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## HEADTEACHER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Welcome to the spring term 2016, and a warm welcome to new students and staff. Miss Miles and Miss Lewis-McAndrew are both new in the English Faculty together with Miss Suggitt, who is teaching Art and Graphics.

### A Levels in Top 25% Nationally

The term has started successfully. We were thrilled to receive news last week that the national analysis of our A Level results has confirmed that the performance of our sixth form is in the top 25% of schools nationally. The report highlighted the excellent progress that students make from their varied starting points, and in particular, the outstanding progress made by students who start with high GCSE point scores. In addition to the overall year-on-year improvements, we are also very pleased to note the continuing improvement in consistency between subject areas. In the last four years we have doubled the proportion of students who learn in classes which make outstanding progress.

### Sixth Form News

We are also pleased that many of our current sixth formers are receiving offers from their university applications and acceptances have been secured. One student has also been offered a place at the prestigious Laine Theatre Arts School in London, more news on that on page 3. Year 12 and Year 13 are currently sitting their practice examinations, so please support your child in preparing thoroughly, as these examinations are very important in ensuring that students achieve their best in the summer.

### Term Events

Once again, the calendar is very busy with a wide range of activities planned, in which I hope everyone will get involved and give their best so that we can continue the greatness and success of St Bart's in 2016.

In the coming months there are a number of important evenings for parents. For Year 11 there is a Parents' Evening on Thursday which is critical in supporting students to prepare for their final GCSE examinations in the summer. Then on Monday 1 February we look forward to meeting Year 9 parents to go through the Key Stage 4 curriculum with you and the choices your child has in terms of options for September 2016.

### Kirkland Rowell Questionnaire

Finally, over the next month we will again be asking all members of the school community to give their views on what St Bart's has to offer and the success of our students through completing our annual Kirkland Rowell questionnaire. We really value your opinions, as it helps us to promote the school and further improve upon our many strengths to ensure the best provision for all our students. I thank you in advance for your time in completing this questionnaire.

**Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher**



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## HOODIES

Please note that hoodies are not part of school uniform and therefore students should not wear them in school, or have them with them (unless dedicated curriculum ones). If students are cold they should wear the school jumper, or a coat if outside.

If students persistently try to wear hoodies in school they will be kept by the House office to be collected by home.

**Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher**



## CURNOCK HOUSE EVENING

**Friday 29 January  
7pm in the Hall**

**Come and watch Curnock shine  
and support our House charity,  
Newbury and District  
Cancer Care Trust**

**£5 Adults £4 Children**

**Tickets available at the House office.  
Buy now to avoid disappointment.**

**Refreshments available on the night**



## CHRISTMAS QUIZ RESULTS

The whole school took part in the Christmas quiz in December. Over 1500 answer sheets were marked. Congratulations to the winning students.

Y7 Rhiannon Evans, 7D2

Y8 Jack Comber 8C2

Y9 Eryn Sharp 9C1

Y10 Talulla Dove 10E2

Y11 Tosin Sonubi 11D1

Y12 Andrew Evans 12D1

Y13 Hannah Wolak 13D3 and overall school winner

The winning House was Davis.

## MFL KARAOKE COMPETITION

The fourth annual MFL Karaoke Competition was held in the school hall during Activity Time on the final Thursday of last term. It provided the usual fun-filled and varied performances, with Spanish dominating the song list this year. The new Head of Expressive Arts, Mrs Robertson, kindly agreed to judge the performances and, having marked each performance out of ten, announced that the winners had won by a margin of just one point.

Ms De Casa successfully defended her title, winning this year with her Year 9 Spanish class and their lively performance of “Mi burrito sabenero”.



*Mrs Clare's Y8 class – Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer in Spanish*

Other finalists were Miss Smith and 7P3, Mrs Clare's Y8 & Y10 Spanish classes, Ms De Casa's Y10 Spanish class and the KS3 Modern Languages Club.



*One of Mrs de Casa's winning groups with the trophy*

Thank you to all teachers and participants who made this another good year for the competition.

**Mrs Wood, Head of MFL**



## DRAMA NEWS

Drama schools are very different from universities, although most do offer a degree qualification – a BA in Acting. This training is full-time and consists of about eight hours a day, at least five days a week. This is often extended to late evenings and weekends. It is intensive and very demanding. Competition for places is fierce, and it is not unusual for 3,000 students to apply for 30 places.

