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COMIC RELIEF AT ST BART'S

Well done everyone. You raised over £1350 on Red Nose Day! Half of this will go to Comic Relief and the other half will be split between the 4 House charities: Newbury and District Cancer Care, Bloodwise, Mencap and Guide Dogs for the Blind.



£156.10 was collected by the staff taking part in the House Dodgeball match and cake sale! Congratulations to Curnock who won the match.



YEAR TEN STEP UP TO ENGLISH GOLD

The English Department would like to congratulate the Year Ten Step Up to English Gold cohort who successfully achieved this AQA Qualification. This qualification directly prepares students for the AQA English Language and Literature GCSE and they have achieved this in one term which is a credit to their hard work and determination.

ECO CLUB UPDATE

How YOU Can Help

After recent discussions in school Eco Club would like to encourage you all, students, parents and staff to play your part in improving our environment.



Can we please ask that parents waiting for their children

outside the school **switch their engines off** as it is not only contributing to climate change but also to poor air quality locally which could affect your children and the staff at school.

Also did you know that nowadays less than half of all children in the UK walk to school? We ask you to consider if you could **walk to school** instead of being driven. Obviously there are benefits to the environment if you walk instead but of course it is good for you too, we all know that exercise is good for us and it can help improve our learning too. Walking is win, win!

HOW TO BE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY



Tip of the week from the Eco Club

Replace your black bin liners for biodegradable alternatives. You can easily order these on amazon or buy them at a supermarket.

Calendar



Y12 Maths Inspiration,	Thurs 21 Mar	Hexagon, Reading, 8am-2pm
Primary Schools Indoor Athletics Competition Sportshall	Fri 22 Mar	all day
Y11/12/13 CCF Army Nightex	Fri 22 Mar & Sat 23 Mar	
Y9(H) Geography Trip	Mon 25 Mar	Kew Gardens, all day
Y12/13 Psychology Conference	Mon 25 Mar	London, all day
Y11 GCSE PE West Berkshire Revision Experience	Tues 26 Mar	4.00-6.00pm
All Years Berkshire School Winter Games	Weds 27 Mar	Bisham Abbey, all day
Y9(G) Geography Trip	Weds 27 Mar	Kew Gardens, all day
Whole School Quiz	Weds 27 Mar	12.10pm

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

DIGITAL DETOX DAY



On Friday 1 March we held our first Digital Detox day. Students were encouraged to leave their phones at home and teachers reduced their use of technology within their

lessons. At Activity Time students completed a quiz about technology use throughout the world. On the day we discussed our use of technology and the impact it can have on our health. Students said that they spend an average of 5-10 hours per week using screen time. They also

stated that their most used apps are Instagram and Youtube. We would like to thank both staff, students and parents for their support of this day.

The Digital Detox Team



YRS 9-13 CLAY CLUB

COME AND HAVE A GO AT POTTERY WITH QUALIFIED LOCAL POTTER LIZZY MCCrackEN.

LEARN TO THROW A BOWL ON THE WHEEL AND MAKE A SLAB BUILT BOX. DECORATE, GLAZE AND FIRE YOUR PIECES.

WEDNESDAYS 3:30-5PM IN C211

STARTS FIRST WEDNESDAY AFTER EASTER. RUNS FOR 4 WEEKS.

£25 EACH WHICH INCLUDES MATERIALS AND FIRINGS.

VISIT THE ART OFFICE TO SIGN UP. 10 PLACES AVAILABLE.



Photography Competition



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

EGGS

Deadline: Tue 2-4-19

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



Clubs & Societies Spotlight

CHINESE LESSONS

When: Thursday, after-school, 3.20 – 4.20

Where: MFL Dept

Who for: All interested students



Study of Mandarin Chinese. All four skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking are taught. In addition, we also organise wider cultural experiences from time to time. Most recently we went to a local restaurant to

celebrate Chinese New Year. There is also an exchange with our partner school in Qingdao, which runs every few years. Ultimately you will be given the opportunity to sit the GCSE Chinese exam.

There is a charge of £5 per lesson. Financial support is available for Pupil Premium Students. The next class enrolment will be in September 2019.

How to join in: contact Mrs Wood, Head of MFL, mwood@stbarts.co.uk.

