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SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES

Last week saw the publication of schools' performance tables by the Department for Education and I am pleased to report that this again saw St Bartholomew's School as the highest performing state school in the area, with 80% of students last summer achieving five or more A* - C grades on first entry. This was an incredible performance from our students and a large proportion of these students achieved at the highest level with a third of all grades being A* or A, and 35 students achieved at least 10 A*/A grades.

This follows on from news last week of the success of our sixth formers who are in the top 25% nationally, which is also reflected in the schools' performance tables.

These results are only made possible through the hard work and commitment of students and teachers, with the excellent support from families, so these partnerships remain a priority for us, and thank you for your support.

However, it is important to remember that St Bart's is about developing the full potential of every child, and we encourage all students to participate in activities across the school. In the next two months we have House Drama and Dance competitions, Curnock House Evening, the German Exchange, the Ski Trip and many sports matches, to name a few events, so please get involved and come and support wherever possible.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher



HOUSE PLAY COMPETITION

Tickets are now on sale from Davis House Office at break and Activity Time.

**£5 adults
£3 students/concessions (child/senior)**

Curnock and Davis
Tuesday 2 February at 7.00pm

Evers and Patterson
Wednesday 3 February at 7pm

Judging concludes the evening
on 3 February

**Come along and support your House.
Tickets sell fast so avoid
disappointment and buy early.**

Traditionally, Houses not performing watch
the other Houses on the night
you are not performing



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DIARY DATES



Wed 27 Jan Staff Training and Development Day
Fri 29 Jan Curnock House Evening
7pm, Hall
Tues 2 Feb House Plays, 7pm, Hall
Wed 3 Feb House Plays, 7pm, Hall
Tues 9 Feb Y13 Parents' Evening
4.30-7.00pm Curnock Block
Half Term Monday 15 February to Friday
19 February

KNIT 'N' NATTER

Intrepid knitters have now received badges for the first time since the instigation of the club. Our photo shows the first batch of club members proudly sporting their badges. Attendance of over 50% per term results in a badge with silver and gold ones becoming available in the future. Our students' abilities range from absolute beginners to the more experienced. The aim is to produce competent knitters who can then go off to produce simple, and eventually more complex items.



Miriam Briggs, Ella Carter, Olivia Harding, Harriet Maslin, Caitlin Warren, Daniel Price, Daisy Clarke, Florence Evans (absent)

The club is extremely grateful for the help of our community volunteers, Mrs Jane Foster and Mrs Averil Sullivan. We welcome new members of any age. Donations of needles and yarn from the wider community would be gratefully received.



STUDENT, PARENT AND STAFF QUESTIONNAIRES

As part of our aim to include feedback from all members of our school community on the strengths of St Bart's and areas for further improvement, students, parents and staff have been asked to complete questionnaires. As we have done for a number of years, we have worked with a company called Kirkland Rowell, who have a client base of over 2,000 schools throughout the country, to produce these questionnaires and the feedback received will be evaluated against the very large bank of comparative data which the company has. We will also be making comparisons with the results of the 2015 survey in order to evaluate the change which has taken place in the last year.

Students completed the questionnaire during the normal full school assembly slot on Wednesday 20 January and parents will receive their questionnaires in envelopes sent home with their children by the end of this week. We would encourage all parents please to complete the questionnaires, which should take no longer than 15 minutes, and to return these in envelopes with their child by Monday 8 February at the latest. They will then be sent to Kirkland Rowell for collation and analysis. The feedback received will then be used as part of our school improvement planning and a summary of this feedback will be published in BartholoNews.

Mr J P Sharpe, Deputy Headteacher

YEAR 13 PARENTS' EVENING Tuesday 9 February 2016

**Curnock Block
4.30pm – 7.00pm**

The online booking system opens for parents/carers to make appointments on Thursday 28 January at 6.00pm and closes on Monday 8 February at 8.00am.



KS4 REWARDS Year 10 and Year 11

Congratulations to all those 77 students who, after one term's worth of work in Year 10, are members of the '15' Club. All of these students are working particularly hard and have received certificates reflecting their efforts at the start of GCSE courses.

During Year 10 Assembly on Friday 8 January, three students from this group were runners up and winner of the '15' Club prize draw. Emily Carr and Carla Di Piazza received £10 Love to Shop vouchers, whilst winner Steph Noble won £20 of vouchers.

In Year 11, 109 students are now members of the '15' Club, and during Year 11 Assembly on Friday 15 January, we were proud to announce Joseph Seward and Dermot Gannon as runners up in the '15' Club prize draw, receiving £10 Love to Shop vouchers, and Jasmine Hounslow as winner, receiving £20 of vouchers. Huge congratulations to all.

Staff will again be gauging students' efforts at the end of the spring term and we look forward to a growing number of students being part of the '15' Club.

Mr Cook



GIRLS' PE

Hockey

Congratulations and well done to our Year 7 hockey team who won the age group's Area 7-a-side hockey tournament last week. They have only started playing hockey recently and managed to be at five schools, including Theale Green, St Gabriel's, Park House, Kennet and Trinity. Nora Shields was player of the tournament.

Lacrosse

Last week the girls played against St Mary's Calne. Some matches were cancelled due to frozen pitches, but two age groups managed to compete, playing on Astro.

Results and players of the matches were

1 st	won 9-4	Yasmin Ryder and Jenny Alston
Y10	won 11-1	Davina Emetulu



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