You cannot apply to drama school without qualifications. They will ask for two GCE A Levels or their equivalent, but their main requirement is your potential to demonstrate that you are suitable to be trained as an actor. There are 22 UK drama schools. They belong to a group known as The Conference of Drama Schools.

No matter how talented a student it is realistic to prepare students for some disappointment! You have to have a strong and well-balanced personality to handle rejection as often as actors do, and applying to drama school is the first step of the process. Many schools test your resilience by rejecting you the first time you apply; most prefer slightly older students and certainly uptake is more common in subsequent attempts at applying.

So with this in mind it is a real achievement that one of our Year 13 **Theatre Studies** students **Eloise Trumper** has gained a place at '**Laine Theatre School**' London', studying musical theatre after her first audition! Many of you will have seen her in the lead role of Ariel in 'Footloose' last year or more recently as 'Belle' Scrooge's love in 'A Christmas Carol'. We are delighted for her and wish her well this year as she completes her studies at St Bart's and look forward to hearing about her progress in the years to come!

Eloise is also one of our Theatre and Drama Subject Representatives and I would recommend any GCSE or A Level students doing the subject and considering drama schools themselves to have a chat with her about her experience or auditioning tips.

### *In other Drama news...*

Finally, Katie Gale, our other Subject Representative, will be going on to a Professional Film and Theatrical Make-Up course next year and I would highly recommend anyone interested in this field speak to her about this area. Katie, along with our other resident make-up expert Leanne Wright, are an excellent source of information in this field.

Our **Film and Theatrical Make-Up Club** runs on **Thursday Activity Times** in **P013 12.45pm**.

**Mrs K Norris, Head of Drama Department**

### **SIXTH FORM AT ST BART'S Application Deadline Friday 15 January 2016**

Year 11 – have you applied yet for a place in the Sixth Form in September 2016?

There are loads of subjects to choose from, a wide range of extra-curricular activities, social occasions, charity events, quiet independent study areas and a place to relax at break time in the common room. Also, St Bart's offers plenty of opportunities to take on more responsibility.

Look on the Sixth Form page of the website [www.stbarts.co.uk](http://www.stbarts.co.uk) for details about our courses and an application form.

### **Parents' Association DISCO Years 7/8**

**Friday 22 January  
7 – 9 pm Entry £3  
St Bart's School Hall**



## KEY STAGE 5 AWARDS EVENING

It was with great pleasure the school welcomed back last year's Year 13 students on Thursday 17 December when they returned to St Bart's to be presented with their A Level certificates and prizes.

The address and presentations were made by Professor Keith Robbins, Historian and former Vice Chancellor of the University of Wales.



### PRESENTATION OF A LEVEL CERTIFICATES

#### PRESENTATION OF ADVANCED LEVEL PRIZES:

Art	Jennifer Dickson
Biology	Miles Brown
Business Studies	Laurent Bastienne
Business Studies (BTEC)	Ashley Bourke
Chemistry	Emilia Robinson
Classical Civilisation	Camilla Dickson
Computing	Tilly Woodfield
Dance	Emily Langham
Economics	Scott Cullen
English Language	Fiona Gorham
English Literature	Beth Parker
English Language & Literature	Millie Stonebridge
Film Studies	Reece Broughton
Food Technology	Rhian Venning
French	Charlotte King
Further Mathematics	Robert Peacock
Geography	Megan Broughton
German	Louise McFadzen
Graphic Design	Molly Nobbs
Health and Social Care (BTEC)	Sophie Tornros
History	Jennifer Pudney
Mathematics	Jessica Blissett
Media Studies	Lois Martin
Music	Adam West
Music Technology	David Beynon
P.E.	Ciara Seward
Philosophy & Ethics	Thomas Denford
Physics	Joshua Waters

Politics  
Product Design  
Psychology  
Science (BTEC)  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Sport BTEC  
Textiles  
Theatre Arts

Daniel Cox  
Cecily Colthurst  
Emily Sinfield  
Kelly Blake  
Jessica Hersh  
Declan Kelly  
Callum O'Neill  
Amber Davis  
Pippa Higgins