NEWS FROM THE MFL DEPT

You may have heard recently of the report highlighting the serious decline in foreign language teaching and learning in the UK. Here at St Bart's we are in the fortunate position of having a thriving department, with French, German and Spanish all taught to A Level and Chinese taught to GCSE.

The latest report only serves to highlight how rare this is, particularly in state comprehensive schools. Perhaps one of the reasons we are doing so well is because the commitment of the highly-qualified staff does not stop at the classroom door, but goes well beyond, to offer

other opportunities to St Bart's linguists. Below is a short round-up of our most recent activities. Just before Christmas, we held the final of this year's **karaoke competition**. This was the 6th year for the event and as students have moved up through the school, so they have taken their enthusiasm for singing in foreign languages with them! We had a record number of entries, 19 in total, with competitors from Year 7 through to Year 12. Only 5 entries make it through to the final. This year they were:
7C2 singing "Die Katze liebt im Schnee"
Year 12 Spanish – "El mismo sol"
Year 12 German – "Je ne parle pas français"
Year 12 French – "Elle me dit"
GCSE Chinese – "yue liang dai biao wo de xin" (月亮代表我的心)

Those of you who have supported the karaoke competition over the years will be aware that the standard has risen steadily, it barely fits the term "karaoke" any more, with all groups performing songs from memory, with nifty choreography incorporated too. You will also know that the title is hotly contested, not just by students, but by the associated members of staff as well! For this reason, the final judging is taken out of MFL hands and put in those of Mrs Robertson, Head of Expressive Arts. This year's winners



were the GCSE Chinese group, who had devised a dance and added harmonies, to ensure they won. The performers were: Arianwen Evans, Ffion Godwin, Lucy Godwin, Siena Edwards and Lorien Carter.

The start of the Spring Term saw first the **German Exchange** and then the **Spanish Exchange** groups travel to the continent. Both trips were very successful. Miss Smith and Miss Novak (the German assistant) accompanied students to Monheim, where they spent time in school, visited Bonn and Cologne and also had a chance to build a snowman or two.

Spanish Exchange

At the start of February, Miss Elliott and I went with a group of 15 students to our partner school in Salou, Spain. We spent a week enjoying the warmth of the Spanish sun as well as of our hosts' hospitality.

All students were accommodated in families, allowing them to immerse themselves fully in Spanish culture. During the week, in addition to spending some time in our partner school, students were taken on trips to Barcelona, Lleida and Tarragona and were lucky enough to be in town for the annual fiesta! On their return, students wrote their own accounts of the visit...

"The exchange was the best trip that you could imagine... During our stay there was a big festival called *Coso blanco* which was really good. We partied into the night and I will always remember it for the rest of my life"

Robert Wild

"On the 5th February, I flew to Spain for the Spanish Exchange. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made... My Spanish has improved so much and so has my confidence."

Ebony Whitehouse

"The Spanish Exchange was a blast. I met so many new people that are now close friends... The family I was paired with were the best, they treated me as if I was their own daughter, they were so sweet and helped me with my Spanish a lot."

Mabel Stewart

"Although I was nervous at first, I had a great time on this exchange... Not only has my Spanish improved a lot, I have been given the opportunity to immerse myself in the culture and I have grown in confidence throughout the week..."

Katie Mulhern



"Hanging out with your exchange partner is always way more fun than people say. We saw some amazing things and I made some amazing new friends. I was so upset to leave. Overall the exchange is an amazing opportunity to try new things... Exchange families essentially take you under their wing and from experience they take brilliant care of you."

Sophie Rabinowitz

"The first full day we went to Tarragona, which was very historical and then an art workshop [in school] on Gaudi, where we created our own mosaic patterned tops – mine centred around flowers. This is just a snippet, but the day at school was really fun as we saw how they learn English from a young age."

Ruby White

"The best part was Cos Blanc 2019 which is the most important carnival in Salou. ... Some of us dressed up as elephants and we paraded through Salou. In the morning we went around once, then in the evening we went around twice with around 22 tons of confetti and people throwing it around. It was one of the best trips I have been on and I will remember this magnificent experience for the rest of my life."

Neve Scarr

"I loved the Spanish Exchange! I met so many new people and I made so many new friends. I had a lovely time. ... There were 36,000 people in the festival. It was amazing... I can't wait until they come to England."

