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NATIONAL ORCHESTRA PLACES AWARDED TO STUDENTS

We are extremely proud of two St Bart's students who have been offered places in a national orchestra. Lottie Swainston (Year 13) and Matthew Prior (Year 11) have both been offered places in the elite National Youth Orchestra (NYO) which only has 164 places nationwide.



For Matthew, who has previously been a member of the National Children's Orchestra, this meant 2 rounds of auditions. Lottie has already been a member of the orchestra for three years, in addition to leading two orchestras for the Royal College of Music junior department.

Musicians wishing to apply to NYO need to be between 13 and 18 years old and of a standard equivalent to that required to pass Grade 8 with distinction. They aim to inspire their members to give world-class performances through the example of role models. As well

as the chance to make friends with likeminded players there is also the chance to travel, with concerts having been performed in France and Germany in recent years.

Mrs Robertson, Head of Expressive Arts Faculty at St Bart's said "We are very proud of the outstanding achievements this represents for our students. They are highly dedicated and proficient musicians who continue to promote excellent standards of musicianship at a very young age, whilst remaining an important source of inspiration for their peers too."

EVERS FUNDRAISING

Well done to tutor group E6 for their fantastic efforts in making £32 at their very speedy



lunch time cake sale on Thursday 16 January. The monies raised go towards the Evers House Charity, West

Berkshire MENCAP, thank you all!

SHARES 4 SCHOOLS UPDATE

On Friday morning (17 January) our team had moved up to 5th place nationally and are in 3rd place in our region. See

www.shares4schools.co.uk for more information.

Wednesday 29 January 2020 is a Staff Training and Development Day. School will be closed to students

Calendar



Y13 Solo & Group Choreography Dance Day	Weds 22 Jan	
Parents' Association Meeting	Weds 22 Jan	Wormestall Meeting Room, 7pm
Y13 PRACTICE EXAMS START	Thurs 23 Jan	End 28 January
Y11 English Trip to Poetry Live	Thurs 23 Jan	The Hexagon, Reading, all day
Y10 CCF WHT Weekend	Sat 25 & Sun 26 Jan	
KS4 Courses Booklets issued to Y9	Mon 27 Jan	
German Exchange departs	Mon 27 Jan	Return 4 Feb
Y11 Reports issued	Tues 28 Jan	

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**View all school events in our online calendar,
click here to go straight there**

NEWBURY SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

The school's uniform supplier at the shop in the Kennet Centre, Newbury has recently changed hands and is now known as Skoolkit. On a day-to-day basis it's business as usual and the only difference you will see is the shop name being changed. The staff based in the Newbury shop will continue to work there and we are delighted that Jacqui Lewis will remain for a while yet as manager to ensure a smooth transition.

As an independent retailer Jacqui has served the needs of customers in the local community for over 15 years and she is well-known by many families. Jacqui has now reached a stage to hand over the reins of the Newbury shop to ensure the business continues with the same set of values that have been her core focus.

Skoolkit is a family run business that has been providing more than 500 schools with practical, well-designed and cost effective school uniforms for over 40 years. We have met with Skoolkit's managing director and have every confidence they will work with parents, carers, students and the school to provide an efficient and reliable service. We are also delighted that Skoolkit has an online facility and from April 2020 St Bart's will be added to their website giving you more flexibility in purchasing uniform items.

We continue to offer two suppliers for the purchase of St Bart's uniform and there are no changes to purchasing from Trutex Direct online at www.trutexdirect.com The password is LEA00631SC.

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 or old style skirts please!)**

either at the shop on Friday afternoons, or anytime
via the main reception desk in a clearly marked bag.

Help raise funds for your school!

NEWS FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

St Bart's Governing Board is the body that oversees the school's strategy. Our three main jobs are:

- to ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its students; and
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

From 1 January 2020 the Co-Chairs of Governors are Karen Sadler and Catie Colston. We have also recently appointed several new governors to join our team, based on the skills they offer. Our newest recruits are:

- Umar Butt
- Greg Humphreys
- Daisy Hutchinson
- Shaun Letchford
- Charlie Warner

and we welcome all of them.

