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MINI COOPER TRIP

Last Friday, 23 November, Year 10 and 12 Product Design students traded their usual contemporary setting of St Bartholomew's for the futuristic environment of the Mini factory in Cowley. We don't mean that the factory is petite; we mean it is where designs are finally realised in the production of the various models of Mini; a classic British institution. (Although now owned by a German company!)



The students were welcomed by engineers with more than 100 years of

design and manufacturing experience between them and were given an overview of the whole production process. Students were taken on a tour of the production factory, which looked like a Sci-Fi set, with robots outnumbering humans.

Students were also shown the assembly factory, which was reliant on good, old fashioned human dexterity, common sense and professionalism. Here the automation was outnumbered by real people. The students left the Mini factory in awe of what can be achieved with the use of machines. They are much wiser with regard to how important their role as 'future designers' is and how we all depend on designers to make our everyday 'tools' better suited to our ever changing lifestyles; incorporating modern designs with

practicalities and durability whilst also being aware of costs, both financial and environmental.

HOW TO BE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY



Tip of the week from the Eco Club

Don't waste food, make use of leftovers.

ECONOMICS CONFERENCE



On Monday November 26 A Level Economics students attended a conference in London. Students listened to a wide variety of speakers, despite some MP's on the program having to miss the event due to a busy day at the House of Commons! The guest speakers were

- Rt Hon John Mc Donnell MP, Shadow Chancellor
- Kate Hoey MP
- Dr Charles Smith, University of Wales, A Level chief examiner
- Kamal Ahmad, Economics Editor, BBC
- John Appleby, The Nuffield Trust
- Steve Davies, Institute of Economic Affairs
- Vicky Price, Centre for Economics and Business Research
- Carl Emmerson, Institute of Fiscal Studies

Some of the issues discussed were the funding of the NHS, problems with productivity in the UK economy and of course Brexit. There were some interesting and challenging questions from the floor and the day was an excellent opportunity for students to put the theory they have learned into the context of the economic environment around them. There were also two sessions specifically linked to the exam specification, with advice on technique and tips for success at A level which will be of great benefit for next year's exams.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE



Young Enterprise companies are up and running at St Bart's. This year again we have two companies.

Fuel Fitness are producing protein bars completely designed by themselves, including the ingredients, flavour and packaging. The bars will be produced in our own school kitchen and will be ready for sale in the new year. The bars will be suitable for a wide variety of dietary requirements and in line with the school recycling initiative will be sold in compostable packaging.

Home Matrix are selling scented candles which they will produce themselves and also a range of bath bombs. They have sourced suppliers for wax, scented oils and wicks and the candles will be produced in recycled glass jars donated by friends and family. They attended the St Bart's annual craft fair and sold out of their initial batch of products.

It is very pleasing to see both companies taking on the challenge of manufacturing this year as this is a more demanding and worthwhile experience than simply buying products from the internet and reselling. Students will gain a real insight into running a business and we look forward to watching their skills develop over the course of the year.

Watch this space for further details of where the products can be purchased!

CALENDAR



Y8 English trip to "A Christmas Carol" production	Fri 7 Dec	Old Vic, depart 11:30am, return approx. 6:00pm
Y11 Practice Exams	Mon 10 to Fri 14 Dec	Hall
Y7 Christmas Parties	Mon 10 Dec	5.00pm - 6.30pm
Y7 English trip to "Peter Pan" production	Tues 11 Dec	Oxford, 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Y13 Subject Parents' Evening	Tues 11 Dec	Curnock Block, 4.30pm - 7.00pm
House Christmas Dinner	Weds 12 Dec	

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

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



St Bart's will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day 2018 on Friday 14th December.

If you want to take part, you can wear a festive jumper instead of your blazer. School uniform must still be worn below the waist. Please bring in £1 which will go to the charity **Save the Children**.

If you are not taking part, you must be in full school uniform. We're looking forward to a cheerful and festive way to raise funds for **Save the Children** in time for Christmas.

EVERS FUNDRAISING



A huge thank you to all our students and staff who helped raise £132.00 with our annual event, “Christmas Songs at Tesco” on Monday 3

December. Your support is always appreciated – well done everyone!

Congratulations and thank you also to the students of 8E2 who raised £70.00 after joining in with ‘make a noise’ fundraising using a Make and Bake theme!!

Funds raised will go to our House Charity, West Berkshire Mencap.

INTERSCHOOL DEBATING COMPETITION

On Wednesday 21 November, a group of St Bart’s students, from Years 8-11, travelled to the Downs School to compete in the interschool debating competition. There were three exciting rounds of debate so we all had a chance to get involved and share our opinions.



