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OPEN EVENING

This evening

**Tuesday 15 September 2015
5.30pm – 8.30pm**

St Bart's is a highly successful school offering a diverse and stimulating educational environment. The school achieved the best GCSE and A Level results in West Berkshire state schools this year.



Visitors are invited to come to our Open Evening to find out more about the opportunities available for students entering at Year 7 in September 2016.

Presentations by the Headteacher will take place in the Hall at 5.45pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm

Our two Open Mornings are on Monday 28 September and Wednesday 30 September from 9.00am – 10.45am

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HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the first whole school assembly of term last Wednesday the House Championship Cup was awarded. There was a tense moment before loud applause when Evers were crowned the winners for 2014-2015. They also clinched the Academic Shield.

The Evers House Office congratulates all of our Evers students in winning. This is a testament to the hard work and determination



shown by all students which is made possible by the support given by our amazing staff and our students' families.

The Sports Shield was won by Curnock House and the Citizenship Shield won by Davis House.

The results were very close and are detailed on pages 4 and 5. The Houses are now competing for the coveted prize over the forthcoming year.



Curnock



Davis



A LEVEL FOOD TECHNOLOGY TRIPS IN JULY

A Level students studying food technology went on two trips at the end of last term, to enrich and extend their knowledge of commodities, multi-cultural foods, scales of food production, and creative designing with food.

The Vineyard Restaurant.

Eating at The Vineyard was a very different experience; the meal was as though it was from another world. The food was absolutely sublime; the presentation was beautiful. I tried rabbit for the first time and I loved it. Having a meal at The Vineyard was like nothing I have ever experienced before. I learnt so much about fine dining and picked up some food presentation techniques.

Sophie Baikie



Before each course, the waiters told you a little history about the food - it was really interesting to know more about what you were eating and where the ingredients were from.

Lottie Phillips

Borough Market, London

The different array of food was incredible! I never realised there were so many different types of bread! It was really good to get ideas for our upcoming A2 coursework.

Katie Clements

As soon as we set foot in the market, our senses were bombarded!

From cheese stalls, giant squid, and gourmet doughnuts, to venison burgers and single estate coffee.



For me, Borough Market ticked all the boxes. I was not only filled with delicious foods, but also with ideas for my future food technology coursework.

Max Davies



PA DISCO
Years 8/9

Friday 25 September

7.00pm – 9.00pm
in the Hall

£3 on the door

Refreshments available
for sale



Digital Photography Workshops for Beginners

Got a new camera and want to know how to use it more creatively?

Why not sign up for this course of **four** digital photography workshops?

Wednesday evenings 6.00-7.15pm

starting **30 September**

at a cost of £40 per person

Open to adults and students alike

Pick up your registration form from Mr Turner in E130 or email pturner@stbarts.co.uk

MY SUMMER WITH THE NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE OF GREAT BRITAIN

I decided to audition for NYT at the beginning of this year, because it had an amazing reputation for producing British talent - alumni include Helen Mirren, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Daniel Day Lewis and Rosamund Pike. My audition was in Bristol in February and involved a three hour workshop in the morning followed by an individual audition in the afternoon where I performed my chosen monologue. It was the most fun and informative audition I have ever done and I came out afterwards already wanting to go back next year if I was unsuccessful. On 23 May after an agonisingly long wait, audition results were emailed to hopefuls all over the country – and I got a place on the junior intake acting course! Around 4500 young people auditioned (both for the senior and junior courses) and around 300 14-17 year olds gained a place on the junior course so I was very lucky and extremely excited.

During the run up to the course I managed to raise the £1200 needed to cover the costs of the course, accommodation and living expenses for two weeks in Greenwich. I would like to thank everyone at school (including staff, the Parents' Association and my friends

and fellow students and their families) who supported my sponsored walk and the various stalls I ran at school events - your generosity was overwhelming.

