

A DREAM COME TRUE

Music Department Concert Tour to Disneyland Paris

Very early, at 5am, on 3 July, 87 students arrived at the school to begin their concert tour to Disneyland Paris. Loading into two coaches, the choir and the orchestra enjoyed a smooth journey down through the tunnel and arrived at Hotel Explorers at around 4pm. The students were delighted to discover that the hotel was pirate-themed

throughout, as were some of the staff! Everyone enjoyed a massive buffet meal, and then made use of the hotel's exciting water park.

The next day started early, with a short coach trip to the Disneyland Park, where the students were met by the Disneyland stage manager, and led into the exclusive backstage area to prepare for their shows. First the school orchestra did a sound-check and quick practice on the stage, which was right next to the castle in the very middle of the park. The orchestra had to performing in school uniform, and the stage management crew were very strict about uniform and deportment – much stricter than being at school! At exactly 11am (there was a backstage countdown to the time) there was an announcement in four languages and the orchestra emerged onto the stage and performed, which was broadcast live across the park.



They performed a mixed program of music from the films Skyfall, Pirates of the Caribbean, Austin Powers and Frozen under the baton of Mr Maunders. Despite the scorching sunshine, the instruments managed, mostly, to stay in tune, and the students produced a very professional performance, and were congratulated by the Disneyland stage management.

Following the orchestra was the choir's turn to perform The Rose and a selection of songs from Les Miserables. In the same way as the orchestra, they completed a successful sound-check and sounded amazing through the Disneyland PA system. Unfortunately, as the choir was about to walk on stage for their performance, the heavens opened and everyone had to run for cover as the stage crew wrestled rain covers over all the sound equipment. Due to the strict scheduling of the

performances on the stage, there was sadly no possibility to postpone the performance.

The afternoon was lovely. The rain cleared, and the students were able to explore the park and go on the rides. Everyone had a really exciting day, and were able to stay until the park was closing at 11pm.

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After such a long day all the students and staff were pretty tired the next day, and there were a lot of sleepy heads on the coaches on the way back to Newbury. Again there was no trouble with the transport, and there was a smooth transit back to school, arriving earlier than expected in time for tea on Sunday 5 July.



Everyone had a great time, and the behaviour, appearance and attitude of all the students on the trip was fantastic. They were a credit to the school in every regard, and following the success of the tour, plans are already afoot for another concert tour in 2016! Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Grant, Miss Oxner, Miss Marshall, Mr Edens, Mrs Burdett, Miss Alden and Miss Boggett for accompanying the tour organiser, Mr Maunders, and ensuring the safety of the students and the success of the whole tour throughout the weekend.



END OF TERM

Term ends on Tuesday 21 July at 12.30pm. Please remember to take all your books and belongings home.

Start of Autumn Term

There is a staff training day on Tuesday 1 September.

The student term begins on Wednesday 2 September. Year 12 new to St Bart's report to the Sixth Form area at 11.00am.

Year 7 report to the Hall at 11.15am.

Years 8 – 12 report to tutor rooms at 12.15pm.

Year 13, term begins on Thursday 3 September, reporting to tutor rooms promptly at 8.30am.

VISIT TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY

On Thursday 2 July Mr Bull and Mrs Lane took a group of Year 10 students to visit Oxford University for the Open Day. The students had the opportunity to attend mini lectures and chat to tutors and current students, as well as enjoy the architecture and ambience of the historic city.

Over lunch in New College Cloisters (made famous when it was used as a location in 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire'), the students were able to ask lots of questions of former St Bart's student Holly Titford, who recently graduated from that college with a degree in History.

The questions ranged from, 'How hard is it really to get into Oxford?' and 'What are the best and worst parts of studying and living here?'

The trip was extremely popular and Mrs Lane hopes to take those students who were disappointed this time for a visit in the autumn term. Thanks to all students for an interesting day; we hope you enjoyed it and were inspired.

