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COMBINED CADET FORCE

For the first time in two years, St Bart's CCF was able to fulfil all its planned activities in the first half of this term.

On the last weekend in September, 23 cadets from Years 10 and 11 with supporting staff experienced the delights of Dartmoor. Camping at Runnage Farm near Postbridge, all four groups undertook walks on the southern moor on the Saturday. Although immersed in fog at the outset, it lifted sufficiently for cadets to appreciate the grandeur of this remarkable landscape. The Sunday saw all groups transported to Princetown to commence their respective walks along different routes to Postbridge, finishing in good time to enable a return to Newbury at a reasonable hour.



Cadets completing the record book at Duck's Pool, one of the original letterboxes on the moor.

The following weekend, 45 cadets completed Weapon Handling Test training and testing at school, all passed.

On 8 October, almost 70 cadets from Year 10 supported by both sixth form students and staff undertook their first Field Day at Bramley Training Area. With an emphasis on fieldcraft, including observation and cooking in the field, a highly successful day was enjoyed by all. A week later, 33 cadets from Years 11, 12 and 13 completed a 24-hour exercise, again at Bramley. For many, we were able to build on previous experience from last June to ensure that some fieldcraft skills were honed while new ones were developed.

We now look forward to further development in the field in March 2022 – Bramley is already booked!



Year 10 and 11 CCF cadets of the Navy section took part in afloat training for their field days. They travelled to HMS Excellent, the Royal Navy headquarters in Portsmouth, and then spent a day either sailing yachts or power boats. Activities ranged from learning how to steer at the helm, use nautical charts, how to tie nautical knots and handle sheets and rigging. Some even managed to get some fish and chips for lunch in Cowes on the Isle of Wight.

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Calendar



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| UCAS Early Entrant Aptitude Tests | Weds 3 Nov | |
| Orchestra Day Rehearsal | Weds 3 Nov | Hall – all day |
| Y12 & Y13 Photography & Graphics trip | Thurs 4 Nov | Oxford Botanical Gardens - all day |
| Sixth Form Open Evening for September 2022 entry | Thurs 4 Nov | 5.30-8.00pm (See opposite) |
| Y11 & Y13 Fine Art & Textiles trip | Fri 5 Nov | Oxford Museum - all day |
| CCF AT Weekend Isle Of Wight | Fri 5 – Sun 7 Nov | |
| Y9EP Vocablics | Mon 8 Nov | |
| GCSE Network Music Conference | Tues 9 Nov | Hall all day |
| Y12/13 Senior Mathematical Challenge | Weds 10 Nov | Hall P1 & 2 |
| Y12 Subject Parents' Evening | Weds 10 Nov | Remote, 4.30-7.00pm |

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

VIRTUAL CAREERS EVENTS

HSBC Opportunities

Their 2022 [UK Apprenticeships](#) and [Work Experience](#) programme is due to go live in Nov/Dec this year.

Berkley Homes

Building Futures is not just for those who may be interested in construction itself; successful candidates will have the chance to work in

Finance, Commercial, Construction, Technical, Customer Services, Sales & Marketing and Health, Safety & Sustainability, Land, Planning & Design. Contact Clare Oliver on 07729 722019 or clare.oliver@berkeleygroup.co.uk

Visit our [Y7-11 Virtual Careers Events webpage](#) for more events. And a more comprehensive listing for older students is also available on the Sixth Form Hub: [Careers and Study Opportunities page](#).



ECO BRICK CLUB Come and join us! Let's make St Bart's even greener.

As St Bart's Eco Reps, we want to do as much as we can to reduce the school's waste and its negative impact on the environment. We meet every Wednesday lunchtime in C012 and fill empty plastic bottles with single use plastics. Once they are tightly packed and over 175g, they become eco bricks. We want as many students as possible to join us so that we can continue making eco bricks, and create something special such as an art display for the Sport's Hall or flower pot for our wild garden.



So what are you waiting for? Come and join us; collect some single use plastics and meet the Eco Brick Team. Together we can help to reduce the volume of non-recyclable waste that is collected from the school, and make our world a better and cleaner world to live in.

*Olivia Moore and Chloe McMillan
(Eco Representatives).*

HMS Excellent
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We appreciate everything you, your family and your friends are doing to protect each other and the West Berkshire community, and we thank you for that.

We are currently experiencing a large increase in cases across the West Berkshire area; for context, they have more than doubled in the past week and are now at the highest since we started regular testing in the community.

We understand some of the case increase is due to the issues created by the negative lab results that many people experienced. While this is beyond our control, we hope everyone can come together to keep each other safe from Covid-19.

As a reminder, the issues experienced recently were caused by the lab; rather than Newbury Showground, the Showground site continues to run successfully and is available for bookings.

Thank you to everyone who completes a PCR test when feeling unwell; this helps keep everyone safe.

Please help us all to stop the spread of the virus, that means;

- wearing a face-covering in crowded areas, indoors or on public transport
- keeping your distance from other people where possible
- washing or sanitising your hands regularly
- booking a free test and isolate if you feel unwell
- testing twice weekly with lateral flow tests if you don't have COVID-19 symptoms
- keep up to date with your COVID-19 vaccinations - having all your doses protect you and those around you, check if you can have a booster jab

We ask everyone to do these wherever possible. Even if you are fully vaccinated, you can still catch and pass on COVID, and though you may have a milder case, it could be devastating for a person you give it to.



Remember that from this week 12 to 15 year olds can get their dose of vaccine from the vaccination hubs - [book on the NHS site here](#)

Booster Covid Vaccinations

If you are eligible for a booster jab and have not yet heard from your GP, you can now book direct if it is six months since your second jab - [book on the NHS site here](#)

Lateral Flow Tests

We want to encourage all residents to continue to use Lateral Flow Tests twice a week, especially if they come into regular contact with larger groups of people. You can collect your FREE kits from any Pharmacy, or order online. For more information, please visit the West Berks website and go to the COVID-19 section and view the [Lateral Flow Testing page](#).

and finally, You can join us at our next Local Outbreak Engagement Board Meeting on Tuesday, 26 October at 6.00 pm.

You'll be able to get an update on our local COVID-19 situation, vaccination programme and our COVID-19 related communications activities.

The meeting will be live-streamed on [our YouTube channel](#).



Oxbridge Workshop

In September, I attended a motivational workshop about Oxbridge in the hall. Miss Marshall and

Mrs Lane were able to dispel some of the myths about students who apply to Oxford and Cambridge University. We had a go at some of the practical tasks that you might be asked to do if you applied for a medical degree and it helped to know that it really is not that scary.

I really enjoyed meeting some of our Year 13 students who have been given Oxbridge offers,

it goes to show what anyone can do if they work hard. Talking to our ex Bart's students has made me want to apply for Oxbridge in the future. Some of these Oxbridge students are actually studying there right now. Overall, it was a motivating workshop. I am looking forward to getting involved with some more 'Stretch and Challenge' and Supra-Curricular activities which I can access online. If I do those activities then I'll be able to add loads to my Personal Statement when I am in the Sixth Form.

A Year 11 Student

VACANCIES



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: AFTERNOON RECEPTIONIST

We are searching for a part-time Afternoon Receptionist to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis.

We are looking for someone to be responsible for the main Reception ensuring that it is a pleasant and welcoming area, reflecting the ethos of the school in which all visitors and those contacting the school by telephone and email are made welcome and are dealt with courteously and professionally. You will effectively operate the switchboard and provide reception/administrative services.

HOURS: 19.5 hours pw, Monday to Thursday 12.45pm to 4.45pm and Friday 12.45pm to 4.15pm, term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata.

SALARY: £18562.00 - £18933.00 gross pa (£9.62 - £9.81 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £8348.75 gross pa.

For full details or to apply please visit:
www.stbarts.co.uk

Closing date: Sunday 7 November 2021

Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks.

Tel: 01635 521255 E-mail:
recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

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Year 10 Rugby



Year 10 Rugby team beat Court Moors School 31-17 in the National Vase round 3. Players of the match were George Stearn, Tom Fountain, Braiden Jackson and Harry Stacey.

U16 Girls' Football

Our U16 Girls' Football team got knocked out in the 4th round of the National Cup by Didcot Girls School.



The girls gave it their all and have made the school proud by getting to the 4th round of the National Cup despite this being their first year of playing together. Players of the day went to Abi and India.

West Berkshire Basketball Festival

We took 19 Year 7 and 8 students to play in the West Berkshire Basketball Festival.



All students got to play 4 games each in a mass participation event with several teams from several different schools and all had a great time.

English Schools Swimming Gala

Junior (Y7/8) and Intermediate (Y9/10) girls' teams competed in the freestyle and medley relays at this prestigious event. As a result of fantastic swimming by all the girls are reserves for the finals at the London Aquatic Centre in November. This event has been streamlined to the top 20 English schools and it has become harder to qualify due to Covid restrictions. But we are hopeful the Intermediate girls will be selected, watch this space! The girls said;

"I found that the gala was a great opportunity to race against others who liked swimming and wanted to represent their school. It was very enjoyable and a good challenge."

Beatrice Cratchley (8D1)



"An exciting event to take part in especially after not being able to compete for so long!"

Rafi Williams (8P2)



"I'd forgotten how fun racing as a school team is, so much energy and competition."

Kirsten Fraser (10C1)

"So glad we could compete again this year, I love swimming competitively!"

Lucy Bosley (10P1)

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Whose story will you inspire?

Train to Teach Career Information

Evening

Wednesday 3rd November 2021



Every Lesson Shapes a Life

If you are considering a career in teaching, come and find out about our primary and secondary training programmes with places available from September 2022.

The Downland Alliance is a school-led training partnership with secondary trainees based at The Downs, St. Bartholomew's, Park House and Kennet School. Primary trainees are based at one of our partnership primary schools in the local area.

So whether you are a teaching assistant, a career changer or you graduate in the summer of 2022 why not join our virtual Train to Teach Career Information Evening!



Email: itt@downlandalliance.org.uk

Website: www.downlandalliance.org.uk

Telephone: 01635 270096



When?

Wednesday

3rd November

6pm-7pm

How?

Join our virtual event by registering to attend through our website.

Meeting details will be emailed to you.

www.downlandalliance.org.uk



HELP REQUIRED FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT AND CRAFT FAIR 21ST NOVEMBER 2021

The Christmas Gift and Craft Fair which is organised and run by the Parents' Association is one of the largest fundraising events for the school and is on Sunday 21 November.

We could not put these events on without the help of parents and we are looking for help and contributions in the following areas:

- Help set up the event on Saturday 20 November
- Helpers in the kitchen on the day:
 - o 1 person from 9-11 (to help prepare)
 - o 2 people 11-1 to serve snacks and teas
 - o 2 people 1-3 to serve / wash up
 - o 2 person 3-4pm to help clear up.
- Donations of homemade soup and / or cakes to be served in the kitchen. Donations can be brought to the kitchen on the day from 9am.
- Donations of food/drinks towards the raffle.

Please contact stbartspa@gmail.com if you are able to help or donate.

The event can not be a success without you!

