



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

### Creative

- **Creative Writing** Creative writing is a chance for students in the Sixth Form to express themselves, through prose or poetry, and at the same time, help inspire younger students. There are regular chances for students to lead workshops/sessions in aspects of creative writing that interest them in particular.
- **Dance** There are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved with dance in the Sixth Form. We currently run six dance clubs throughout the week after school and Sixth Formers are encouraged to take responsibility for running some of the clubs for our younger students. There are also opportunities to take part in theatre trips to see professional dance companies, throughout the year.
- **Debating Society** The Debating Society at St Bart's offers a wonderful opportunity for Sixth Form students to engage in lively and heated debate, amongst themselves and with the lower school. Sixth Formers can act as House Debating Captains in the Inter-House competition. There is also the possibility of taking part in county and nationwide competitions for debating and mock trials.
- **Drama** St Bart's has one of the strongest Drama Departments in Berkshire. There are opportunities to get involved in all aspects of production including performing, directing, producing, obtaining rights, costumes, lighting, make up etc
- **Film Club** Sixth Form students meet once a week to watch and discuss a film. This is part of a national programme that is designed to extend students' experiences of film and we have a particular emphasis on 'World Cinema'.
- **Musical Opportunities** The Music Department is always keen to support music making in all its forms. Opportunities exist for student bands to rehearse in the Music Department and make commercial recordings. There is a wide range of musical opportunities, both for participants and those who would like to take leadership roles.

**Languages in the Sixth Form** There is an opportunity to do a Language Leader Award using our connections with local primary schools. Also, students have the opportunity to try new languages, whether or not they are studying a language at A Level. At the moment, there is a beginners' Chinese class. Classes are free of charge, apart from the purchase of a text book (£15) and open to all Sixth Form students.

**Enterprise** For those particularly interested in working with lower year groups, there are opportunities throughout the year for Sixth Formers to help with a variety of enterprise challenges.

- **Champions of Enterprise** This two-day event sees all Year 12 students working in teams to present a business plan, marketing plan and financial plan to a team of judges from local businesses. The winning team goes on to represent St Bart's in an area final.
- **Young Enterprise** This longer-term project involves interested Year 12 students setting up and running their own company for a year with help from local business experts. This is all absolutely genuine – a real company exists handling (and hopefully making) money, and buying, selling or manufacturing goods or services.
- **Science** We have clubs in Chemistry, Physics and Biochemistry, which involves Olympiad preparation and discussions.

## Leadership Opportunities

- **School Officers** The team of School Officers then take a leading role in all aspects of the Sixth Form and represent the school at public events. House Captains are part of the team and work closely with Heads of House in organising and encouraging involvement in House events.
- **Subject Reps** Each Sixth Form subject has two 'Reps' who are responsible for promoting the subject across the school.
- **Mentoring** Students in both Years 12 and 13 are invited to become involved in working with lower school students in three main areas: literacy, numeracy and anti-bullying.
- **Teaching** This project sees a group of Year 12 students teaching Year 4 students at local primary schools for an hour a week for five weeks in the spring term. Materials are provided and training is given. This is an excellent opportunity for any prospective teachers or youth workers, or for students who want to hone their presentation skills and work as a team in a very rewarding situation.
- **Year 12 Council** A representative from each Year 12 tutor group form the Year 12 Council. This meets three or four times each term to discuss issues relating to the Sixth Form.
- **Local Projects/Charities** Through talks and regular advertising in Common Room areas, students are encouraged to become involved in local community work. We have particularly strong links with MENCAP, PALS and Millennium Volunteers.
- **Houses** There are many opportunities to get involved in House activities such as Inter-House competitions in Drama, Music and Sport as well as mentoring lower years and charity events.

## Sport

- **Sixth Form Games** Rugby, Tennis, Lacrosse, Rounders, Football, Softball, Cricket Netball, Badminton, Basketball, Dodgeball - Make use of our free and fantastic sports facilities.
- **Eton Fives** is a rather unusual game! At St Bart's you can learn to play the game with a qualified coach, during Friday periods 4 and 5, and if you wish, you can also teach the game to other younger students.
- **Equestrian Club** Membership ranges from those who simply like to be around horses and want to learn more; to those skilled riders who contribute to the success of our school teams.
- **Polo** Following the outstanding success of the school polo team in July 2007 in winning the Schools and Universities Polo Association Millfield Cup, and subsequently very strong performances at a local and national level; we have a very strong uptake in this equestrian discipline.

## CCF/Ten Tors

- **The Combined Cadet Force (Army, Navy, RAF)** The CCF helps develop powers of leadership, self-discipline, responsibility, self-reliance, endurance, resourcefulness and perseverance through a wide variety of experiences and activities.
- **Ten Tors** Organised by the MOD, this is open to some Youth Organisations. 2,400 youngsters take part every year in a hike across Dartmoor.

## International

- **Far Frontiers** All students doing A Level Biology have the opportunity to participate in a field trip expedition to a tropical environment. Destinations have included Costa Rica, Borneo, Ecuador, Vietnam and Galapagos.
- **Partner Ghana** In 2013-14 St Bart's established the foundations for a long-term partnership with Kyiase School in Ghana, West Africa. It is anticipated that Sixth Form students will take a leading role in collaboration between the two schools