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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of last week the Government published its guidance for the full opening of schools. Its plan is that all students, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of September

now that circumstances have changed. The prevalence of coronavirus has decreased and the NHS Test and Trace system is up and running and more is known about the measures that need to be in place to create safer environments within schools.

To achieve this as a school we have already given this a lot of thought and will continue to plan for this, putting in place a thorough risk assessment to ensure we do all we can to protect our school community. We will write to all parents/carers next week with full details of the plans that will be put in place for September.

In the meantime, we are pleased to continue to see excellent engagement from the majority of students with their learning, in school and remotely. However, as always, if you have any concerns in regard to your child, please contact their House.

Yours faithfully,
Ms J A Mortimore
Headteacher

SCHOOL OPENS VIRTUALLY FOR INDUCTEES

Our Sixth Form Induction Day has become one of the most exciting days in our school calendar. This year things had to be a little different and circumstances required that we went to new and exciting lengths to give students a flavour of Sixth Form life. We were unable to physically host all the significant number of students who have chosen to make St Bart's their Sixth Form choice. Instead, alongside two live sessions with students on Friday 26 June, we launched a brand new dedicated website packed full of resources and information for students and their parents.



Building on our recent successes in delivering online lessons, our A Level and BTEC courses produced some mini virtual lessons, using a variety of different technologies. In the most ambitious of these, teachers were joined by some of our Y12 student Subject Reps to co-deliver course introductions and mini-lessons. All members of the Sixth Form staff team also recorded welcome videos including our new Head of Sixth Form, Sian Allen, who introduced herself to the students before her arrival at St Bart's in September.

The application window remains open for 2020-21 and enquiries are also welcome for

2021-22. Application forms can be completed online and interviews can be conducted remotely.

LOCKDOWN DRAMA!

Over the last few months the Drama department have been busy planning practical performance challenges for our students that they can achieve at home. This has resulted in some absolutely fantastic creations. One task in particular was for students to recreate their favourite movie scenes using props (and family members!) at home. Here are some examples of the wonderful submissions!



'Dear Evan Hansen' by Harry (7D2)



'Home Alone' by Gus (7D2)



'The Lion King' by Samuel (9D1)



'Harry Potter' by Beatrix and her family (9D1)

'The Last Jedi' by Louis (7D2)



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VACANCIES FOR COMMUNITY TRUSTEES

St Bartholomew's School Charitable Foundation has a vacancy for a Community Trustee.

The Foundation owns the majority of the land and buildings used by St Bartholomew's School, is the custodian of many prize funds, other funds relating to the upkeep of the school and has responsibility for a permanent endowment of funds and assets, including property. The principal object of the Foundation is to provide educational benefits to the students of St Bartholomew's School.

There are 12 Foundation Trustees who meet once a term. Half of the Trustees are nominated by West Berkshire Council, Newbury Town Council and Newbury Almshouse Trust. There are six Community Trustees who are drawn from the local community and are valued because they are able to enhance the Foundation with their skills and knowledge. The term of office for Community Trustees is four years.

Appointments are usually made based on the skills needed for the Foundation to continue to function effectively. On this occasion, we are looking for candidates who have local knowledge and past or present connections with the school. Some experience of property/land management and/or a finance background, as well as some understanding of committee work would be helpful.

It is hoped to be able to appoint one new Community Trustee to begin their term in October. The closing date for applications is Monday 13 July 2020.

If you have the skills noted above and would like to apply, or have any questions about the role, please contact Helen Sutherland, Clerk to the Foundation, at foundation@stbarts.co.uk.

CORN EXCHANGE: UNLOCKED AND UNBOLTED

The Corn Exchange are looking for young people from across the country to take part in *Unlocked and Unbolted* - a collaborative project which asks you to share your voices,

experiences and thoughts of the past few months. Through online conversations, they would like to hear how Covid-19, lockdown, isolation, social distancing and the realities of this pandemic have directly affected you and your thoughts for the future. Please turn to page 6 to find out more.



The Heritage Garden at St Bart's

LIGHTBULB IS LAUNCHED

We all love a good story or a piece of writing that really strikes a chord. Stories help us understand ourselves as well as describing the world around us and, at a time when there is so much to have an opinion about, it's vital that our students learn to express themselves articulately.

In a general sense, those are the reasons for launching Lightbulb, a magazine of impressive

creative and persuasive writing by our KS4 students. From a more particular point of view, writing well in question 5 of both the English Language papers goes a long way towards passing that exam with flying colours.

So the purpose of this magazine, which I hope we will publish regularly, is to celebrate excellent work but also to inspire all our GCSE students to devote time and energy to crafting their writing - because everyone should switch on to how important it is for their success at the end of KS4 and potentially beyond.

You can read this new magazine here on our website: <https://bit.ly/2O2ovI9>

HOME COOKING HEROES

Year 12 Food Science and Nutrition students have been working since Easter on a recipe development enrichment project in preparation for their Year 13 Food Science internal assessment work. Students selected a favourite family recipe on which to base their recipe development, with an eye on ingredient availability during early lock down! We present two further recipe designs from our food students.

