



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Thank you once again for your tremendous support during 2014-15. It has been another successful year in which much has happened, from hosting Children in Need, BBC

Question Time, holding mock elections, a Shakespeare's birthday celebration, Science Week and much more. We saw Ofsted visit the school and recognise all the great opportunities the students have here at St Bart's and the good progress our students make. They commented that "the behaviour of students is outstanding. Students' great desire to learn makes a very strong contribution to their good progress." We are very proud of all our students and what happens every day at the school. Really great lessons and really great attitudes and relationships from all students and staff makes St Bart's special.

Over the last few weeks it has been a great privilege to be part of the many activities taking place, including Sports Day in which students and staff participated, our Founder's Day service, the PA Summer Festival, the Summer Concert, the production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat', Curriculum Days and a visit to the CCF Camp on the Isle of Wight. We also saw Year 13 and Year 11 leave and graduate with huge smiles on their faces and a few tears and we now look forward to celebrating their examination results in August.

Next year we will continue to develop the school even further, and to support that the Governors of the school promoted Dr Fitter to Deputy Headteacher and the House teams have been restructured, and from September the new teams will be:

Curnock

Head of House	Mrs Hodges
House Achievement/Progress Leader	Mr Brooker
House Administrative/Progress Manager	Mrs Hamblin

Davis

Head of House	Mrs Hodgkin
House Achievement/Progress Leader	Miss McGreevy
School House Administration Assistants	Mrs Humphreys Mrs Palmer

Evers

Head of House	Miss Thorne
House Achievement/Progress Leader	Mr Edens
House Administrative/Progress Manager	Mrs Willcox

Patterson

Head of House	Mr Brennan
House Achievement/Progress Leader	Miss Midgley
House Administrative/Progress Manager	Mrs Codling

Uniform and Equipment

Whilst the students are on their summer break, can I ask that you please ensure that your son/daughter has the correct uniform and equipment ready to be worn appropriately for September so that high standards can be set from the beginning of term and we can focus all our energies on learning.

Retirements

Lastly, we are sadly saying goodbye to several members of staff at the end of term. More than 75 years of teaching have been notched up by Mr Grant, Mrs Nichol and Mrs Pollitt.



Mr Grant joined St Bart's in 1980 as a music teacher and was promoted to Head of Expressive Arts in 2006. He has greatly contributed to the multitude of opportunities students have to get involved in concerts, House competitions and performances.

Mrs Nichol is retiring after 14 years as Head of English. She has seen the Faculty develop and grow in both size and success. Exam results have improved year on year and new subjects in Media and Film Studies have been introduced under her leadership.

Mrs Pollitt has been associated with St Bart's for 54 years as she joined Newbury Girls' Grammar School as a student from 1961 to 1968. She returned to the old girls school from 1972 to 1975 to teach History before taking a break when her children were young. In 1991 she was again appointed as a history teacher and has remained since. Mrs Pollitt has a particular interest in the history of the school and we have been privileged to read two publications she has written - 'Wisdom is strength: a history of Newbury Girls' School' marked its centenary in 2004 and then in 2010

'Ad Lucem' was published which reflects on the history of both former grammar schools and subsequent changes to education at St Bart's, concluding with the school's move into our new buildings in 2010.

Also retiring are Mr Winkle and Mr Arthur. We wish them all well for the future.

Farewells

We are also saying farewell to Ms Deighan, Head of Politics who is taking up a promotional post in another school, Miss Sudbury from Mathematics who is leaving to work abroad and Mrs Davies in Textiles, Ms Coin in Classical Civilisation and Mr Meddle in PE who are relocating. Dr Robinson and Dr Zabierek in Science, Mr Timpson in Modern Foreign Languages and Mr Paudyal in ICT are all taking up new opportunities.

The following members of our support staff are also moving on to new positions or ventures Ms Evans in Evers House, Mrs Lee in Davis House, Richard Adams a Science Technician, Brian Burgess our mini bus driver, Jennifer Butler, Teaching Assistant and Sion Salmon our Network Manager.

Sadly Mrs Kempster, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Gibbs are also leaving us with the restructure of the Houses and Business and Enterprise, and I know they will be missed by many.

I would like to thank them all for what they have contributed and done to support the school during their time with us, and we wish them all the best for the future.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer break and we look forward to the summer results and welcoming all our new students in September.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher



START OF THE 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.

