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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Firstly, as the term comes to an end and World Cup football fever dies down, may I thank everyone for their support, hard work and involvement throughout this year. It has been another successful and busy year in which we received a short inspection

from Ofsted. We were really pleased that the inspection team recognised the many strengths of the school and we are very proud of the report. It was excellent to see the hard work of the students and staff recognised and the fact that St Bart's has continued to improve to now potentially being outstanding. Most recently it has also been pleasing to receive the Artsmark Gold Award from the Arts Council England. This recognises the school's commitment to the value of the arts and the excellent range on offer in the arts in school, which they said was very impressive. Then, of course, in February for the second successive year we won the Active Secondary School Award again at the Get Berkshire Active Awards Evening, which also recognised the wealth of opportunities in the school.

As I am sure you have noticed, we are pleased that the extension to Wormestall building to allow for greater Sixth Form study facilities, has now commenced and is due to be completed by the end of October.

The end of term has ended with some enjoyable events: Founder's Day, Sports Day, House Dance, Years 7-9 Celebration and

Curriculum Days. And today we are celebrating the centenary of our Houses: Curnock, Davis, Evers and Patterson, and I am confident that your sons and daughters will come home at the end of school today talking about all the special activities we have put on to mark this significant milestone in our history.

In September there are a few changes in the Leadership Team as the school continues to grow in strength, and Mr Cook, Assistant Headteacher: Learning & Achievement at KS3 & KS4, has stepped down after 16 years in this role. However, we are pleased that he is remaining at St Bart's as a Teacher of English and will continue to contribute much to the life of the school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Cook for all his hard work on the Leadership Team and the support he has given to so many students and families over the years.

There are also a number of changes in the House teams as a result of staff promotions, and the new House teams from September will be:

Curnock	
Head of House	Mrs Hodges
House Achievement/ Progress Leader	Mr Matthias
House Administrative/Progress Manager	Mrs Hamblin

Davis	
Head of House	Mrs Mckeown
House Achievement/ Progress Leader	Mr Sutherland

School House Administrative/ Progress Manager	Mrs Jelley
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Evers	
Head of House	Miss Thorne
House Achievement/ Progress Leader	Mr Sullivan
House Administrative/Progress Manager	Mrs Willcox

Patterson	
Head of House	Mr Brooker
House Achievement/ Progress Leader	Mrs Johnson
House Administrative/Progress Manager	Mrs Codling

Can I also ask that whilst the students are on their summer break, your son/daughter has the required equipment for school and correct uniform ready to be worn appropriately for September so that high standards can be set from the beginning of term and we can focus all our energies on learning. The full uniform list was printed in last week's BartholoNews.

We are sadly saying farewell to several members of staff at the end of term. Mr Bosley, Mrs Knott and Mr Pattenden are retiring after 17, 20 and 37 years respectively. Their contribution to the school has been considerable and they will be missed. We wish them all well for the future.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Hawkins, Teacher of Mathematics and Patterson House Achievement/Progress Leader and Miss Jones, Teacher of PE who are both taking up promotional posts in other schools and to Mr Rose, Teacher of Product Design, Mrs Johnson, Teacher of Mathematics, Miss Tyler-Henley, Leader: Year 12/13 (Performance & Provision) and Teacher of Science, Mrs Kingdon, Teacher of Art, Mr Walker, Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages, Ms Yazaki, Teacher of English and Miss Lock-Ireland, Teaching Assistant, who are all taking up new opportunities. We would like to thank them all for all they have done to support the school

during their time with us and wish them the best for the future.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer break, and we look forward to the summer results and welcoming all our new students in September.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Students will be dismissed from **12:05pm** by the Leadership Team and House Staff.

NEW TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Wednesday 5th September 2018

STUDENT TERM BEGINS: Years 7-12

Y7 report to Hall at 8.40am

Y8-11 report to tutor rooms at 9.50am

Y12 New to St Bart's report to 6th Form Area
11.00am

Y12 From our own Year 11 report to Sixth Form at
11.45am

Thursday 6th September

**Y13 Term Begins – report to tutor rooms at
8.30am**

FEEDBACK FROM ANNUAL PARENTAL SURVEY

We would like to thank all the parents who responded to our annual parental survey in the Spring term. We had 324 responses returned to school which were sent to Kirkland Rowell to be processed. We apologise that it has taken until the end of the school year to be able to provide parents and carers with the feedback from the survey, which was partly caused by a difficulty with getting sight of the additional written comments which many parents added. These have now all been read, however, so we can provide feedback from both the quantitative data which the survey provided, and also from the qualitative comments received.

