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2018 TEN TORS CHALLENGE



On 12 and 13 May, six Year 10 students successfully completed the 35 mile Ten Tors challenge on Dartmoor. Having come through a competitive selection process to make the team in a very strong year group the team performed outstandingly.

After a thorough kit check and route planning on Friday, they started the challenge at 7am on Saturday morning. The group set a fast pace all day Saturday, working effectively as a team to help each other on the long climbs with full packs, to reach camp at Tor 7 of their route at 6.30 in the evening. The conditions were perfect for walking, with the only rain coming once they were safely in their tents.

After a short night's sleep they were up and ready to walk again by 6am on Sunday. Keeping up their outstanding pace they completed the challenge at 12:20, one of the earliest ever finish times for a St Bart's team. The group, Lawrence Baker, Sam Potter, Tobias Allen, Sara Hilborn, Siena Hickmore and James Oakes, experienced 2 days they will never forget and should be very proud of their achievement.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK



Last week St Bart's took part in Mental Health Awareness Week, the UK's national week to raise awareness of mental health and mental health problems and inspire action to promote the message of good mental health for all, run by the Mental Health Foundation since 2001.



Students were encouraged to contribute to the Positivitree (pictured with Family School Support Worker, Kelly Story, and students Marc Jenner and Emily Carr), do some mindfulness colouring and complete a Mental Health Awareness quiz with prizes! And all students were invited to a relaxing yoga session at Activity Time on Thursday.

CAR PARKING



The school would like to remind parents about parking at the beginning and end of the school day, as well as following school sports

matches and events. Inconsiderate parking causes obstruction and a risk of accidents.

Drivers are asked not to block neighbouring driveways, only park in the marked disabled bays if entitled to do so and ensure there is a clear thoroughfare through the school driveway to enable other vehicles to enter and exit the site. There are occasions when coaches need access to use the drop off zones at 3.20pm; they are either returning from school trips or departing for PE fixtures and other activities. It is also important to keep the driveway clear should there be a need for emergency access.

Parents dropping off/collecting students are asked to keep road junctions and driveways clear, in particular in Bartlemy Road, Mayfair Drive, Buckingham Road, Wendan Road and Fifth Road (including the area at Brown's Meadow) and not to park on grass verges.

Parents are also asked to keep the entrance to the Sixth Form car park at Wormestall clear and not to block cars parked in the area, to enable student drivers to exit safely.

Sixth Form Car Parking

Sixth Formers are reminded they may park on the gravel area adjacent to the Wormestall field, entrance from Fifth Road.

They are not permitted to park in the main school car park and are asked to be considerate to neighbours.

Sixth Form drivers must complete a car driving registration form which is on the Sixth Form blog (forms) and in the Sixth Form leaflet dispenser.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher

YEAR 13 TRIP TO THE BRITISH LIBRARY

In preparation for the upcoming exams, on Friday the 4 May the Year 13 English Language students visited the British Library in London.

Whilst there we had a chance to see the fascinating exhibition of texts from throughout the history of English, such as old, exquisitely decorated Bibles



and copies of original Shakespeare. We also took part in two workshops; the first, "Sounds Familiar?" focused on

accents and dialects around the UK, and through it we deepened our knowledge from A Level study and collected many useful examples for our exam. For example, did you know that some people call plimsolls "sandshoes", and that the northern pronunciation of "grass" is the original pronunciation? The second workshop, "Exploring English", discussed the history of the English Language, from the early influence of the Anglo-Saxons, to the Norman invasion and Shakespeare. During this workshop we returned to the exhibition to find real examples of language change in the historical texts on show. Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable and useful trip, and it has no doubt helped to solidify our knowledge before the coming exams.

Rebecca Shaw, 13P2

NATIONAL EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLANS SURVEY

West Berkshire Council have asked us to share the following information with you...

We are writing to ask for your feedback about how Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) are working for children, young people and families in West Berkshire.

Locally, we will use the results of this survey to monitor how we are doing and how we can make improvements. The information you give us will also be used in a national report to help improve the way things are done for others in England.

A national report with the results will be published three times per year and we will receive an individual benchmarking report, subject to us providing sufficient returns. We will share the results and what we will be doing as a result of the findings.

Parents and carers have been invited to contribute to this survey. The link for parents and carers can be found here:

<http://puttingpeoplefirst.limeask.com/374862?newtest=Y&lang=en>

There is also a survey for children and young people to complete:

<http://puttingpeoplefirst.limeask.com/865498?newtest=Y&lang=en>

If you would like to know more about the work of *In Control* or see previous Children and Young People's POET reports you can visit their website at www.in-control.org.uk or contact them on 01564 821 650.

YEAR 13 A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE TRIP TO THE OXFORD PLAYHOUSE



Throughout Year 13 we have been studying Tennessee Williams's most ambitious play, "A Streetcar Named Desire", in which we

see the journey of Blanche DuBois, a southern belle struggling to adapt to the modern life of New Orleans.

Williams also looked to confront many 1940's taboos such as mental health issues, homosexuality and sexism. In the English Touring Theatre's production, we saw Williams' intentions combined with a modern-day setting allowing us to appreciate alternative interpretations.

The character of Blanche is very intense. The production managed to capture this in an extremely raw fashion through her mannerisms, which highlighted her internal conflict and decline into hysteria. Her character as intended by Williams is juxtaposed with Stanley Kowalski. Throughout the production we could also see the internal conflict that Stanley was facing. Although, unlike Blanche who attempts to keep this concealed, Stanley's conflict transcends into his actions. One minute he was extremely dominant and possessive and then

he acquired childlike qualities when he didn't get his own way.

