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## SHOW GARDENS

For the second year, Year 11 horticulture students have been designing and creating their own show gardens on a 4m x 2m section of land in the kitchen garden area on the hill behind the Curnock block.

This year the gardens were judged by the Headteacher on a wide range of criteria including design concept, timing, finishing, presentation and commitment.

The gardens look very impressive and the result was close with Aqua St Bart's topping the judge's scores overall.



The winning garden (pictured left), with bold yellow and purple tulips surrounding a bright blue path and completed with a traditional birdbath and trimmed box balls, was the creation of Oscar Blackall, Graham Wallace and Oliver Hine.

Runner-up (pictured below) was 'Black and White and Red all over' by Silpa Mariya Shajan and Sophie Abrehart.

Congratulations to all these students.



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## DIARY DATES

- Mon 11 May GCSE/AS Examinations Begin
- Mon 18 May Y9 Practice Exams
- Fri 22 May Y13 Last Day of Formal Teaching
- Half Term – Monday 25 – Friday 29 May
- Mon 1 June Y13 Study Leave Begins



## CALENDAR ADDITIONS

- Tues 2 June Y7 Dance Day
- Wed 3 June Y8 Dance Day
- Tues 23 June – Tues 30 June Spanish Exchange Return Visit
- Wed 24 June Y10 House Tennis/Cricket P3/4/5
- Thur 9 July Y9 House Tennis/Cricket P2/3/4



## MOCK ELECTION

The school polling station opened on 7 May for students to cast their votes in the St Bart's Mock Election 2015.

Preceding election day four Year 10 candidates volunteered to represent different parties. Lucas Marino (Green), Jamie Maughan (Conservative), Tosin Sonubi (Labour) and Joe Stevens (UKIP), supported by their student party teams and helped by the Sixth Form debating society, campaigned around the school. They visited tutor groups and gave speeches at a whole school assembly. Each student party campaigned on the policies of their respective national political party.



*Placing the votes in the ballot box, made by Mr James.*

The school went to the polls during break and activity times, watched nervously by the four candidates. The vote was counted and it was a tense moment when the results were announced on Friday morning.

There was a very good turnout with 930 students voting. The school results were:

Conservative	434 (declared the winner)
Labour	238
UKIP	149
Green	109



*Sixth Form helpers at the school polling station*

## PATTERSON PEOPLE



At a recent House assembly Mr Brennan announced the bronze, silver and gold awards achieved by Patterson students in Years 7 – 9, and the House colours achieved by students in Year 10 and above, all too many to list here. The House office was busy that day handing out badges and ties to the award winners; well done to everyone involved. All of these students will have done something to help our charity, Guide Dogs for the blind and partially sighted.

At an earlier assembly speakers came to talk to Patterson about the work done by these wonderful dogs and how they help people function from day-to-day. We are very pleased to have raised enough funds to be able to sponsor a puppy which includes being able to choose a name and getting updates on how his or her training is progressing. We have raised almost enough money to sponsor a second puppy and this is our aim now for the remainder of the summer term. Mr Brennan has put forward a challenge to the tutor group which can raise the most amount of money; he will do a sponsored swim to the same number of lengths as pounds raised, eg £100 raised by a tutor group and he will swim 100 lengths. So, get fundraising!

The next Patterson event on 16 May is our annual trip to Thorpe Park. This is all organised and paid for and we are looking forward to a great day out together. Look out for a report in the next edition of BartholoNews.

Thank you for your continuing support.

**Mr Brennan, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Humphreys**  
**The Patterson Team**

## GREECE

The Easter holidays saw a group of 33 Sixth Form classics and philosophy students head out to Greece for a week of exploring the ancient ruins and cultural immersion. Accompanied by Mrs Coin, Mr Crampton and Mr Cruise, as well as a personal tour guide, we

were in knowledgeable hands when it came to understanding the sites, the museums and where to get the best gyros in Athens.

The tour began in Athens, visiting the Acropolis and its museum, but we also had the opportunity to see the sights at

Delphi, Olympia, Mycenae, Sounion and Epidauros. One walked where the Greeks did. Or climbed where they did, in the case of the caves below the Temple of Poseidon.