The main headline is that we are delighted to report incredibly positive responses from the survey. Against criteria compared to other schools in the two previous years, your responses produced an 'overall performance score' of 83%, which is well into the top 'excellent' category.

Whilst the majority of responses said the school had stayed about the same over the last year, 26% said the school had improved further, with only 5% saying it had declined. Again, most parents of students in Years 7 & 8 said the school had lived up to their expectations.

Responses gave excellent scores to the school's facilities, exam results, choice of subjects and extra-curricular clubs. An extremely high score was also given to the Show My Homework system, and whilst some parental comments continue to raise issues here with consistency in the use of the system, we are delighted that it has now been fully embedded into our way of working and that all stakeholders across the school have given it very high approval ratings. We will continue to work on full consistency and we will also be using SMHW as part of our KS3 rewards system from September.

Whilst the responses indicated that there are no areas of the school which fall below the Kirkland Rowell benchmark of 'good' there are clear priorities. The top two priorities for improvement which came out of the quantitative responses are teaching quality and school discipline. This is completely in line with other schools who Kirkland Rowell work with and are absolutely the areas of day-to-day focus for us. We are delighted, for instance, to see a significant rise in the overall ranking responses gave to teaching quality in this year's survey.

From the written comments which have been fed back to us, a key area you would like to see us focus on is in improving communication between school and home and providing parents with information about their own child's progress. A number of comments were received regarding the scheduling of the Year 7 parents evening late in the year for instance. We are of course aware of the transition from a primary school system, where parents are in frequent contact with one class teacher, and a secondary system where a range of teachers are involved across the curriculum and day-to-day contact is inevitably less possible. The parents' information evening for Year 7 in September

and the 'settling-in' evening in October when parents can meet their child's tutor is an attempt to ease this transition. The timing of the parents' evening in May is designed to provide feedback when teachers across all subjects (some of which are only taught in one hour a week) have done enough detailed assessment of all students to be fully diagnostic in their comments. We will, however, continue to evaluate the timing of parents' evenings for all year groups in the school.

Another aspect of communication about student progress which attracted comments is our reporting system. We have adjusted this in recent years to focus on indicators which allow parents to see the progress that students are making across all their subjects. We no longer include written comments as we are instead asking teachers to focus their diagnostic comments and support for improvement within their feedback on students' work and assessments. Again, there is a balance to be struck here, but we would like to encourage all parents across the school to make full use of their access to their child's books as the main source of detailed feedback on progress and how to improve. This can have the advantage of not only giving parents the information they are seeking, but also of allowing them to reinforce to students what they should be focusing on in order to make really good progress in their learning.

As a result of the detailed feedback from the parental survey, alongside that received from the student and staff surveys, a number of things have been placed into the school development plan for the next academic year. As well as influencing our constant focus on teaching and learning and positive behaviour, we have included a specific action in the plan to review parental communication and we will be asking for parents' thoughts on this during the Autumn term.

Mr Jeremy Sharpe
Deputy Headteacher, Curriculum & Achievement

POST RESULTS SERVICES

As we near the end of term please see below a final reminder regarding the results days:

GCE Results

Thursday 16th August 08.30 – 10.00

GCSE Results

Thursday 23rd August 08.30 – 10.00

In order to ensure that you have all the necessary information to hand following the issue of results please go to the school website and follow the tabs to Post Result Services shown under both the Year 7-11 section and the Sixth form.

Alternatively use the links below: -

<https://www.stbarts.co.uk/the-curriculum/exam-entries-regulations/post-results-services/>

<https://www.stbarts.co.uk/the-sixth-form/exam-information/post-results-services/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER STUDENTS...

Congratulations to Ella Tomkins and Jess Hersh for both receiving a First Class Honors Degree in Sociology from Bristol University. Also to Robert Cooke who graduated from Oxford Brookes University with a first class honours degree in BSc animal biology. Robert sent his thanks to all at St Bart's, "you allowed me to achieve the necessary A-levels to get to university. That may not have been the case without St Barts."