CURNOCK NEWS

Last Curnock Assembly of Term

Curnock's last assembly was run by our new House Captains who had arranged for a special farewell to both Mrs Mounsey and Mrs Kempster. After ten years as Head of House Mrs Mounsey is stepping down but will continue in St Bart's as an English teacher. Sadly, due to a restructure of the House jobs, after seven years as Deputy Head of House, Mrs Kempster will not be returning to St Bart's in September.



The assembly started with Mr Hart giving a speech on how he felt Mrs Mounsey and Mrs Kempster both made good Curnocks according to the acrostic. In particular he thanked them for the care they have shown students over the years. A key ring was presented with the engraving 'the handshake, the smile, the Curnock spirit', which will be a much appreciated memento.

The House Captains then presented a montage of photos taken over the years. This was followed by various students and tutors who had been filmed giving their memories and thanks to their Househeads.

Mrs Mounsey and Mrs Kempster were overwhelmed with all the lovely comments. It has been a joy and a privilege to lead such a wonderful House. As said at the assembly it is the end of an era.

But the end of an era only marks the beginning of a new one and both Mrs Mounsey and Mrs Kempster are confident that Curnock's new Househeads will bring a fresh outlook, whilst hopefully retaining many of the features that make Curnock so special. They know it will remain the best House! They would like to extend their best wishes to the new incumbents and sincerely hope that their time in Curnock is as happy and rewarding as it has been for Mrs Mounsey and Mrs Kempster.

Another loss to Curnock will be Mrs Nichol who has been a tutor for 14 years and she will be very much missed. In particular Curnock will fondly remember her dramatic talents in House Evening.

Curnock also thanked Mrs Palmer who has been working every Friday in Curnock's House office. She is defecting to Davis and we very much appreciate all the support she has given over the past two years! She has been a great help, particularly with our filing system, and our loss is very much Davis' gain.

Student Awards

The following awards were also given:

Bronze

Brendan Chooi 7C1, Imogen Ainsley 7C2, Lottie Lee-Delisle 7C2, Daisy Dijksman 7C3
Lauren Delavere 7C3, Sophie Vallance-Grover 7C3, Rishi Rajkumar 7C3

Silver

Max Gandy 8C2

Gold

Harriet Atherton 9C1, Lili Lukehurst 9C1, Emily Ayling 9C2, Evie Bennett 9C2, Hannah Berry 9C2, Isy Hart 9C2, Polly Leaman 9C2, Jade Littlewood 9C2, Sophie Powell 9C2, Alice Warriner 9C2

It just remains to wish all of you a very happy summer holiday. Take care of yourselves and remember the safety rules, particularly if you are around water or out in the blazing sunshine!

Mrs Mounsey, Mrs Kempster, Mrs Hamblin and Mrs Palmer



DAVIS DIARY

This is our last Davis Diary for this academic year and we congratulate Abi Sinar 10D2 who was runner-up in the West Berkshire Cineclub Jury Prize at the Corn Exchange with her Film Three Dreams, One Key.

As term ends, we are saying farewell to the some members of Davis staff.

Farewells

Mrs Lee (Assistant House Head) has worked at St Bart's for 11 years and supported Davis House Office for the past five years. Many of you will have had contact with Mrs. Lee over the years and we thank her for her commitment to Davis House and wish her well with her future plans.

We also say farewell to Mr. Meddle, Mrs Davies, Mrs Pollitt and Dr Robinson.

Changes in September

Miss Thorne (Deputy House Head) – becomes Head of Evers House in September. Miss Thorne has been Deputy House Head for the past two and a half years and has made a positive impact on Davis House. We wish her well in her new role.

Mr Ebbs will also be moving from Davis House to Patterson.

We thank them all for their contribution to Davis House and wish them well.

May you all have a wonderful holiday and come back refreshed in September

Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Thorne and Mrs Lee

EVERS NEWS



We begin with big congratulations to 8E2 for getting into the Wimbledon spirit with an innovative fund-raising tennis tournament for students and staff this week. Match fees and monies raised from refreshment sales will go to our House charity West Berkshire Mencap.

As we approach the end of the school year, it is important that we give thanks and celebrate success. Firstly, a huge well done and thank you to all Evers students, staff and parents for a wonderful year starting with House Music, then the House Plays and House Dance

competitions. The House Sport Championship is very close and we hope to repeat last year's success when the final tallies are calculated.

