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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Welcome back to the Summer Term, and a term in which we will be celebrating the centenary of our Houses, Curnock, Davis, Evers and Patterson, so please watch out for special events.

We wish all students sitting their external examinations this term every success. Please support and encourage students in trying their best through this period and to attend all available revision sessions to ensure they achieve their full potential in these forthcoming examinations.

Over Easter, the Media/Film visit to Los Angeles, Ski trip to Austria and the CCF Training Exercises were all very successful and I am sure left the students with lifelong memories. Year 8 are now looking forward to their trip to the Battlefields at the end of May, which is always a tremendous experience.

Lastly, please can I ask that you continue to ensure that your son/daughter has the required equipment for school and is wearing the correct uniform, so that our high standards can be maintained and we can focus all our energies on learning and encouraging all students to get involved in the many activities on offer.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher

SIX OXBRIDGE AND FOUR MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OFFERS

A phenomenal ten offers to study at either Cambridge or Oxford or to take up medical courses, have been made to current Y13 students at St Bart's Sixth Form. Students have succeeded in a rigorous entry process, including tests and interviews at the College or University of their choice.



The offers from Oxford are to Rhian Bevan to read Law, Arun Bhandari, Biochemistry and Oliver Smithson, English Language & Literature. Whilst the offers from Cambridge are to Emily Beck to study Classics, Christopher Long, Natural Sciences and James Read, Computer Science.

Joseph Seward has offers to study Medicine at Bristol and Southampton, George Freer also has offers to study Medicine at Southampton, Leicester and Birmingham. Chloe Leftley has offers to study Medicine at UCL, Edinburgh and Birmingham. Finally, Izzy Sanderson has

been offered places to study Veterinary Medicine at Nottingham and Surrey.

This exceptional year is down to the specialised support offered but mostly down to the hard work and attitude of the students. They have supported each other through the whole process and encouraged each other to aim high. In particular, this cohort of prospective medics worked to set up a St Bart's Medical Society to discuss ethical and scientific issues to pursue their passion. We are incredibly proud of all of them.

The majority of Y13 students at St Bart's have been applying to a range of universities and higher education courses through the UCAS system for entry later this year. Overall 165 applications for university have been made by students. Others are planning for gap years and have been successful in obtaining apprenticeships in many fields including accountancy and engineering.

DIARY DATES

Y11/Sixth Form Year Photographs	Weds 18 Apr	12.10pm
Y8 Parents' Information Evening for France/Belgium Visit	Thurs 19 Apr	6pm, Hall
Y11 ASDAN Field trip	Thurs 19 Apr	(ret. 20.04.18)
Ten Tors selection Weekend	Fri 20 Apr	(ret. 22.04.18)
Y12 EPQ students to Southampton	Mon 23 Apr	8.20am to 4pm

SPORT RELIEF 2018

As a school we have raised £1,216.95. (The Zumba and Cake Sale raised £157.52 and Non Uniform Day £1,059.43). Thanks to everyone for their involvement and donations.

GERMAN EXCHANGE 2018

Last term a group of students from St Bart's went to Germany as part of this year's German exchange. Here is an account from Ed Barker and Connor Beckett in 9E2.

"A few weeks ago, we were two of the 27 students taking part in the 2018 German exchange to Monheim am Rhein near Düsseldorf in Germany.

The partner school was Otto Hahn Gymnasium. We went on several visits during the exchange. We visited Cologne where many students climbed to the top of the cathedral. Afterwards, we explored the pedestrianised area with shops and restaurants. We also went to Bonn to see the post war museum. We found it very interesting to see the effects of war from a German point of view.



In the evenings we did activities with our partners and their families. One of our favourite experiences was when a group of German students and their English partners visited a water theme park called Aqualand near Cologne.

Finally, it was great to experience life as a German for a week, for example, my German family took me to Düsseldorf at the weekend to have a meal and go shopping. Overall we all loved it and found it to be a valuable life experience for us."

We look forward to welcoming our partners from Germany to Newbury later this term. The German exchange is open each year to all students studying German in year 9 and above and next year's exchange will be launched in the Autumn term.

COMPETITION RESULTS: PICTURES ON THE THEME OF 'START'

We have some really lovely entries again, and it is nice to see a few different interpretations of the theme too.



We start (no pun intended - honest!) with Leo Hemphill and his high contrast monochrome image. On first glance it seems to be a shot of a path in the snow, heading to the right between trees and shrubs, but look again and you'll see that Leo has framed his shot with care to show that there is another, untrodden, path to the left. It leaves the viewer wondering, what's down there!?



The START theme has produced a number of shots showing plants at the

beginning of their life. Mrs Soulbly has shown some leaves (of daffodils) peeking out from the snow, 'against all odds', as it were.



Lucy Colston has shown some crocus flowers, not yet in full bloom, and in doing so has also shown some lovely out of focus highlights (known as bokeh).



Alex Kotz has the blossom buds of a tree, and has added some background blur due to the close focus distance.

Finley Goddard has taken a slightly different approach as his focus is on an unfurling leaf; he also noticed the

relatively dark background foliage to make the main leaf stand out - a useful technique!



Jess Soulbly has captured snowdrops and her composition is of a centred group of blooms with others, tantalisingly out of focus, dotted around the frame. The white flowers stand out against the darker russet-brown leaves with such vibrancy, you cannot help but marvel at them.



The offering from Mrs Walker is a shot of a sunrise, the start of the day. The early morning orange sunlight

fades to blue in a near cloudless sky, the silhouetted trees help to draw your eye towards the centre of the image and then final detail ... the bird flying off, to commence its own day.



The final image is from Ruby Wiltshire. She has a different interpretation of the theme, the start of a race. The shutter speed has largely frozen the motion but retains a slight blur, showing just how fast the swimmers are moving. Ruby has taken care to include the crowd in the composition; as they are on their feet, this could well have been the race for medal places!

The winner this half term is Jess Soulby. In her image she has captured a reasonably simple scene but, all at the same time, the blooms themselves indicate the start of Spring and the death of Winter, the russet leaves remind us of the long past Autumn and the bright flowers hint at the Summer to come.

There is another competition next half-term and the theme will be 'OLD'. It could be a person, an object, a building, a ...

ST BART'S ALUMNI

St Bart's has a new Alumni Association!



Are you in touch with past students?

Have they signed up to our alumni network through Future First?

Please point them in the right direction so that they can receive our forthcoming newsletter and reconnect with old friends!

Find the Alumni Portal at
<http://bit.ly/2E2N4FL>

CHINESE EXCHANGE 2018-2019

The Chinese Exchange will be running again this year. In October students from St Bart's will visit Beijing for 3 days before travelling on to our partner school in Qingdao, Shandong Province, for a further week.

Whilst in Beijing, trips are organised to the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Temple of Heaven and we fit in an acrobatics show as well as a roast duck dinner. In Qingdao, activities are arranged by our partner school and usually include some time in the school itself as well as trips to places such as the holy mountain of Laoshan.

The exchange is open to all students in year 9 and above. You do not have to be learning Chinese to participate. Partners from the Chinese school will complete the return leg of the exchange in July 2019. For further details, please collect a letter from Mrs Wood in the MFL office.

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