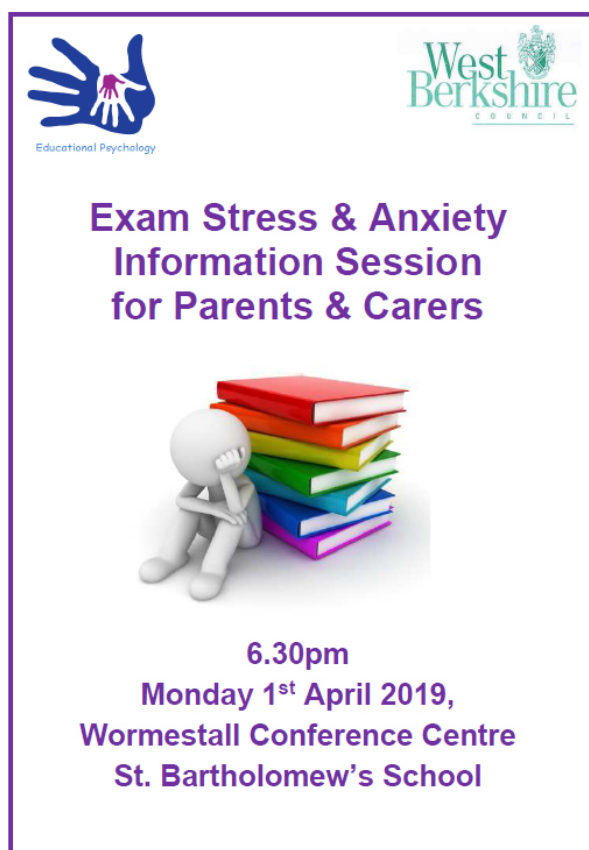
Pippa Thomas

"The people were so welcoming and the family I stayed with made me feel so at home. I loved the immersion into the life and culture of Spain... and would do it all again in a heartbeat."

Maddie High

The German and Spanish Exchange partners will be coming to Newbury in the second half of the summer term, when we hope to make them feel as welcome as we did when we travelled to see them.

Mrs Wood, Head of MFL



SIXTH FORM VISIT MARY HARE

On Monday 11 February, some Sixth Formers had the pleasure of visiting Mary Hare Secondary School, as a part of the plan to keep connections with other local schools.

After a friendly introduction, some of the Year 12 and 13 prefects showed us around the school. They explained about how the classes are small and group aids are used when in the classrooms in order to aid their hearing. All students wear either hearing aids or have cochlear implants.



We played a friendly tournament of volleyball, and it's fair to say that the Mary Hare students were much more experienced players than us! Then we were shown some of the bedrooms in

the Sixth Form quarters; most of the students are weekly boarders.



There was an opportunity to ask the students some questions about their school, boarding and what they plan to do after Sixth Form. There was a real sense of deaf pride amongst them and within the school, that despite having a disability they are still more than able to go on to accomplish great things at Mary Hare and beyond. It was so admirable to see that many of the students are fluent in both spoken English, can communicate using BSL (British Sign Language) and are even able to translate between the two in order to help each other. Overall, our Mary Hare visit was an eye-opening and enjoyable experience and it would be great to continue our schools' connection into the future.

Anna van der Zwaluw, 12E4

PE

Netball

St Bart's played St Gabriel's in netball league games. Scores and players of the matches were as follows:

Sixth Form, lost 14-18, Maya Landhed
Year 11, won 19-9, Sophie Stancombe

Year 8 and 9 played friendly matches against Marlborough College. Scores and players of the matches were as follows:

Year 8, won 21-3, Nya Taank
Year 9, won 18-7, Alice Rawlins

National Schools Biathlon Championships

Well done to Christopher Emberlin who recently competed at the National Schools Biathlon championships at Crystal Palace and achieved a new personal best in the swimming to finish in 29th position overall out of 104 boys in his age category.



It was a very competitive field so Chris was very pleased with his results.

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



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BROWN'S MEADOW - BUILDING FOR FUTURE ATHLETES

We are appealing for donations towards building a new sports' pavilion at Brown's Meadow to ensure the development of future young athletes and sports players for generations to come.



Plans have been approved for the construction of a modern pavilion boasting improved facilities.

To date over £250,000 has been raised including donations from Sport England, Greenham Trust, Newbury Town Council, Englefield Charitable Trust and Newbury Athletic Club.

We are at 78% of our target, a further £36,000, which will be match funded by Greenham Trust is required.

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