Some other highlights included the view of Athens from the Acropolis, following the sacred pathway in Delphi and running the original Olympic race track! While the main attractions at the sanctuary sites were the monumental temples, the museums we visited had some of the most important archaeological finds from the Greek world. They were particularly useful as most had the architectural sculpture from the temples to preserve them. After walking around the sites first, it was easy to imagine how the sculpture would have looked on the gables and friezes of the buildings and it was easier for us to study the pieces up close from inside a museum.

For the Year 13 students this trip was particularly important since many of these sites included temples and pieces of art which are studied in the A2 course, but the Year 12s very much enjoyed the preview of what is to come for them.

Of course, it was a busy week, as indicated by the 3.30am set off from school on the first day, but there was time for relaxation and socialising in between, hitting the beach at



Tolo and taking a moonlit stroll through Athens to get ice cream. Plus, there were plenty of coach journeys between hotels to catch a quick snooze, sing some karaoke or just admire the scenery as we cruised along the Greek coast and into the mountains.

All in all, we had been looking forward to the trip for months and it still managed to surpass our expectations. We can boast that we have seen some of the most important sites in antiquity and made some good friends along the way, but would jump at any chance to go back.

Many thanks to Mrs Coin for organising such an extravaganza and to Mr Cruise and Mr Crampton for their support. We are all so grateful.

**Camilla Dickson**



### CALENDAR AMENDMENTS

Tuesday 12 May Y7 House rounders/softball P3 (EP released from lesson) will now take place on Tuesday 19 May.

Thursday 14 May – Y9 House rounders/softball P3 (EP released from lesson) will now take place on Wednesday 13 May.

Tues 7 July Y9 House tennis/cricket P2/3/4 will not take place on Tuesday 14 July.

Thursday 9 July Curriculum Enrichment & Skills Day Y7-10 will now take place on Thursday 16 July.



## CURNOCK NEWS

Curnock's first assembly of the term was a celebration of achievements by our students. We started with the awards for KS3 with bronze and silver badges being given to the following students:

### Bronze

Callum Congerton 8C2  
Daniel Norman 8C1  
Tasha Gee 8C1

### Silver

<p style="color: green;"><b>8C1</b></p> <p>Holly Cuff Grace Davis Billy Dijksman Tom Macauley Ava Mason-Chandler Lucy McMillan Sam Middleton Lois Ryan Erin Sharp Anna Stephens Isobel Uwins</p>	<p style="color: green;"><b>8C2</b></p> <p>Josie Badman Cammy Bull Livi Day Isabelle Hole Emma James Clarice Knapp Alice Lansley Megan Lay Kieran Topiwala Ellie Webb</p>
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The first awards of House Colours were also given. There is a chance for students who were not successful this time to get theirs at a second award later this term, so make sure you do those extra little bits that could make all the difference.

Congratulations go to:

### Year 12

<p style="color: green;"><b>12C1</b></p> <p>Dan Green Elin Landhed</p>	<p style="color: green;"><b>12C2</b></p> <p>Dayna Clifton Will Davidson Crista Harwood Jack Hayman Alex Maughan James Murrell Hannah Waddington</p>
<p style="color: green;"><b>12C3</b></p> <p>Eileen Graham Jocelyn O'Brien Charlie Oretti Harriet Penna</p>	

### Year 10

<p style="color: green;"><b>10C1</b></p> <p>Tom Allum Anna Ferguson Chris Manley Jemima Marsden Jamie Maughan Grace Martin Abby McDevitt Hannah Money Tom Murrell Bukunmi Oluwande George Pavitt Eleanor Waters Dan West</p>	<p style="color: green;"><b>10C2</b></p> <p>Rhian Bevan Oliver Craig Maddie Deacon Gabrielle Hatchwell-Monroy Max Hayman Max Hersh John Neely William Oretti Harriet Roach Nathan Rosier Anna Peacock Lucy Walker</p>
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We were very pleased to note that a large number of students who have gone through to the next stage of the Education and Business Partnership's Cultivate Competition are Curnock students. Well done to Emily Ayling, Libby Davis, Molly Dummett, Stephen Chooi, Isy Hart, Thea Manton and Harriet Atherton. We wish them well in the next stage of the competition.

We are currently collecting small coins for a coin collection in aid of our House charity. If you have any spare cash please make sure you bring it in to your tutor. It will be interesting to see which tutor group can collect the most. Good luck to our House rounders and softball teams - remember 'No Gaps' for Curnock!