Awards

Bronze

7E2 - Thomas Faretra, Hester Berger

Silver

9E2 - Tom Cole, Daniel Rees

Gold

9E2 - Lisa Darling, Izzie Lainsbury, Beth Mellor

Drama Colours

KS4 - Patrick Lintin, Fionn Grady, Stan Dooley, Adam Taylor

KS5 - Katie Gale, Ellie Grady, Jazzy Day-Langley

Farewells

This summer we say goodbye to some very important members of staff in Evers House. Mr Grant has been a tutor at St Bart's for 35 years and has now made the decision to begin his retirement. We thank you for all of your support, Mr Grant and wish you a very happy retirement.

Mr Winkle will also begin his retirement at the end of this term and we thank him for all of his excellent support. We also say goodbye to Mr Arthur, Miss Deighan and Mrs Zabierek from the House tutor team.

Evers House is very sad to say farewell to Ms Evans who will be leaving us at the end of this term. Ms Evans has been the Deputy Head of Evers for ten years. She is a valued member of the team who has spent many hours assisting students and parents with any issues they may have. We wish Ms Evans all the very best in the future – we will miss you!

Our time looking after Evers for the year is rapidly coming to an end and we would like to pass on our thanks and celebrate the successes of Evers for this year. We were overjoyed at the huge warm welcome we had as the new House Heads in September. We were welcomed in and value the support from all Evers tutors as we lead our House through the year. We are very grateful for this and will continue to keep an eye out for Evers in the future. A massive thank you to Miss Midgley and we wish her a best of luck as she takes up

her new post in Patterson House. Thank you all for your support!

Exciting times lay ahead for Evers as we welcome Miss Thorne as our new House Head. Mr Edens will take on the role as the Evers Progress and Achievement Leader. We are looking forward to working together, with Miss Willcox, to offer the best support to all in Evers House!

Mr Edens and Miss Midgley

See you in September!



PATTERSON PEOPLE

It is that time of the school year when we have to say some farewells to the House staff some

leaving St Bart's and some moving elsewhere in the school. In the House office Mrs Humphreys and Mrs Palmer (who works with us on Mondays on a job share basis) will be moving to Davis. Thank you both for all your support. Many thanks also to Mrs Pritchard who after almost seven years will be leaving St Bart's and says: "It's been both challenging and rewarding and there isn't much more you can expect from a job." A new member of staff will start in the House office, Mrs Codling, and Patterson will also be joined by Miss Midgley who moves to Patterson from Evers. Mr Brennan remains as House Head leading the new Patterson team. Miss Sudbury, Mr Paudyal, Mr Timpson and Mrs Ede are all leaving – we wish them good luck for the future and thank them for their work as tutors.

Good luck to all for the future and keep up the high standards that we have all come to expect from Patterson People. Have a wonderful summer.

Patterson Team - Mr Brennan, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Humphreys

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

On the 9 and 10 July a large cast of students performed the famous Andrew Lloyd Webber production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. After rehearsing hard for three months it was wonderful to see the final result. Songs such as 'Any Dream Will Do', 'One More Angel' and 'Go, Go, Go, Joseph' had audiences clapping their hands and singing along. Both nights ended with a standing ovations from the audiences!

Jimi Wild from Patterson House gave a fantastic performance as Joseph and was accompanied by a stellar cast of nearly 60 students! The quality of the talent on stage was remarkable!



A special mention has to go to our Curnock Year 12 student, James Murrell, who worked tirelessly to help the cast learn the songs as well as directing the orchestra!

Mr Edens, who directed the performance said "I am so, so proud of everyone who has been involved with the show from the cast on stage to the students operating the lights. The students have worked so hard through the rehearsal process and deserve to be praised for their fantastic efforts. As far as it goes with the amount of students involved in this production, in my history as a teacher this is by far the biggest production I have been a part of! Well done to everyone for such a fantastic show!"

We look forward to the future productions our Expressive Arts faculty produce!



ASDAN TRIP TO THE COTSWOLD ACTIVITY CENTRE

A group of Year 9 students had a successful, sunny trip to South Cerney on Thursday 9 July and Friday 10 July. Various activities took place, including designing and building a raft, which had to support eight of the Year 9 students as well as three members of staff! Owen Oakes described how important team work was to get the raft going “It was hard work to get everyone to work together to get the raft to move, but great fun when we got it, which gave us a real sense of achievement!”



The morning’s activities were followed by setting up camp and having lunch. Getting the tents put together, was somewhat more of a challenge than eating lunch, but by the end of lunchtime, everyone had a tent to sleep in. The team then set about on a five mile walk around the Sculpture Trail on one of the other lakes nearby. An array of nature was seen throughout the walk and the map reading skills that had been taught over the last academic year were put to good use. When we returned back to camp, a well earned BBQ was cooked and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The following morning we all woke up to another glorious warm sunny day, which was perfect for taking down the tents and the students cooking everyone breakfast on the Trangiers. The large breakfast was just what was needed for the day’s activities on the lake kayaking. This was one of the favourite activities; Elias Prince said how “fantastic kayaking was, particularly when we got to go down the water chute”. This may have had something to do with the members of staff not managing to stay in the kayak at this point!



Team games were also played while being in the kayaks, which were organised by appointed members of staff at the centre, encouraging everyone to get involved and work as a team.

The trip was a great experience, where everyone appreciated the importance of team work and listening to one another and how that can lead to being able to have fun and make the most of given experiences.



DRAMA COLOURS AWARDED IN JULY 2015

The Drama colours are awarded to students all Key Stages who have demonstrated the very highest level of commitment to involvement with extra-curricular drama over a period of at least three years. Those students awarded Drama Colours have regularly attended rehearsals and taken part in school productions and or supported in lower school drama lessons to help others in the subject over an extended period of years.

KS5

Eloise Trumper, Katie Gale, Ellie Grady, Jazzy Day-Langley, Jake Mawson, Seb Wrightson, James Murrell, Leanne Wright, Lydia Schofield

KS4

Patrick Lintin, Maia Brown, Emily Beck, Fionn Grady, Eleanor Rollinson

KS3

Sam Turner, Henry Chandler, Charlie Babbage
Isabelle Lloyd



KS4 SCIENCE AWARDS

The Science Department has rewarded students in KS4 (Year 10 only) who have made outstanding contributions, demonstrated significant improvement or just consistently worked hard. The students to be nominated and receiving certificates for the final half term of this academic year were:

Chloe Leftley 10D3, Susie Drake 10D3, Hasan Ahmed 10P2, Catherine Postlewaite 10P2, Alice Wright 10D3, Ryan Mitchell 10C1, Annabelle Bowey 10D2, Fiona Paus 10P1, Arty Blake 10P1, Connor Pass 10D3, Amber Coote 10D2, Jasmine Hounslow 10D1, Ella Joyce 10D1, Frankie Webb 10C2, Ben Beckwith 10E2, Ellena Butt 10E2, Amy Hathrill 10C1, Lauren Goodrick-Meech 10D1, Kate Amores 10P1, Juan Mascarenhas 10P1, Sam Young 10P1, Harry Jones 10D2, Ethan Indur 10P1, Ellie Wooldridge 10E2

The three students randomly selected to receive a prize were Ryan Mitchell 10C1, Amber Coote 10D2 and Amy Hathrill 10C1

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar for the autumn term 2015 will be on the website from 21 July.

Students will be given printed copies to take home for the summer. Students new to the school in September, including all of Years 7 and 12, will receive their copies on 2 September.

Tues 8 Sept Y12 Information Evening for Parents, Hall, 7pm

Thur 10 Sept Y7 Parents' Welcome & Information Evening: How to support your child with KS3 courses, Hall, 6pm



CRICKET

Congratulations to the Year 7 cricket team who beat Trinity in the league final last Tuesday. St Bart's bowled first and limited Trinity to 50 runs for the loss of 9 wickets off 16 overs, and then overtook Trinity's score in 8 overs. Man of the match was Alex Jordan who took 2 wickets and scored 20 not out. This is Year 7's first league title, and is the culmination of a very successful season in which they have only lost one match, and that was in the county cup semi final.

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT AND SKILLS DAYS SIXTH FORM

A varied programme of activities was put together for Year 12 students to prepare them for their 'next step.' Presentations about university applications and apprenticeships were given with guest speakers giving advice. Staff support was given to help students start their university applications and CVs.

All the students also spent some time working on an Arts Day project. They were asked to create a montage of artwork and poetry to depict life in the Sixth Form

The art A Level students are now compiling six large canvases creating collages which will be displayed around the school.



Many students were also involved with supporting different departments with the Curriculum Days for younger students. This helped develop leadership skills for the newly appointed Subject Reps. The Subject Reps will be on hand next term to support and advise the new Year 12 students as they embark on their A Level courses.

COUNTY MEDAL WINNER



Jamie Kuehnel 12P3 won the silver medal in the senior boys' hammer at the English Schools' Track and Field Championships in Gateshead (pictured left). His best throw of 59.13m was a personal best by over a metre and a new club U20 record. He only just missed out on gold.