Mrs Lane



Our trip to Oxford University was an amazing experience. The university colleges were really beautiful and the gardens and courtyards were picturesque – it looks like a fantastic place to study. When we were there we listened to a few taster lectures in History, Modern Languages and Classics, which were all fun and interesting. Then we visited whichever departments and colleges we came across as we wandered around Oxford. Unfortunately we didn't have time to visit the Bodleian Library, so that is something I will have to do if I go there again. Overall, visiting Oxford was really exciting, even though the university itself and all the students studying there were quite intimidating! **Rebecca Shaw 10P1**



SIXTH FORM CONFERENCE AT DOUAI ABBEY

The A Level Sociology and Politics students recently went to an educational conference at Douai Abbey. The general consensus of the event was it was extremely insightful and fulfilling. We participated in an action packed day involving a range of lectures from experienced individuals. Speakers consisted of previous convicts such as Noel 'razor' Smith, magistrates and Douglas who worked in social policy. This was a chance for us to get a feel for the university style of teaching and ask questions of interest to further our subject knowledge. We were given the opportunity to work in groups and this enabled us to take on board different opinions and strengthened our ability to compromise when coming to a conclusion. We were involved in role playing activities as magistrates and determining punishment for cases studies. Although challenging we have all now picked up on terms such as 'mitigating factors' and understand the difficulties of the prosecution process.

After dining with the monks at Douai Abbey we made our way back into the conference room to carry on with some evening activities. We ended the evening with a humorous game of rounders and quiz as the sun set upon the Abbey.



The next day we were involved in a very controversial talk from the Chief Police Commissioner of the Thames Valley. It became apparent, many of the students didn't agree with his point of view on abstract views upon certain issues within society. I feel this was helpful in encouraging the students to speak up and debate their points in a mature manner. It really illustrated the passion within the group for current affairs and social issues.

Overall the trip was very enjoyable and beneficial. For the Subject Reps it gave us a chance to settle into our roles. We would definitely recommend the trip to anyone considering it next year. We also found the venue extremely tranquil and a peaceful place to relax.

Rachel Tominey 12E2

A TASTE OF UNIVERSITY

A group of eight Year 12 students recently visited the Department of Chemistry at the University of Reading for a hands-on practical session. Students were given a brief talk and then moved into the undergraduate teaching laboratory to make, purify and analyse an ester, a type of organic compound.

The pictures show Harry Ritchie and Conor Beale (newly appointed Sixth Form

Chemistry reps) looking the part as they weighed out their starting material and

Omar Soomro with William Davidson using the melting point apparatus.





FURTHER MATHS ON TOUR

On Wednesday 1 July, the Year 12 Further Mathematics students visited Southampton University to join in with an interesting but challenging day

solving advanced level maths problems.

We were first given an introduction before quickly being sent on our way. Our day was made up of four sessions run by the Further Maths Support Program. These sessions tested our independent and group working ability, from solving (fairly) easy questions to looking at more challenging questions taken from university maths admission tests (MAT, STEP, AEA).

We took part in the 'Fun Maths Road Show', a session filled with practical and engaging questions. Later in the day we also looked at solving relay style senior maths challenge questions.

We were also given guidance on how to look at, break down and solve more complex questions from the staff at the university. This gave us an idea of how to work through what we would expect to find in our entry exams.

Overall, we found the problem solving day fun, interesting and helpful. It gave us a good idea of the steps we need to take when facing slightly more challenging problems.

LATIN FOR BEGINNERS

To parents of current Year 8 students

Beginners Latin for Year 9 students will be available from September 2015 and lessons will take place for one hour a week after school on

Tuesdays. Letters have been sent out to parents whose child has signed up. Please return the terms and conditions form to Ms E Coin. If your child is interested, there is still time to sign up by taking a letter (available from Ms Coin in the English office), or by contacting ecoin@stbarts.co.uk



DAVIS DIARY

Awards

Congratulation to the following students, Gerren Scapens and Connor Warren on being awarded their Junior House Colours.

Meg Seymour and Brendan Hillier have achieved their Bronze Award and well done to Jake Ford, Dan Beck, Dominic Gibbard and Bethan Davies on achieving their Silver Awards.

Joseph Wordley, Lucas Rollett, Isabella Martin, Michael Repton, William Beith, Andrew McDowell, Harry Murphy, Matthew Forsyth, Carla Pattenden, Sabrina Rivera, Emma Street, Emma Greenslade, Florence Thomas, Tegan Scapens and Jacob Adams on achieving their Gold Awards.

Well done!

Charity

Congratulations to 9D1 who have raised £50 in their Xbox Challenge. Thank you to Mr Evans.

Thank you to everyone for all your contributions to House and charity events this year.

Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Thorne and Mrs Lee



PATTERSON PEOPLE

Patterson House has had a wonderful year with successes in chess, debating, expressive arts and sport. We look forward to finding out how well we will have done in the Championships by the end of term with sports day field events to take place on Monday 13 July and will report on the highlights in next week's BartholoNews, the last one of the school year.

We have had a great couple of years raising funds for our current charity Guide Dogs for Blind and Partially Sighted and have raised £4714 so far with a cake sale being held today, the day of writing, and to add to the total which we hope will be very near £5000. This will enable us to sponsor a puppy guide dog, or even two. Look out for news of this in next year's BartholoNews.