CONGRATULATIONS FROM COMPUTING:

Well done to the following Year 9 students who have successfully completed the Royal Institution Masterclasses in Computer Science: Chetan Bolli, Taran Dulai, Alexandra Gould, Arjit Sehgal.

Mrs Plenty, Head of Fashion & Textiles.

GOLD ARTSMARK AWARD FOR ST BARTS!

We are delighted to announce that St Bart's has been awarded the Gold Artsmark.

To receive this high accolade is testament to the hard work that goes on within the arts classrooms, in our extracurricular groups and also across the wider capacity of the school

curriculum. This award demonstrates how important and valued the arts subjects are in our school. It is a great achievement not only for our school but for the wider community also, where St Bart's can continue to be successful and grow as a central hub for the arts in Newbury, West Berkshire and beyond.



The journey to achieving this award has been two years in the making. On awarding St Bart's, Artsmark commented:

"As a Gold Artsmark school Arts Council England celebrates your commitment to arts and cultural education at a leadership level and the opportunities embedded across your provision. Your children and young people have equal opportunity to plan, experience, participate in, and evaluate a diverse range of high-quality arts and cultural activities."

This is a wonderful achievement for St Bart's and we are proud to be recognised for our commitment to arts and cultural education.

**Administrative Assistant – Lettings and Health & Safety
Cover Supervision Manager**

Permanent, required as soon as possible after 3 September 2018

We are seeking one or two people to fill the following roles. Consideration will be given to combining the roles for a total of 32.5 hours per week. Please state clearly on the application form which role(s) you are applying for.

Salary FTE £17007 – £17391 gross (£8.82 - £9.01 per hour)

Equates to starting salary of £12748.92 gross per annum for both roles (32.5 hours pw)

Cover Supervision Manager

7.5 hours per week (Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 9.00am), term-time only plus 5 training days.

This is a key post to ensure that a programme of cover for absent teachers has been implemented and communicated in accordance with school procedures, by the start of the school day.

We are looking for someone with excellent organisation and communication skills.

Administrative Assistant – Lettings and Health & Safety

25 hours per week, term-time only plus 5 training days (hours of work are flexible in agreement with the school).

Join our Facilities team, who are ensuring the day to day smooth functioning of the School's working environment. You will be responsible for a wide range of administrative activities to support the Facilities Team in all aspects of the School's lettings and Health and Safety compliance.

We are looking for a flexible team member who is an excellent communicator, well organised and proficient in the use of IT.

For full details and to apply please visit:

www.stbarts.co.uk

Closing date: Sunday 2 September 2018

Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks.

Tel: 01635 521255 E-mail:
recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

Level 2 Sports Turf Operative

Do you want to work outdoors, using your own initiative, maintaining grounds to a high standard? We are seeking an Apprentice Sports Turf Operative to assist in the maintenance of the school grounds and sports fields. You will gain experience in all areas of grounds maintenance. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/2KrKvA2>

OPTIONS AFTER ST BART'S

As I come to the end of my first year in the

Sixth Form

at St Bart's

I'm starting

to have to

make some

decisions

about what I

want to do in

coming

years. There are lots of options available such

as attending university, securing an

apprenticeship, joining the Air Force or just

getting a job. Right now I have not come to

any clear conclusion but I have started trying

to find out more about the different

opportunities that exist.

I've visited a couple of universities which certainly look interesting but I'm now turning

my efforts to look at apprenticeship

opportunities. One area I am interested in is

giant infrastructure projects like the railways

and telecommunications. Network Rail and BT

both have some excellent apprenticeship

opportunities. Read more of this article by *Will*

Wood, 12C3, on our website by [clicking this](#)

[link](#) or going to <https://bit.ly/2NsokrB>.