The first round was, “this House believes that our government shouldn't get involved in other countries’ politics.” St Bart’s argued for the motion, with both teams making some great points about human rights and the avoidance of war. Lots of references were made to Vietnam and the Second World War to support the points.

The next motion for debate was, “This House believes that we should ban private car

ownership in order to protect the environment.” We had a very interesting discussion about whether we should take measures to tackle climate change at the expense of personal freedom. Connor Becket made an interesting reference to measures taken to reduce emissions in Dublin.

The final debate was, “this House believes that the public shouldn’t have a say in political decisions.” We were arguing for the opposition, with Lorna Cuff chairing. This final round was very hotly contested, with lots of references to Brexit! The audience were really engaged, asking us lots of challenging questions.

St Bart’s won the first two rounds and drew the last. When the results were announced we won two of the three rounds and drew one, meaning St Bart’s were the overall winners with Fran Smith as debater of the day.

Lorna Cuff and Lori Leeming, 10C3

NEWBURY’S FIRST LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR



A number of St Bart’s students are involved in Newbury’s First Living Advent Calendar, inspired by an idea that began in Stockholm. It will run every day from

1 December until 24 December.

Like a traditional children’s advent calendar, a newly decorated window or door will be unveiled by a local amenity, business or resident, who will entertain you with a surprise festive treat. The event - which will remain secret until the day and run typically for 15 minutes - can include songs, dance, music, food, sketches, poetry as well as more bespoke entertainment, all with a festive twist.

To find out more [visit this website](#).

TRAIN TO TEACH EVENT at St Bartholomew's School



**Wednesday 16
January 2019
6.00-8.00pm**

**A short
presentation at
6.30pm**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS



A huge thank you from the RE Department for all of your contributions to the West Berkshire

Food Bank. We were able to fill eight large sacks full of food which is now being prepared for redistribution. Thank you for helping us spread some Christmas cheer!

SHARES FOR SCHOOLS

Following the success of last year, our new Shares for Schools team have started to make their first investments. The team have faced a challenging start as the investments are being made amidst the turmoil of the Brexit negotiations and the subsequent impact on the stock market. Currently the team are showing a 0.7% loss and lie in 25th place out of 43 teams nationally. However, 16 teams have yet to make an investment and there is a long way to go in the competition.

Watch out for an update in the new year!

PE

Football

Well done to the Year 8 Girls Football team who won the Area 6-aside Tournament this week. They won 4 games and they all played extremely well.



Year 9 Rugby

A huge well done to the Year 9 rugby team who have finished off an excellent first term of rugby.



The A team were undefeated in the local area tournament finishing top of their group with four wins from four games. With great team spirit, captain leading from the front, and many exceptional performances, the team were able to secure the title without conceding a try.

The B team also had an excellent run out at Newbury Rugby Club, battling against other schools' A teams and proving that there is great talent amongst the year group. Such a successful start to the year bodes well for the upcoming tour and sevens rugby after Christmas.

Sportshall Quad Kids Athletics Competition

Well done to all the students who travelled to Park House on Thursday 29 November to take part in this competition.



The girls performed superbly in both the track and field events scoring a massive team total of 243 points which placed them in 1st place out of 8 teams, a superb result which means they will go through to the County Event in March which will be held at Bisham Abbey.

Despite only having 4 athletes due to illness the boys still achieved a very creditable 3rd place out of 8 teams. For the top 3 places there was only 1 point difference between each placing. They will also go on to represent the County at Bisham Abbey.

Volleyball

On Sunday 2 December Saul and Gabriel Matinez Goddard and Sam Nadin represented Newbury Volleyball in the 2nd Round of the National U16s Volleyball Tournament. They had all trained 6 hours a week with our School Volleyball Club and Newbury Volleyball club in preparation for this challenge.

The Newbury coach has said that they played brilliantly in their 1st game, narrowly being defeated after a tight game. They lost in their 2nd game to a very strong team but managed to win a set from their opponents in their 3rd game. All 3 boys played their hearts out and never gave up in a tournament that was of a very high standard.

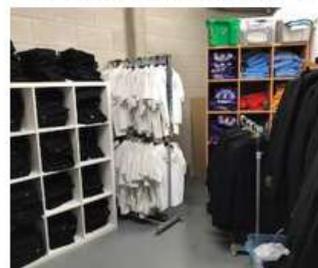
Congratulations to all three boys. To get to the 2nd round of a National Tournament is very impressive.

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.



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Fridays during
term time from

**3pm to
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