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

SPANISH EXCHANGE VISIT

At 7am on Tuesday 30 June we bid a tearful farewell to our Spanish exchange students after a wonderful week together. We were blessed by the weather and so could show our Spanish students and colleagues that it doesn't always rain in England! It also meant that the Spanish students were able to take full advantage of exploring Salisbury, London and Oxford taking in many quintessential British landmarks and learning about our heritage and culture.

I would like to thank the St Bart's students and families who took part for welcoming the Spanish students into your homes and for looking after them so well. They all had a great time and have returned home with fond memories and new friendships that we hope will carry on far beyond this exchange visit week. I would also like to thank the many members of staff who supported this week and helped supervise or provide activities to enable our Spanish visitors to have a truly exciting and memorable British experience.

Mrs Clare.



Here are some reflections from students who took part.

“I think the Spanish exchange was a great experience; I have made a really good friend who I hope to visit again next summer.”
Matt Grey (10 D2)

“I really enjoyed the Spanish exchange especially as it was my second year so I got along with my exchange partner extremely well. Through the exchange I have managed to make friends with so many people and I do hope I can see them all again by doing the exchange next year.” Alessia Ricchi (10D3)

“Taking part in the Spanish exchange not only made me more independent but it helped me learn key Spanish words and learn more about the culture. I have lots of good memories about this exchange that I will not forget.” Lisa Darling (9E2)

“Having a Spanish partner over was great fun and a nice change for me and my family. By living with us for a week she learnt new English expressions that we use as part of our everyday lives. Next summer, we are going to meet up again, which I am looking forward to greatly.” Caitlin Wilton (9E2)

“The Spanish exchange has been great. When she came I had so much fun with her. I have learnt lots of new Spanish words and phrases. This exchange has also made me understand more about Spain and its culture.”
Beth Mellor (9E2)



JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

MATHS

At the end of April, 220 of our Year 7 and 8 students took the Junior Maths Challenge. With 13 gold, 33 silver and 43 bronze certificates, our haul was up on last year and approaching a par with two years ago when we set our school's record. Worthy of particular mention are:

Sophie Barrett, Benjamin Withers and Theo Loxton in Year 7, and Tom MacAulay, Benjamin Potter and Henry Stacey in Year 8, all of whom qualified for further rounds.

In the Junior Kangaroo – a new competition – Theo Loxton did especially well, getting a Merit.

Only Henry Stacey qualified for the Junior Maths Olympiad, a terrific achievement in itself. He then went on to get a Merit in that competition, which has not been done by anyone in this school at that level before.

Congratulations to all of those students.

Mr J Burbea



JOB VACANCIES

We currently have a number of vacancies at St Bart's. If you are interested in applying, please visit the school's website for further information and an application form. Alternatively, if you know anyone who may be interested in any of the roles please pass the details onto them.

SITE SUPERVISOR (SATURDAY)

Permanent, required for 5 September 2015
Part-time 7.5 hours per week over 30 weeks (term time)
Normal hours 11.00am to 7.00pm

Salary FTE £16,231 – £17372 gross, pa, pro rata (£8.41 - £9.00 per hour)
Equates to starting salary £2,157.92 gross pro-rata

You will be involved in actively carrying out cleaning and redecoration, to maintain a safe school environment for our students and staff, as well as building security and management of the letting. We are looking for a flexible team member who is well organised, able to work on their own with minimal supervision and liaise with hirers throughout the day.

CASUAL CATERING GENERAL ASSISTANT

Join our catering team providing healthy food for our students and staff. Previous experience in a catering environment and a basic knowledge of food hygiene would be an advantage, however full training will be given.

Hours will be flexible and paid on a timesheet basis at £8.04 per hour.

CASUAL MINIBUS DRIVER

We wish to appoint a driver with a D1 licence to safely drive the minibus on school trips and manage the upkeep of the vehicle. A full clean driving licence is required.

Hours will be flexible and paid on a timesheet basis at £9.17 per hour.

For full details and to apply please visit: www.stbarts.co.uk

Closing date: Sunday 9 August 2015

Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks.

Tel: 01635 521255

E-mail: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk
www.stbarts.co.uk



THE INAUGURAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – ST BART'S

8E2 organised a staff and student tennis doubles competition and sold drinks and ice creams in aid of the Evers House charity, West Berkshire Mencap.

In a close final Miss McGreevy and Tom Webster edged out Mr Munday and Will Fyall. Thank you to all who took part.

TENNIS

Congratulations to the Year 9/10 girls' tennis team for achieving a place in the AEGON schools tennis semi final. They were drawn against Charters School on Monday 8 July. We arrived early with plenty of time to warm up and prepare. The singles games started well with Alice Wright winning her game 6-0. Both doubles games were well fought for, but ended in Charters taking the win. Well done to Alice Wright, Emma Street, Izzy Sanderson and Georgie Sanderson. They have been excellent representatives of the school and a pleasure to work with.



GET INVOLVED

Race for Life for Men

Sunday 26 July

Newbury Showground

Details www.boysbeatingcancer.org

COUNTY ATHLETICS

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Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who represented West Berkshire last week:

Charlotte Dobson 2nd high jump

Maddie Barnes 2nd discus

Daisy Dijksman discus

Freya Owen 150m

Lucy West hurdles

Vanya Kynazev discus

Hugh Beattie 1000m

ROUNDERS

Well done to the Year 9/10 rounders teams who took part in the local league finals. Year 9 finished third and Year 10 finished second.



ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Rosie Stanton who competed in a team of four for the English Schools Combined Events Championships Regional Finals on 27/28 June. The Berkshire girls' team won and they now go on to compete in the National Finals in Bedford on 19/20 September.

BERKSHIRE SUMMER GAMES

The Year 9/10 Super Sixes golf team and the Year 7 boys and girls Quadkids athletics teams represented West Berkshire at the Berkshire Summer Games at Wellington College on 7 July.

The golf team came third from eight schools and the boys' athletics third and girls' athletics fourth from 16 schools.

Golf team – Nathan Rosier, Joe Wordley, Oscar Day, Nick Haynes, Dan O'Connell, Jamie Maughan.

Quadkids team – Oscar William, Max Neate, Xander Howate, Dan Morgan, Luca Vicaria, Lucy Quesada Getgood, Mia Landhed, Hattie Smithson, Lola Callaghan, Davie James

BERKSHIRE SCHOOL GAMES TRAINING ACADEMY

On Monday 6 July the sports ambassadors travelled to Wellington College to help run the school games. The training session comprised lectures on disability in sport, safe guarding and varieties of communication, all of which was very useful.

Once we finished our training for the day we were able to relax and get to know the other ambassadors.



The next morning was an early start for a hectic day. Both of us were team managers for Falkland and John Rankin. Each school did really well with Falkland winning tri-golf. All the students we supervised enjoyed taking part in the activities within the cultural village. It was a great honour for us to take part in this event and we really enjoyed it.

Annie Taylor 11P2 and Jo Kirk 11C1

BERKSHIRE SCHOOL GAMES COUNTY FINALS

On 7 July five girls went to a Quadkids Athletics event which took place at Wellington College. The girls worked hard both on the track and field events and had some excellent performances particularly in the 800m and 100m sprint. They were placed 4th out of 16 schools narrowly missing out on 3rd place which was an excellent achievement at this level of competition. Congratulations to the following girls who took part. M Landhed, L Q Getgood, H Smithson, L Callaghan, D James.



In the morning before our competition we took part in the cultural village where we had some excellent opportunities to try new skills. These included dry ski slope skiing, face painting, volleyball, handball, team building activities and archery. We also had an inspirational talk from Olympic rower Charles Cousins who we then spoke to at the end of his presentation.

On behalf of all the girls that took part we want to say that we are so grateful that the opportunity was given to us and another big thank you to the people that helped us most.

Davie James 7C2 and Hattie Smithson 7P2.

BOYS' PE

Cricket

Year 7 beat Park House, scoring 104 runs for the loss of 6 wickets. They limited Park House to a score of 95 runs for the loss of 8 wickets. Eden Camplin demonstrated some excellent bowling, and took 4 wickets in just one over.

Year 8 beat The Downs, scoring 105 for 7 off 16 overs, and bowling Downs out for 85. They also beat Clere School, limiting Clere to 57 for 4 off 16 overs and then scoring 58 for 2 off only 8 overs. Josh Douglas was strong with the bat and Poom Narongpun bowled very tidily and took several wickets.

Year 9 have had some very close matches which have all come down to the last over. In their most recent match they beat Trinity, bowling Trinity all out for 68 and then scoring 72 in 7 overs. Oliver Nethercott scored 43 not out and Archie Awford, Lauren Bell and Joe Middleton each took a brace of wickets.

Year 10 beat Trinity. Captain Jamie Maughan was man of the match, top scoring with the bat 33 runs retired after 5 overs and took two wickets for only 6 runs.