#### **SPECIAL PRIZES FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AT ADVANCED LEVEL:**

Megan Broughton	Rory Geeson	Jennifer Pudney
Oliver Cooper	Sadie Henderson	Ella Robinson
Daniel Cox	Jessica Hersh	Emilia Robinson
Sasi De Fraine	George Hunter	Heather Smith
Thomas Denford	Charlotte King	Fran Thomas
Camilla Dickson	Anya Knyazeva	Tom Uden
Jennifer Dickson	Laura Nichol	Joshua Waters
Jessica Edwards	Robert Peacock	Adam West
Tom Fisher		

#### **SPECIAL PRIZES FOR PROGRESS SHOWN FROM KS4 TO KS5:**

<b>Curnock:</b>	<b>Davis:</b>	<b>Evers:</b>	<b>Patterson:</b>
Connor Strong	David Beynon	Laurent Bastienne	Louise Fell
Sophie Tornros	Amy Brown	Nina Chen Sverre	Victoria Tallis

#### **OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AT ADVANCED LEVEL:**

The Pembroke College, Oxford Prize: Rory Geeson


#### **SPECIAL SUBJECT PRIZES**

The Donald Brown Memorial Prize for Biology:	Olivia Martin
Tim Dennis Trophy for Drama:	Hollie Coghlan
Drake Cup for Drama:	Joseph Lukehurst and Oliver Norman
Handicraft Prize & Fritz Cup for Design:	Cecily Colthurst
The Lee Memorial Prize for Modern Languages:	Camilla Dickson
G H Keen Memorial Prize for Music:	Adam West
The Pinter Prize for English:	Hannah Bodin

#### **OTHER MAJOR AWARDS**

The Combined Cadet Force - Army:	Nadia Morris
The Combined Cadet Force – Navy:	Callum O'Neill and Anya Knyazeva
The Combined Cadet Force – RAF:	Joe Rollinson
The John King Award for Public Speaking:	Toby Chandler
Mike Hart Trophy:	Oliver Cooper
Ann Capewell Cup:	Christie Leach
The John King Prize:	Nadia Morris
David Candy Prize:	Daniel Cox
The Mermagen Prize:	Georgia O'Brien
Elizabeth Axford Rosebowl:	Jennifer Dickson
Side Prize for Leadership:	Camilla Dickson
Cooper Prize for Leadership:	Tom Fisher
The House Academic Shield:	Evers
The House Sports Shield:	Curnock
The House Citizenship Shield:	Davis
<b>The House Championship Cup:</b>	<b>Evers</b>

## DIARY DATES



Tue 12 Jan	Y12 Practice Exams
Wed 13 Jan	Y13 Practice Exams
Thurs 14 Jan	Y13 Practice Exams
Thur 14 Jan	Y11 Parents' Evening 4.30-7.00pm, Curnock Block
Fri 15 Jan	Y10 Science Practice Exam
Fri 22 Jan	Y7/8 PA Disco, 7-9pm, Hall

## CALENDAR AMENDMENT

Please note the following addition to the calendar

Monday 25 January

Y11 English Ambassadors from Reading University

R1/R2 2.30-3.30pm



## ST BART'S YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIP AT ITALIA CONTI

Italia Conti runs classes at St Bart's and they are delighted to announce the Italia Conti Newbury Year 7 St Bartholomew's Student Scholarship.

Scholarship auditions take place on Saturday 30 January 2016 at 4.00pm.

The scholarship will run from Year 7 to Year 9 and will include the following disciplines – Musical Production, Singing and Acting. This is a fantastic opportunity for any Year 7 student at St Bart's who wishes to improve their performing arts skills.

More details from the St Bart's dance department, or [www.italiacontinewbury.co.uk](http://www.italiacontinewbury.co.uk) or email [info@italiacontinewbury.co.uk](mailto:info@italiacontinewbury.co.uk)



## FIRE SAFETY GUIDE For Adults at Risk

A free training session delivered by front line staff on Fire Safety Referrals for Adults at Risk takes place at Newbury Fire Station on 21 January. There are four sessions 10.00-11.00, 11.30-12.30, 1.00-2.00 and 2.30-3.30. Contact Ian Taylor to book a place - email

[taylori@rbfrs.co.uk](mailto:taylori@rbfrs.co.uk)



## CHEERLEADING, STUNT AND TUMBLE WITH SUPERSTARS

### £15 membership fee discount for St Bart's students/parents

Learn to tumble and stunt with National and European Champion athletes and coaches. From total beginner to international elite – everyone is welcome.