The ending in terms of staging was also significant. The wooden panels of the constructed room were taken away to expose Blanche in the bathroom, where she often retreats throughout the play. All the characters stood around her almost condemning her with their lines. At first this was rather confusing as it was not intended by Williams in his stage directions, but as the final scene progressed I felt I began to understand Blanche's desperate isolation and vulnerability. I was left feeling pitiful for Blanche's tragic downfall.

Overall watching the English Touring Theatre's modern production of "A Street Car Named Desire" proved an invaluable experience. We could see how the characters and staging techniques translated from the script to the stage, which is often difficult to imagine when simply reading and studying a play.

Izzy Aspey and Sophie Everingham

Calendar



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| Y13 Final Day Celebrations | Fri 25 May | |
| HALF TERM | Mon 28 – Fri 1 June | |
| Year 8 Exam Week | Mon 4 June | |
| Curnock Y6 Welcome Evening | Mon 4 June | Curnock Block 6pm |
| Y7 Trip | Tues 5 June | Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford |
| Y9/10/12 Textile Art trip | Tues 5 June | Graduate Fashion Week, London all day |

View all school events in our online calendar, [click here to go straight there](#)

This coming half term's competition has the theme of CLOSE. Will your entry be 'close up'? 'Close by'? Or 'not open'?

Photography Competition



Each half term there will be a photography competition to enter and the theme this half term is...

CLOSE

Deadline: Wed 11-7-18

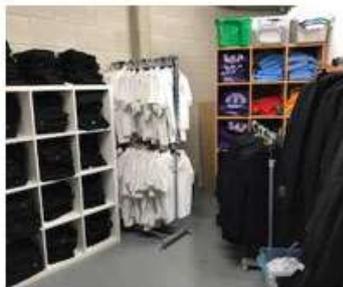
Email entries to pturner@stbarts.co.uk with your name, your tutor group and a brief description

School Uniform and PE Kit

Outgrown it? Lost it? Torn it? Need a spare?

**Visit the Parents' Association
Second-hand Uniform Shop**

just inside the Students' Entrance on the right.



Open on
Fridays during
term time from

**3pm to
3.45pm**

Prices range from
50p to £10

All donations welcome (but no white shirts please!) either at the shop on Friday afternoons. or any time via the main reception desk in a clearly marked bag.

Help raise funds for your school!

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Have you finished with your uniform or PE kit? All donations welcome (but no white shirts or skirts please!): blazers, trousers, ties, skorts, shorts,

tracksuit bottoms, purple sweatshirts, rugby shirts, polo shirts, PE socks, rugby/football/lacrosse boots, CCF boots and uniform, either at the shop on Friday afternoons or any time via the main reception desk in a clearly marked bag. Help raise funds for your school!

PE

Tennis: Record numbers at the Road to Wimbledon 2018 Tournament

The St Bart's "Road to Wimbledon" tennis tournament begun on Wednesday 16 May with a record turnout and a hugely successful first day with over 70 matches played in total. The girls' U14 event took place for the first time, with the eventual winner, Izzy Smithson, crowned as the champion. She will now progress through to the next round at a regional level to continue on her road to playing on the grass courts of Wimbledon.

The boys' event has now reached its quarter-final stage to be played in the week beginning the 21 May. An additional plate competition will also resume during that week. A massive well done to all involved!

Primary Schools Quad Kids Event at Park House Saturday 12 May

A huge thank you to the following Year 10 Sports Leaders who volunteered for the whole day on Saturday at the Primary Schools Quad Kids Athletics Festival. As always our students were excellent ambassadors for our school and have received high praise from the organisers for their help and support on the day: D Grace, T Allen, L Callaghan, L Carnell, J Head, E Denham, J Harrison, D Dijksman, V Knyazev, L Vicaria, E Camplin, T Seal, F Paynter. Well done to you all!

Y7-Y13 English Schools Athletics

The Juniors came 6th out of 12 schools, and the Inters came 2nd from 11 schools.

Highlights from the Juniors included Josh Lefever scoring 19 points for a 27.2s 200m and

Kalebh Fox-Jones scoring 19 points for a 10.04m Triple Jump.



For the Inters highlights included Lawrence Baker scoring 22 points for 12.6s in the Hurdles, Alistair Jardine scoring 21 points for a 12.2s 100m and Ben Newman also securing 21 points for a 24.7s 200m time.



The Inter boys have qualified for the South West Regional A Final at Millfield School on Wednesday 13 June!

U15/U17 District Track and Field Athletics

Congratulations to the U15 girls who came 1st out of 12 schools, an excellent team achievement with some outstanding individual results which were as follows: Luci Robertson 1st in 1500m, Georgina Thomson 1st in 800m, Rebecca Thomson 2nd in 1500m, Emily Tucker 2nd in 300m. Beth Carlton 3rd place in Shot, Eva G Enger 3rd in Discus, Annabel Gibson 3rd in Hurdles.

Congratulations to Luci, Georgie, Rebecca and Emily who will now go on to represent Berkshire at the forthcoming County Athletics competition.

The U17 girls competed really well and finished a very creditable 5th place out of 12 schools which reflects the support they gave

each other as a team. It is also a good achievement given that none of the year 11s were able to compete this year due to their graduation so the team was made up solely of Year 10 girls!

Outstanding achievements were Annais Taank who was 2nd in both 100m and Triple Jump and also Maddy Barnes who was 3rd in the 100m and 1st place in the Discus with a massive throw of 32m. Both girls will now go on to represent Berkshire at the forthcoming County Athletics Competition.

SCHOOL ABC

A reminder that our School ABC was created by Year Councils and sets out clear guidelines which help to ensure success for all students:

Always listen

Be polite

Cooperate



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!

[Click here to go to the Alumni Portal](#)

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