**Mrs Mounsey, Mrs Kempster, Mrs Palmer and Mrs Hamblin**

## BOYS' PE

### Cricket success

Congratulations to James Bird who had an outstanding performance in a trial for the South and West of England U15s set up. James was particularly impressed with his bowling as he bowled 7 overs in the match taking 2 wickets and only conceded 9 runs. Well done James for all the time you have spent in winter training and we look forward to you building on this in the summer term.

### Senior Rugby Dinner and Awards

A big thank you to Alex Murtagh for organising the evening on behalf of the senior rugby team, held at Elcot Park Hotel. All those who attended the event were a credit to the school and the behaviour throughout the evening was excellent.

The evening celebrated an amazing season for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV who won 11 matches, notably against Reading School 33-12, Reading Blue Coat 38-12, Downs, Leighton Park 17-12, Forest twice which eventually led to them being crowned both area champions and county champions. The evening was split into three sections with speeches from Mr McGall and Scot Cullen, formal awards outlined below and then informal awards presented by Alex Murtagh, James Lewis and their assistant for the evening Sam Lomas-Bower.



*Oli Cooper won the Top Try Scorer award and Coaches player*



*Matt Tucker won the Most Improved*

*Alex Lockhart won the Players Player award with Oli Cooper in second and James Lewis and Oli Hassell-Collins tied in third.*



*Alex Murtagh won the Clubman Award.*

*Matt Parkes won the Endeavour Award*



## **GIRLS' PE**

The PE department and Curnock House congratulate Lauren Bell who received her first senior cricket cap for Berkshire recently. She made her debut against Surrey. Heather Knight, England Ladies Vice Captain, presented her cap to her.



Berkshire lost by two runs in a very tense game. Lauren was first change bowler and took two wickets for 49 runs of her nine overs. Well done Lauren.

## **Girls' Tennis**

The Year 9/10 girls have played two of their AEGON tennis league matches. They beat Queen Anne's School but unfortunately lost to The Abbey School in a very close tie breaker game.

They have been a fantastic team to work with so congratulations to Alice Wright, Emma Street, Izzy Sanderson and Georgie Sanderson.

**Miss McGreevy**

## **Netball**

The netball league results from last term have arrived. Well done to the Year 10 team, finishing in second place and to the Sixth Form team finishing in first place.

## **Rounders**

The Sixth Form rounders team won their area tournament last week.

## **A GREAT WAY TO FINISH**

The Year 11 sports leaders finished their two year course in style by leading a multi skills festival for two of our local primary schools on Friday 1 May.



120 Year 6 pupils from both St Nicolas' School and John Rankin arrived at St Bart's for a fun packed afternoon of activity on the synthetic turf pitches. The sports leaders created and led their own stations throughout the afternoon and as the pupils rotated through the different stations they had the opportunity to experience a wide variety of skills including cricket, lacrosse, football, rugby, fitness activities plus many more. The Year 6 pupils had a brilliant afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet and mix with each other in preparation for their arrival as Year 7 students in September.



Well done and thank you to all the sports leaders. It was a fantastic way to finish and you were a great credit to the school.

*More photos on page 7.*

**Mrs L Leach**

## BOYS' PE

### Football Cup Final v Kennet

St Bart's managed to squeeze past Kennet to win the Newbury 7 District football final on 30 April. Dan Stevenson opened the scoring with a tap in at the far post from a corner. St Bart's continued with the pressure in the first half and were unlucky not to score a few more goals. Just before the break Harry Brooker saw the keeper off his line and scored a stunning goal from the half way line, which surprised the keeper.

In the second half it was a far more even affair and Kennet managed to pull back a goal, but St Bart's kept up the pressure and closed out the game.

Man of the match for St Bart's was Reece Gkotsis. This was a great achievement from all the boys over the season.



Squad included – Josh Douglas, Will Joseph, Oliver Muckleston, Tom Lamden, Jake Ford, Harry Brooker, Harry Donne, Callum Meechan, Oliver Paul, Oliver Hounslow, Josh Young, Sam Middleton, Reece Gkotsis, Dan Stevenson, Huw Williams.

**Reece Gkotsis 8P2**

## SPORTS MULTI SKILLS FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHS

