

# BartholoNews



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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year to all our readers, and as we enter the Spring Term we are looking forward to another positive year.

We also extend a warm welcome to new students and staff: Mr Brind, Teacher of Mathematics,

Miss Brown, Teacher of MFL and Miss Runcie, Teacher of Textiles.

Once again, this term the calendar is very busy with a wide range of activities planned, in which we hope everyone will get involved and give their best so that we can continue the greatness and success of St Bart's in 2019. In the coming months there are a number of important evenings for parents. For Year 11 there is a Parents' Evening on Thursday 31 January which is critical in supporting students to prepare for their final GCSE examinations in the summer. Then on Monday 4 February we look forward to meeting Year 9 parents to go through the Key Stage 4 curriculum with you and the choices your child has in terms of Options for September 2019.

We are pleased that many of our current sixth formers are receiving offers from their university applications, and acceptances have been secured. Year 11 have been busy placing applications for the Sixth Form next year and interviews for the Sixth Form will take place later this half term.

May I also please ask that you ensure students wear appropriate uniform to school. This includes students only wearing the official school jumpers, skirts and trousers and no alternatives which are not acceptable.

Finally, over the next month we will again be asking all members of the school community to give their views on what St Bart's has to offer and the success of our students through completing our annual Kirkland Rowell questionnaire. We really value your opinions, as it helps us to promote the school and further improve upon our many strengths to ensure the best provision for all our students. I thank you in advance for your time in completing this questionnaire.

## HOW TO BE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY



**Tip of the week from the Eco Club:**

**Read online or use ebooks**

## ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES



The schedule of Activity Time and After School Clubs for Spring Term is now on the school website [here](#).

## STUDENTS' BELONGINGS

It is important that students' belongings are labelled and that they learn to be responsible for these.

Therefore, in an effort to encourage students to become responsible for their own belongings and maintain a pleasant school environment, we would ask that you remind your child to bring their belongings home with them every day or leave them in a locker.

A limited number of lockers are available in school, and should your child need one they can obtain an application form from their House Office (a £10 deposit is required).

The procedure for students to recover lost property can be summarised as follows:

- *Students should check the list of lost property that their House Office holds.*
- *If they believe that the lost item is on the list, a visit to Reception will be arranged. (Reception is where lost property, other than PE kit is handed in).*
- *Every effort will be made to return named items to their owner.*
- *Items which are not named and not collected in 4 weeks, will be donated to the Parents' Association, who sell items of second hand uniform in the Community corridor every Friday between 3.00pm and 3.45pm. Non-school items will be given to charity.*

Thank you for discussing this matter with your child.

## SPRING MENU 2018



The new menu for this term is now available on the Parent Portal [here](#).

## EVERS FUNDRAISING



Well done, our last cake sale of 2018 by 8E1 raised nearly £80.00 for their hard work. Thank you for all your support with raising funds for West Berks Mencap!

## Calendar



Ski Trip Information Evening	Thurs 10 Jan	Hall, 5.30pm (Shop open 4.30pm)
Y11 Art Visit	Fri 11 Jan	Tate Britain, London, all day
1st XV Rugby v ONA	Sat 12 Jan	1pm (Home)
CCF Sunday Walk 2	Sun 13 Jan	8.30am – 4.00pm
German Exchange Information Evening	Mon 14 Jan	Foyer, 6.30-7.30pm
Spanish Exchange Information Evening	Tues 15 Jan	Foyer, 6.30-7.30pm

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

## CHAMPIONS OF ENTERPRISE FINAL

On 6 December we travelled to Shaw House to take part in the final round of Champions of Enterprise. After competing with the other teams in our year, we were selected to represent St Bartholomew's against other schools in the local area; Park House, Little Heath and Trinity.

The challenge we won to be selected for the final was to invent a strategy for a local business, appealing to our year group in ten years' time. We chose to create a plan for the Newbury branch of Waitrose. Our ideas included various charity events for the store to take part in, including sponsoring for school sports days. We also designed an app that the store could use to make shopping easier and more accessible to both future and existing customers. After being selected to represent

the school, we further developed these ideas to host a 'brand off', in which we asked the judges and audience members to guess the price of different Waitrose foods.



On the day of the final, at Shaw House, we presented our ideas twice, firstly to

a judging panel and, in the evening, to the rest of the schools and business professionals from around Newbury.

We thoroughly enjoyed the experience, as it taught us valuable skills such as teamwork and presentation. It was also really interesting to develop our ideas, and we received valuable feedback on our work from the judges that we can apply to future projects. Overall, it was a great day and an excellent opportunity to learn more about the businesses in our area.



## RISKING IT ALL

The West Berkshire Council, Building Communities Together Partnership and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) have sponsored an innovative programme of educational theatre, focusing on risk-taking behaviour to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation (CSE), e-safety, substance and alcohol misuse, grooming and inappropriate or exploitative relationships.

These performances are taking place in West Berkshire secondary schools between the 21-25 January 2019. The drama production is aimed at Year 9/10 audiences.