You can find out about governors old and new [here, on St Bart's website](#). We will write occasional articles in Bartholonews to update you on what the governors are up to, but if you have any questions, please contact Catie or Karen.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE TRADE FAYRE

Saturday 1 February
Kennet Centre, Newbury

Our three Young Enterprise companies are now fully operational and will be taking part in their first big selling event on 1 February. If you are in Newbury on that day please come along and support them!



ACE Clothing will be selling sweatshirts, embroidered with their own logo. These are already proving popular with our sixth form students

For those concerned about the environment Muddy Paws give you the opportunity to buy dog collars made from hemp which are both eco-friendly and sustainable.



Also on the environmental theme, The Little Green Box will be selling eco-friendly and customisable hampers. These hampers will contain items such as vegan soap and other cosmetics, with customers choosing their own items to add.



St Bart's Polo Club

A new Polo club is starting at St Bart's.

No horse riding experience necessary!

Come and have a go in a taster lesson.



£25 for a taster lesson 30-45 minutes. Open to all year groups.

For more information please collect a

letter from Miss Brown in the Davis House Office. Form deadline: 31 January.

“HEALTHY LIVING” AT ST BARTS!

I’ve failed Veganuary on day 11 and I didn’t even know about it until now! In writing this piece, I am reflecting on the no cheese vegetable pizza I bought from Dominos (boring!); only to discover today that the base contained milk. That being said, I still think it is worth trying to reduce our impact on the environment. We will all “fail” and I believe that any effort is better than none.

Why bother? In Britain alone, Veganuary 2019 saved over 3.6 million animals from slaughter.

I miss being able to buy affordable chocolate and I miss cow’s milk in my tea but honestly, I don’t feel any different. I think being mostly vegetarian for a year helps. One thing that I have noticed though is that I’m generating more plastic waste (e.g. tofu packaging) and using more difficult to recycle tetrapaks (from plant based milk). Which is the lesser evil?

Try this recipe for your Meat Free Monday!
[Nigella's Tomato Curry with Coconut Rice](#)



Miss Savage

CYBER FIRST COMPETITION

This week has seen a number of girls start the fiendishly difficult Cyber First competition. Run by the GCHQ led National Cyber Security Centre, the puzzles are designed to challenge the students problem solving and coding abilities, all whilst



overcoming various obstacles on way to the right answer.

The competition is already highlighting the incredible computing talent present among students, and completing these deviously created puzzles would be a superb achievement. Good luck to the girls!

PE

Netball

The Sixth Form team played a league match against Kennet School. St Bart's won 17-9. Player of the match was Sophie Stancombe.

Football opportunity

There are some free football sessions being delivered at St Bart’s School on Monday evenings from 5:30pm to 7pm. The session is part of the Premier League Kicks Project that Reading FC Community Trust delivers across Newbury, Reading, Wokingham and Windsor. If you would like any more information on the Kicks project it can be found [here](#). Miss Ostinelli also has more information and a copy of the consent form.

Martial Arts club

A new and exciting club has just started, martial arts with a hint of self-defence. The club is currently running on a Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm in the gym and is run by an external instructor.



The first session was hugely popular and we are hoping this club will continue throughout the Spring Term. Come along and have a go!! Boys and Girls all ages are welcome.

ST BART'S PARENTS ASSOCIATION

warmly invites you to join us at a

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

which we will be hosting at

**St Nicholas Church,
Newbury**

**Thursday 30th January
10am till noon.**



Pop in and enjoy some delicious homemade cakes and good old fashioned conversation, alongside a tombola and a bric a brac stall. All the money raised goes to boosting the extra curricular activities and equipment at St Bart's.

Can you help us for the morning, and/or make a cake? Please let us know - stbartspa@gmail.com.



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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