On 3 August I travelled to Greenwich to check into the student accommodation we'd be staying in and meet some of the rest of Course 6 (our group of 30 within the 300 junior members) for the first time. The next weeks with my NYT family passed in a blur of creative fun, inspiration and learning and they were definitely the best two weeks of my life. I learnt so much in such a short space of time, for example how to work as a large ensemble (our group created a breathing, speaking crocodile from 60 people in the final performance!) and the level of focus that was needed in a professional company. We also improved on previously learnt skills, spending two separate days doing improvisation and a Shakespeare workshop (these were both invaluable). New skills were introduced too by visiting professionals, such as puppetry and using the voice in theatre to create soundscapes.



During my time in London I also became much more independent, sharing a flat with five other girls from Course 6 and cooking for ourselves – although there were a lot of microwave meals involved! Essentially we got a taste of university life during the two weeks there, which will hopefully be useful in the future.

Overall this experience was so valuable in terms of learning what is involved in being part of a professional theatre company. Thank you so much to the school for all their support in so many different ways and I am so excited for all the opportunities NYT might give me over my next ten years as one of their members.

Emily Beck 11D3

COMMUNITY ST BART'S COMMUNITY

September marked the start of term, not just for students and staff, but also for many of our local community groups.

St Bart's is open all year round in the evenings, at weekends and during the holidays when various community groups hire our facilities for sports, music, drama, dance, adult education, meetings and social events.

Berkshire Maestros' office is based at the school and music lessons for school students across West Berkshire take place every day, including Saturdays, and regular concerts are held in the Hall.

We are pleased to welcome Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts who are now running term time classes at St Bart's on weekday evenings and Saturdays.

If you are interested in hiring our facilities for classes or events contact the Facilities Office at St Bart's for more information on 01635 521255.



CALENDAR UPDATES

Please note the following additions to the calendar:

Friday 25 September

CCF AT w/e depart 1pm (return Sunday 27 September at approx 6pm)

Thursday 1 October

Y10 Art trip to V&A Museum, London, 1pm-4.30pm

Friday 15 October

CCF RAF (Y10) Field Day, Hendon

CCF Army Field Day (Y10/12/13), Bramley

CCF Army/RAF Nightex (Y11/12/13), Bramley, return Saturday 17 October at approx 12.30pm)

Friday 13 November

CCF AT w/e depart 1pm, return Sunday 15 November at approx 6pm.

Sunday 13 December

CCF Ten Tors/AT Sunday Walk 1



HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2014-2015

The House Championship comprises three elements:

The Citizenship Shield: Music, Drama, Dance, Debating, Awards, Vivo Awards from Years 7 and 8,

Chess and Dance.

The Sports Shield: Tennis, Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Dodgeball and Athletics to name but a few! Though some events were lost this year due to wet weather.

The Academic Shield: the progress made by every student in the school, from the current Year 8 to the Year 13 students who have now left the school. In addition VIP scores and Vivo awards awarded for engagement in learning and Milestone points earned in PDP.

These elements combine to give the overall **House Champions**.

We announced the Sport and Citizenship results at the end of the summer term:

In first place for the Sports Shield 2014/15 was **Curnock**.

In first place for the Citizenship Shield 2014/15 was **Davis**.

This term we announced the Academic Championship 2014/15 winners as **Evers**. See results table on page 5.

The final results left three Houses tied on 24 points. For the first time in a number of years, the number of first places awarded in each of the three championships had to be counted to give the final decision and a victory to Evers.

In third and fourth places are **Patterson** and **Curnock**.

In second place is **Davis**.

The overall House Championship trophy for 2014 /15 goes to **EVERS**.

Congratulations to all Houses, and especially Evers!

Good luck as we start the championship 2015/16.

Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher

ACADEMIC HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2014 - 2015

	Curnock	Davis	Evers	Patterson
Progress Scores: Totals				
All students	520	500	565	515
Totals: Milestones(PDP)	165	180	185	170
VIP Scores	24	38	36	16
VIVOS				
Total Points	20	18	26	20
Engagement in Learning				
Total Points	20	18	26	20
Outstanding Independent Study				
Overall Total	749	754	838	741
Academic Championship Positions	3rd	2nd	1st	4th



DAVIS DIARY

We hope you all had a good summer break; welcome back and a special welcome to our new Year 7 students. We look forward to you becoming part of the Davis family.

We have a change in the Davis House office team – Mrs Evans has joined us as Achievement and Progress Leader, Mrs Humphreys is our House Administrator and Attendance Officer and Mrs Palmer joins us on a Monday as House Administrator.

We also welcome some new tutors in Davis House – Mrs McGovern and Miss Bruin join us as Year 7 tutors. We also welcome Mrs Turner, Mrs Burrows and Mr Bosley to the tutor team.

Davis House has a busy term ahead. Please make a note of our House Evening which will take place on 9 October – further details will be communicated to you but we look forward to many of you attending.

Charity

We have supported Prostate Cancer UK for the past two years and we will be deciding on a new charity to support over the next few weeks. Students will get the opportunity to give a presentation in assembly of their chosen charity and then all students will vote. We will be announcing the new charity at House Evening.

Well done to Sam MacDonald who raised £100 for Prostate Cancer UK by cycling 30 miles during the holidays.

Also, congratulations to students in Davis House who won the **Citizenship Shield** as part of the House Championship. House Captains Jake Mawson and Katie Clements proudly show the shield in the picture on the front page!

We look forward to a really positive autumn term!

Mrs Hodgkin, Mrs Evans, Mrs Humphreys and Mrs Palmer



CELEBRATION EVENING FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Family and friends of students in Year 10 are warmly invited to join us on **Thursday 24 September, 7:00pm** to celebrate the completion of KS3 - Years 7, 8 and 9.

The celebration will follow an Oscars style evening, with many winners in each subject area and House.

This will also be a launch pad for all students in their examination courses.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this wonderful occasion.



ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is critical to every student's success.

The national figure for '**Persistent Absence**' is now set at 90%. This is the point at which the Education Welfare Service work with the school to actively monitor attendance in order to support improved attendance.

We are proud of our excellent attendance, and want this to continue for all our students, throughout the school.

Self Certification

We are introducing a 'Self Certification' form to be used where students are absent for a maximum of three school days. This will be trialled through the autumn term.

Leave of Absence

If there is an unavoidable reason that your child needs to request an absence from school, please request a Leave of Absence form from the House office. The request will be considered by the Headteacher and a reply returned to you, noting whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised.

Please note that requests for holidays will always be unauthorised.

Absences in excess of 20 sessions (where a session represents half a day), over a ten week period may incur a **Fixed Penalty Fine**.

Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher

2015 DIARY DATES

Tues 15 Sep	Open Evening for New Entrants September 2016, 5.30-8.30pm
Wed 16 Sep	Y13 Parents' Information Evening, 7pm, Hall
Fri 18 Sep	Jeans for Genes Day
Mon 21 Sep	House Debating Week
Thur 24 Sep	KS3 Awards Evening (Y10 students), Hall, 7pm
Fri 25 Sep	Y8/9 PA Disco, Hall, 7-9pm
Mon 28 Sep	Open Morning for New Entrants September 2016, 9-10.45am
Wed 30 Sep	Open Morning for New Entrants September 2016, 9-10.45am



VACCINATIONS

Parents of Year 8 Girls – HPV Vaccination Friday 9 October 2015

The consent forms for the HPV vaccination programme have been sent out via students. It is important that the form is signed and returned to the student's Tutor even if you decide to opt out of the programme. Please return them by Friday 18 September.

MMR Catch up Years 8, 10 and 11 – Friday 9 October 2015

A letter explaining the MMR catch up programme together with a consent form has been sent out via students for those who may have missed their childhood MMR. If you received one of these letters please return the consent form by Friday 18 September



LACROSSE

A record number of Year 7 girls attended the lacrosse taster session on the first Saturday of term. This amazing turn out saw 61 girls taking part in a two hour session. We look forward to another big turn out to Year 7 lacrosse training on Wednesdays after school.

Miss Ostinelli would like to thank the Year 11, 12 and 13 senior lacrosse players who gave up their morning to take a lead on the taster session. They all did a fantastic job.

All of the senior lacrosse players then went on to trials and training and the school is excited about the teams selected for the forthcoming season.

JUDO BRONZE AT SCHOOL GAMES

Congratulations to Oliver Harris 13P12 who won the bronze medal in the Sainsbury's School Games whilst fighting for England.