My Ultimate Sweet Muffin Recipe: Tat's Ultimate Raspberry and White Chocolate Muffins

By Tatiana Tuff

Makes 14

Ingredients

- 300g plain flour
- 225g caster sugar
- 1 ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- Pinch of salt
- 100ml milk
- 100ml soured cream
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 5 tbsp. sunflower oil
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 150g frozen raspberries
- 150g white chocolate chips **or** 150g white chocolate bar **chopped up** **or** 150g white chocolate buttons **chopped up**

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/180C Fan/ Gas 5 and line one 12-hole muffin tin with paper cases and line another tray with two paper cases.
2. Sift the flour, sugar, bicarbonate of soda and salt into a large bowl and mix with a wooden spoon to combine.
3. Whisk the milk, soured cream, eggs, sunflower oil and vanilla extract together in a jug or bowl until well combined.
4. Pour the milk and egg mixture into the dry ingredients and fold the dry ingredients in, using a large metal spoon or spatula until just combined. Don't overmix the batter as this could make the muffins chewy, don't worry about tiny smears of flour in the batter.
5. Add the frozen raspberries and chocolate chips and mix until **only just combined**-over mixing causes the raspberries to break up.
6. Spoon the mixture into the paper cases, making sure they are all even. Bake for about **20-25 minutes**, or until the muffins are well risen and golden brown or a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.
7. Remove from the oven and allow them to cool in the tins for 5 minutes before transferring them to a wired cooling rack or they can be served warm. Enjoy!



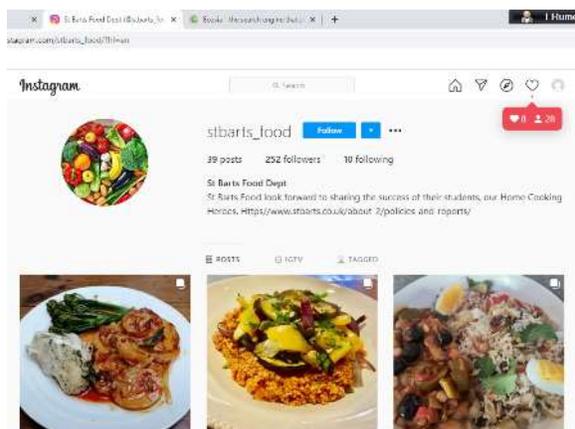
The link to the St Bart's recipe bank is:
<https://bit.ly/2V2Gwxt>

Please continue to send us photographs of your home cooking, you can email any food teacher;

Mrs Eastman: leastman@stbarts.co.uk

Mrs Bell: mbell@stbarts.co.uk

Ms Wenlock awenlock@stbarts.co.uk



We will send you a Home Cooking Hero certificate the first time you send us a photograph and your cooking may now be featured on our food Instagram: stbarts_food. (Please let us know if you'd rather we didn't).

*Mrs Linda Eastman
Head of Faculty Food & PDP*

RADIOTHERAPY DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

The Medical Physics and Clinical Engineering Department (MPCE) at the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust has an exciting opportunity for an Apprentice in Radiotherapy Engineering. The 3-year apprenticeship combines work-based training in the Radiotherapy Physics Section with fully funded block-release study at the University of West England. The closing date for applications is 20 July. Please follow this link for full details: <https://bit.ly/3e84ej0>

PE NEWS

Virtual Olympic Challenge

Well done to the following students who came top in their year.

Year 7 Girls: Edith Rivers, Bethany Howell, Holly Conway

Year 7 Boys: Ander Lansley, James Fenner,

Ryan Pateman

Year 8 Girls: Sophie Hopkin, Angel Nwokporo

Year 8 Boys: Willem Vrolijk, Drew Street, Lewis Gardener

Year 9: Bradley Hopkin, Ben Cook, Abi Hobbs

NEW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

By September we will have switched over to new email software for contacting parents, carers and students. You are unlikely to notice any difference but the emails from the new system will come from a new email address:

8695402@capita-intouch.co.uk

There will be a phased switchover so if you stop receiving emails from St Bart's we would advise you to check that they are not going into your SPAM folder. Some email providers have a 'safe list' feature. To make sure you receive emails, add our new address to this list. This new email address should not be used to contact the school. Please continue to use office@stbarts.co.uk if you wish to send us emails.

2021/22 TERM DATES ONLINE

Please note that 2021/22 Term Dates are now available on our website here:

<https://bit.ly/2YLfnlG>

SUPPORT DURING THE SCHOOL CLOSURE

Don't forget that we have compiled a list of useful services for those in need during this difficult time. You can view it here:

<https://bit.ly/2YXUvYJ>

We're also maintaining an archive of communications. You may find it useful to refer to these documents here:

<https://bit.ly/35TD3pX> and to back issues of Bartholonews, here: <https://bit.ly/35XsBxm>

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UNLOCKED & UNBOLTED

A COLLABORATIVE PROJECT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS AND EXPERIENCES OF COVID-19

Young people aged 14 – 21 are invited to sign up for group Zoom conversations with the creative team, led by director Bryn Holding, to share their voices, experiences and thoughts of the past few months. These conversations will become the inspiration for a new piece of theatre which will form a socially distanced live performance presented by a group of young performers later in the year.

THURSDAY 9 JULY 'RESPOND'

We'll talk about your responses to Covid 19, lockdown and the impact it has had on your own lives and hopes for the future.

4pm - 5pm: Suitable for ages 14 - 17 | 6pm - 7pm: Suitable for ages 18 - 21

TUESDAY 14 JULY 'IMAGINE'

A chance to imagine your futures and the new world you would like to see - what good could come out of our situations?

4pm - 5pm: Suitable for ages 14 - 17 | 6pm - 7pm: Suitable for ages 18 - 21

THURSDAY 16 JULY 'SHAPE'

A chance for you to have a voice on the material gathered. Includes a Q&A discussion about theatre making and the theatre industry as a whole.

4pm - 5pm: Suitable for ages 14 - 17 | 6pm - 7pm: Suitable for ages 18 - 21

WRITTEN OR RECORDED RESPONSES

For those who are unable to attend or who wish to share thoughts in a different way, visit our website for more details on other ways you can share your experiences.

WWW.CORNEXCHANGENEW.COM/UNLOCKED