

STUMP SCULPTURE DESIGN COMPETITION



St Bart's is running a design competition so that a huge tree stump in the nature reserve can be turned into a beautiful and interesting sculpture. The competition is open to any St Bart's student and was launched in tutor time two weeks ago with a presentation that explained the brief and timescale.

Local stump sculptor, Nick Speakman, is on board with the project and will turn the winning design into a real sculpture. Check out his website for more information – www.3dwood.co.uk

This is a really exciting opportunity to create something that will form an enduring part of St Bart's outdoor space for decades to come. The deadline for the submission of your design is Monday 23 February.

The Brief

The design needs to:

- Reflect the shapes and architecture of the new school, in addition to recognising the history of the school name and ethos
- Be sympathetic to and creative with the position of the sculpture

Other comments:

- An abstract form would be ideal
- It must fit into the cylinder of the remaining stump
- No other constraints

So think BIG and DIFFERENT!

Dr D Fitter, Assistant Headteacher

See page 2 for pictures of stump sculptures

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These are pictures of stump sculptures.
Our St Bart's stump could look something like these in a few months time!



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 have been asked to complete questionnaires. As we have done for a number of 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 2014 survey in order to evaluate the change which has taken place in the last year.

Students completed the questionnaire during the normal full school assembly slot on Wednesday 21 January and parents should have received their questionnaires in envelopes sent home with their children by the end of 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 19 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



SCHOOL TROUSERS

An adjustment has been made to the uniform trousers for all students, male and female. The acceptable style now has a slimmer leg. The uniform suppliers, Trutex Schoolwear & More and Trutex Direct, are fully stocked to meet the needs of all students.

Parents and carers are also reminded of the updated school skirt, which must be fitted to an acceptable length, and worn appropriately by students.

Full uniform details are available on the school website and in the student planner.

DANCE EVENTS



House Dance Competition

The House dance competition is on Thursday 5 March at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale from the art office at Activity Time and after school on Mondays from 23 February. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for concessions.

It is guaranteed to be a fun and exciting evening so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

GCSE and A Level Dance Performance

This performance is on Monday 9 March at 5pm in the hall. It will showcase work from the dance examination groups in preparation for their final practical examinations. All parents are welcome to attend and support the students at this very important time.

There is no charge for tickets, just drop in when you can. More information from kkearns@stbarts.co.uk

Mrs K Kearns, Head of Dance



St Bart's Sixth Form

SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS

The deadline for Sixth Form applications is Friday 13 February 2015. Mr Robbins, Head of Sixth Form, has been visiting Year 11 tutor groups to remind students

and provide further information about the courses and opportunities at St Bart's in the Sixth Form.

The prospectus is on the home page of the website, www.stbarts.co.uk The course guide and application form can be downloaded from the Sixth Form page of the website.

Printed copies are available from Mrs Tyson in the Sixth Form Office, W131 or email sixthform@stbarts.co.uk

DIARY DATES

Tues 3 Feb	House Plays E/P, 7pm, Hall
Wed 4 Feb	House Plays C/D, 7pm, Hall
Fri 6 Feb	Evers House Evening, 7pm Hall

Half Term, Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February

Tues 3 Mar	Y9 Subject Parents' Evening, 4.30-7.00pm, Curnock Block
Thurs 5 Mar	House Dance, Hall, 7.00pm

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



GIRLS' PE

Lacrosse v Queen Anne's, Caversham,

Three teams played home fixtures against Queen Anne's. Results and

players of the match were:

1 st	won 7-6	Ruby Hornsby
Y10	won 10-6	Annabel Mangan
Y7	lost 9-2	Freya Owens and Jess Harrison

Year 7 Lacrosse v St Mary's Calne

The team played against St Mary's Calne on 17 January and although the girls played well and tried their best, lost 17-0. Jess Harrison was awarded player of the match for tight cradling.

Team – Francesca Smith, Molly Harkness, Casey Willoughby, Maddie Barnes, Jess Harrison, Siena Hickmore (captain), Hattie Smithson, Lola Callaghan, Freya Owens, Charlotte Dobson, Esme Layton, Melissa Congerton, Frankie Paynter, Elsie Overend and Megan Van Zyl (captain).

Year 7 Girls Indoor 5-a-side Football

Regional Finals at Soccer City, Fareham

The Year 7 girls' football team represented West Berkshire in the regional indoor 5-a-side tournament last week. They had qualified for the tournament having won the Area Tournament before Christmas.

This was a tough competition and the team finished 4th out of five in their group and 7th out of eight schools overall. Well done to Gemma Hawkins, Molly Harkness, Melissa Congerton, Sara Hilborn, Laura Baiden, Charlotte Dobson and Kim Rutter.

Netball

The **Sixth Form** team beat Park House in a league fixture 8-3. Well done to all who played, especially Becky Nicholls who was awarded player of the match.

The **Year 10 and Year 11** teams played league fixtures against Little Heath last week. Results and players of the match were:

Y10	won 17-4	Issy Sanderson
Y11	won 15-7	Olivia Lockyear

TERM DATES 2015

Spring Term 2015

Half Term	-	16-20 February
Student Term Ends	-	2 April

Summer Term 2015

Staff Training Day	-	20 April
Student Term	-	21 April
begins		
May Bank Holiday	-	4 May
Half Term	-	25-29 May
Student Term ends	-	21 July

Autumn Term 2015

Staff Training Day	-	1 September
Student Term	-	2 September
begins		
Staff Training Day	-	23 October
Student Half Term	-	23-30 October
Student Term ends	-	18 December

EXAMINATION/COURSE/STUDY LEAVE DATES 2015

AS Exams begin	11 May
GCSE Exams begin	11 May
Y13 Study Leave begins	1 June
Start of A2 Courses (Y12)	8 June