WEDDING DRESS CHALLENGE



Students in 9T7

(Fashion &

Textiles) were given

2 hours and only

toilet paper, tape and

pins to create a

stunning bridal

gown fit for a

princess. Working

in teams of 4 they

used techniques

including pleats,

gathers, plaits & tucks to create dresses that have been admired by staff, students and visitors to the school alike. These are currently on display in the main reception of school.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT NATIONAL SESSION



From the 28 June -1 July, eight Year 12s went to Liverpool Hope University for the national session of European Youth Parliament. This involved many students across the country coming together into committees and engaging in team building and committee work to produce resolutions to current issues of importance to the European Union. They would then debate them over two days and vote on whether or not to pass each committee's resolution.

Three students (Archie Awford, Emily Carr and Isaac Fernandes) were selected as individuals to move forward into the international competition which will take place over the summer. All the students involved had a very fun and valuable experience. Here are some quotes from these students about their time at EYP.

“EYPUK was a life changing experience. From the very start I felt comfortable in a new environment with so many different yet likeminded individuals. I bonded with my committee and made friends with people I would have never met otherwise, as well as becoming closer to the people I arrived with. Overall, I really enjoyed EYPUK. I have developed skills and made memories that I

will keep for life and I can't wait to go again as an official.” – Marc Jenner

“I had an amazing time at EYP; not only was it a great social experience, I also gained a broader knowledge of Eastern European politics” – Isaac Fernandes

“It was lovely to be surrounded by people who genuinely care about the state of European international relations. I would definitely do it again; there is no doubt that I will continue on with the organisation.” – Archie Awford

“It was very exciting to be able to discuss current affairs in an environment where new and unconventional ideas were celebrated and listened to. I really enjoyed hearing different people's perspectives on some challenging and controversial topics.” – Emily Carr

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS CONFERENCE

On Thursday 12 July the Business and Economics department held a conference for Y12 Business and Economics students to give students the opportunity to hear about different careers in Business and Economics.



Students had the opportunity to listen to advice about how to pursue careers in different ways and were able to ask questions and discuss their individual plans with the visitors.

‘An excellent way to identify new paths to pursue’ – Harry Stevens

‘It was useful to learn about different methods of getting into business’ – Fraser Kelly

ART TEXTILES

An opportunity to recycle old jeans!
We are going to be running a patchwork project in the Autumn and would gratefully receive any clean, old denim jeans.
Please mark your donations for attention of

PE

Road to Wimbledon Berkshire County Finals

A huge well done to Charlie Shakespeare, Izzy Smithson and George Shakespeare who all competed at the county finals at Cantley Park in Wokingham on 14 July. Despite not getting through to the next rounds all three represented St Bart's admirably and gained great experience against very good opposition.



Tennis Ladder 2018 Winners

This year's event involved a combined ladder for all year groups with eventual winners announced as the highest placed for that year group. Competition was of a great nature throughout with the standard reaching a remarkable height considering many of the competitors had played little tennis at the start of the year. Very well done to all students that participated.

Year 7 winner (1st place in overall ladder) - Callum Tang
Year 8 winner (2nd place) - Edan Forrester
Year 9 winner (9th place) - Lewis Parry

Another Sports Day Record

Callum Maggs Year 9 Boys 100m 11.28 secs
Congratulations to Callum for beating his Dad's long standing record which stood for over 23 years.

School Games County Finals at Bisham Abbey

Our newly selected Sports Leaders took on their first challenge by officiating at the Primary Schools Quad Kids County athletics finals. The leaders took on the challenge admirably and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to you all.

We entered teams into newly introduced sports at this competition; the ultimate Frisbee competition and the Laser Pentathlon. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to take part.

Our Ultimate Frisbee teams were the tournament winners beating Windsor boys school in the final.

Special mention goes to Alfie Letman and Scott Richards who following on from their success have been selected to represent the Pentathlon England South Team at Loughborough in late August. We will look forward to hearing how they get on.

PE Awards Scheme

Well done to the following students who have had a PE Department postcard sent home in the post. They were nominated by their PE teacher for working really hard in PE lessons and making good progress: Sam Taylor, Macy Alison, Luke Boyt, Cameron Langley, Alistair Jardine, Luci Robertson, Josie Robertson, Jack Graham, Tom Kerry.

Rounder's News:

Well done to our Year 9 rounders team who made it through to the rounders league finals this week. They beat Theale Green and Little Heath to become overall rounder's league winners.

Good luck to our Year 7 and 8 rounders teams who have also made it through to the league finals and play on Wednesday after school.

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