A 'Risking It All' performance is also taking place at Arlington Arts Centre on **Thursday 24 January at 7.30pm, aimed specifically at parents, carers and those working with young people.**

Most West Berkshire teenagers stated they would seek help from parents before anyone else regarding these issues, therefore this performance could give you vital information and to help you get the conversation started.

**Tickets are free and available from <https://arlington-arts.com/whats-on/> . It is anticipated that that tickets for this performance will be in demand, you are therefore encouraged to get a ticket soon to avoid disappointment.**

## PE

### Rugby

Year 10 have played several matches recently, playing in the league, the County Cup and National Vase. They narrowly lost in the County Cup semi-final to Forest School, but beat Sheldon School and Queen Elizabeth's Hospital Bristol in the National Vase and are through to round 5 of the competition. If they win their next match they will be in the quarter finals. They beat Kennet 7 tries to nil in the league, finishing unbeaten locally, to join Year 9 as League Champions.

The 1st XV beat Kennet School 39-12 in the league. Man of the match was Tom Cole. They now look forward to their match against the ONA, the Old Boys' team, on Saturday 12th January.

### Football

The Year 8 and 10 boys 6 aside A and B football teams have played in the area tournaments. Well done to all boys involved.



## Digital Photography Workshops for Beginners

Just got a new camera?  
Want to use it on more than just 'auto'?

Want to take more striking images?

Why not sign up for this course of **three** digital 'beginners' photography workshops?

Monday evenings 6.00-7.00 pm  
starting **28 January**  
at a cost of £30 per person

Open to adults and students alike

**Get more information**  
from Mr Turner in E017  
or email [pturner@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:pturner@stbarts.co.uk)

### Sport Ambassadors Training Day

As newly appointed Sports Ambassadors for St Bart's, we went to the Berkshire Schools Inspire Academy Day at Theale Green School. We learnt about how to run sports sessions, make them fun and engaging, to motivate students and make sessions fully inclusive.

The day started with a talk from former British Olympic and Commonwealth swimmer, Tom Haffield. Tom spoke to us about the achievements throughout his career and how

he had got there through hard work, dedication and sacrifices, by him and his family, starting at the very young age of 2.



He also spoke of the support from his coach when Tom 'fell out of love' with swimming at the age

of 17. Tom began messing around in training, not concentrating and he frequently argued with his coach. Without the encouragement of his coach, Tom told us that he would definitely not have got to the Olympic and Commonwealth games and gone on to achieve what he did.

Our first session was about what makes a good sports leader and what qualities, skills and knowledge we require. We got a clear idea of how we can be good leaders.

In our second session we learnt about how we can be adaptable to vary our own lessons, so they are fully inclusive for everyone, regardless of their aptitude or disability. We played seated volleyball as an example of this. It was our favourite session as we learnt in an active way, which we can also use for our own sessions.

Our third activity was learning how to run a session in a way that is enjoyable and engaging to students. We got a chance to teach the other students little games as a way of practicing.

Our final session was about decision making. We were given different scenarios and we had to decide what, as leaders, what we would do. This ties in with being adaptable because we had the chance to change our minds after each outcome.

Our last part of the day was action planning, where we met up with our mentor (Mrs Leach)

to think of ways we could apply all we had learnt to St Bart's. We came up with ideas such as targeting certain groups who are typically the least active with clubs intending to get them more active, which leads to better school grades and a healthier lifestyle. We really think this would be beneficial to our school and we would love to help students, which is why we are so grateful for the opportunity.

*Charlie Shakespeare and Rosie Makant  
Year 10 Sport Ambassadors*

### **Mia Eldridge**

Mia Eldridge (12P2) trialled for, and has been selected to participate at, the Centre of Excellence at WASPS FC under the coaching guidance of Danielle (Nolli) Waterman, who retired from England duty this year after a 15 year international career and 82 caps.

The Centre of Excellence programme involves all ten Premier 15 teams and provides the first platform for selection into the U18s Talent Development Group which is the basis for selection for the England U18 teams. Congratulations Mia.

## **Photography Competition**



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

**COLD**

Deadline: 13 February 2019

Email entries to [pturner@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:pturner@stbarts.co.uk) with your name, your tutor group and a brief description

## **Berkshire & South Bucks County Swimming Championships**

A large number of St Bart's students will be competing at the Berkshire & South Bucks County Swimming Championships to be held in High Wycombe over weekends in January. The entry times are very competitive in our region so all of the swimmers have performed very well to qualify for the event.

Congratulations to these students; Tobias Allen, Kaleb Fox-Jones, Luca Vicaria, William Oxley, Christopher Emberlin, Freya Barlow, Elspeth Crane, Lucy Emberlin, Kirsten Fraser, Abigail Holland, Georgia Humphreys, Imogen Matthews, Alice Peters Lucy Quesada-Getgood.

## **Former Students!**



**Please keep in touch by joining  
St Bart's Alumni.**

We are building a community of former students.

You will receive newsletters and be offered opportunities to stay involved with St Bart's.



We aim to inspire current students by encouraging alumni to share their further education and career experiences since leaving school.

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



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