Training at Reading Girls School, Northumberland Avenue, Reading RG2 7PY

Further information from Mrs Leach, St Bart's PE Department or [www.ReadingSuperstars.org.uk](http://www.ReadingSuperstars.org.uk)

## CHRISTMAS DODGEBALL

More than 50 students and staff took part in the Christmas dodgeball on 17 December. Students had the opportunity to play against staff as well.

First place went to the Dodgehams – well done



to the students in that team.

## ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

O2 and the NSPCC are launching a series of online workshops this month. The focus is on keeping children safe online. Further details at the link below

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/online-safety-workshop-sign-up/>



## **BOYS' PE**

### **Year 9 Rugby Team Match Report**

The night in December that the under 14 St Bart's rugby team took to the field was made memorable, not only because of landslide victories over Park House and Trinity, but also because of a fantastic solo try from Oli Mucleston, who, not usually noted for his pace, caused havoc as he charged through the Park House team, darting and weaving through tackles and dotting the ball down under the posts. This fantastic effort from the converted lock to flanker did well to raise the morale and a well taken double hat trick from the captain and man of the match Josh Douglas capped off what was a memorable night. The boys have worked tirelessly throughout the season and have been rewarded accordingly for their efforts.

Other try scorers included Will Hogan, Danny Stevenson, Zach Montgomery and Tom Lamden.

**Josh Douglas 9E2**

### **Rugby Results**

Y7A beat Trinity 25-5 and John O'Gaunt 30-10 and Y7B drew 5-5 with Kennet B. Y7A have now finished the season as floodlit league champions.

Y8B lost narrowly to Park House B in a really competitive game. Man of the match was Sam Potter.

Y9 rounded off a very successful season by beating Trinity 31-0 and Park House 35-0. A 5-5 draw with The Downs led to St Bart's and The Downs finishing as joint Year 9 floodlit league champions.

Y10 played in extremely close matches with Kennet and The Downs, but were just pipped at the post on both occasions.

Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV who beat a strong team from The Downs 24-22 in the area league. Joe Hobbs scored an impressive try and it was James Lewis who converted his own try from the touch line to finish the game and won man of the match award.

### **Football**

Y10A came first in the area six-a-side tournament. Y10B finished as runners up.

Both Y8A and Y8B came first in their tournaments.



## **GIRLS' PE**

### **Netball**

Well done to the Year 7 netball teams on their fantastic local league results. Both the A and B teams finished as overall winners. Well done to all who played.

#### **A League**

1<sup>st</sup> St Bart's (on goal difference)

2<sup>nd</sup> Kennet

3<sup>rd</sup> Theale Green

#### **B League**

1<sup>st</sup> St Bart's

2<sup>nd</sup> Kennet

3<sup>rd</sup> Park House

### **Y8B Area Netball Tournament**

On Thursday 10 December the Y8B team played against five teams in the Area Netball Tournament held at Kennet. The girls knew it would not be easy so they all applied extra effort and determination to every game.

It was freezing cold and pouring with rain, but they did not let this put them off.

Unfortunately they lost all of their games. Grace Lees, Molly Harkness and Gee San Paterson all worked hard in defence whilst Beth Robinson, Megan Van Zyl, Hattie Smithson and Melissa Congerton tried their best on attack. Well done girls, a great experience for you all.

### **Lacrosse**

On 28 November the Year 8 lacrosse team played two matches against Godolphin. Even though they lost both games, they played with commitment to the end. Players of the matches were Jess Harrison, Molly Harkness and Lola Callaghan.

On 5 December the Year 8 lacrosse team played against Sherborne Girls. They lost but played exceptionally well throughout. The finishing score was 7-3. There were two girls who took turns in playing in goal, Charlotte Dobson and Esme Layton.

Thank you to the staff for taking us there.