 8 rugby team played against The Downs and Park House in the floodlit league. The first game against The Downs was tough. The first try was by Dan Stevenson, a winger, who also scored the conversion. The last try was by Josh Douglas, also on the wing, with another conversion for a final score beating The Downs of 14-0.

Against Park House the opponents scored the first try but with Will Joseph on the St Bart's wing scoring two tries it took the team to lead 17-7 at half term. The last try of the season was from Zach Montgomery directly under the posts with a conversion scored by Harry Leonard. Final score 24-7.

Winning both these matches meant the Year 8 rugby team are winners of the Newbury floodlit league 2014. Well done boys.

GIRLS' PE

Year 8 Lacrosse

Last term the Year 8 squad played exceptionally well and won against St George's Ascot. The girls demonstrated a strong defence in conjunction with a fantastic performance in attack. The final score was 13-2 with goals from Mia Eldridge, Izzie Hole, Ots Sanderson, Daisy Perks, Ellen Grace and Lorna Bird. Players of the match were awarded to Izzie Hole and Lorna Bird.



Netball News

In December St Bart's played against Trinity in league netball fixtures. Results and players of the match were:

Year 8 won 8-4

Otilie Sanderson

Year 9 lost 9-8

Hannie Makant