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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the summer term, and it is good to see all the students quickly settle back into their studies.

Over Easter there were successful visits to Iceland, a rugby tour to Ireland and the

CCF annual Adventure Training Week and Ten Tors Selection Weekend. Students have all fed back on what a tremendous time they had and what valuable experiences these were.

We wish all students sitting their external examinations this term every success. Please support and encourage students in trying their best through this period and to attend all available revision sessions, to ensure they achieve their full potential in these forthcoming examinations.

This term we have welcomed Mrs Jelley in Davis House as School House Administrative Assistant/Lead Attendance Officer, Mrs Kingdon, Teacher of Art and Miss Burch and Miss Moore as Teaching Assistants.

As always, a lot is happening this term. I hope to see all students getting involved in the many activities on offer and look forward to continuing to share student successes with you.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher



DIARY DATES

- Fri 5 May PA Disco, Y7/8, 7-9pm
- Tues 9 May Y7 Subject Parents' Evening
Curnock block, 4.30-7pm
- Fri 12 May Graduation Day for Y11
- Mon 15 May GCSE/AS and A Level
Examinations begin



ST BART'S IN BLOOM

Our school grounds have been looking fantastic recently with spring flowers in full bloom. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to planting and maintaining the borders.

Dr Fitter took this photograph of the tulips in the Heritage Garden.



EVERS NEWS

Bake Off

Congratulations to 7E2 who raised funds for West Berkshire Mencap with their Bake Off inspired cake sale last term.

School Colours

Well done to the following on achieving their School Colours.

George Conington 11E3, Toby Brown 11E3, Beth Mellor 11E2, Anna Stearn 11E1, Sarah Clarke 11E1, Emily Wells 11E2, Anna Kersley 11E1, Alex Earle 11E1, Emily Carr 11E2.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK

The new official St Bart's Facebook page is now live. Follow and 'like' us at

<https://www.facebook.com/stbartsnewbury/>

We'll be posting events, news and photographs. You can also see what we're up to on Twitter.



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PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Each half term there will be a photography competition to enter

There will be categories for staff, Y7-9 and Y10-11 and Y12+

The theme this half term is...

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Deadline: Wednesday 24 May

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

KICKS @ ST BART'S



Free football sessions for ages 11-19 started on Monday 3 April from 5.30pm-7.00pm. Places still available.

A consent form must be completed by a parent/guardian. These can be completed at the session.

Contact Paul Brown, pbrown@readingfc.co.uk or ring 01189072153.

PICTURES ON A THEME OF DOUBLE

The following are entries from last term's photography competition.



Mrs Crocker

The 'double swan' image is often seen on greeting cards but here we see the swans

ignoring both us, and one another! A well composed image that gets us to look carefully at subjects and consider more than just the clichéd image in our photography.

Edmund

Breckenridge 7P3 in his own words ...

I thought using an Oreo really showed the idea of double with its double sided biscuit layers and after splitting them in half it is double yet again.



Emily Denton 7P2



While this one pair of shoes rests, many other pairs are carrying their owners around doing their daily business. The image is intriguing and begs a question; should the owner of the resting shoes be there, resting, or should they be with the others, outside, getting on with things?

Ms Thomson

A wonderfully restful and heart-warming image, enough to make you want to curl up

and take a nap yourself. The juxtaposition of the cold, hard rocks and the warm, soft furry animals seems to heighten the cosy feeling.



This selection of images is great, again. Well done to all entrants. The swans get us to challenge our thoughts about the standard images we see so often from advertisers and both the feet and biscuits seem to encourage us to relax and have a cuppa! The animals are so undeniably peaceful and calming, and contrast greatly with the hard, unforgiving rocks they are resting on.

This has been a tough decision but I am going for Ms Thomson's image of the animals. It has a very clean and simple composition, is beautifully exposed and is a lovely image! Well done Ms Thomson.

Mr P Turner

EXAM NEWS

GCE Results

Thursday 17 August

08.30 – 10.30

GCSE Results

Thursday 24 August

08.30 – 10.30

If you are unable to collect in person we require a letter/email giving your written authority for a family member/friend to collect on your behalf. They will need to bring proof of identification.

If you wish your results to be posted to you an A5 stamped addressed envelope needs to be with the Exams Department by **Monday 17 July**.

There will be information regarding emailing results in due course.

Exams Office





A BUSY TERM FOR THE CCF

Nightex, 17-18 March – cadets from both the Army and RAF sections took part in this voluntary activity at Bramley training area. Arriving in mid-afternoon both sections established their respective bases before the Army ensured there were no enemy in the immediate vicinity while the RAF laid an ambush. After feeding, all undertook various recce patrols before planning the following morning's advance to contact. Up early on the Saturday, a series of section attacks saw the enemy totally cleared from the area before all were able to clear up their respective positions before departing Bramley.

Field Day, 24 March – this coincided with our Biennial Inspection which this year was conducted by Gp Capt Lewis. His tour began at RAF Benson where he met Major Brooker and our RAF staff and cadets in the DCCT. These cadets later went on to the low ropes course. The RN were visited next at Theale where they were actively involved in paddle boarding. Finally, the Inspecting Officer moved to Bramley to see the Army section in action where on one of the stands he was able to experience section attacks from both sides as he acted as enemy on a couple of occasions. We await his report with interest.

Sunday Walk, 26 March – this was the fifth and last of the Ten Tors training walks with those involved carrying full packs for just under

20 miles. These cadets then spent the first few days of the Easter holiday on Dartmoor experiencing the challenges of the moor thereby preparing themselves better for the event proper in early May.

Easter AT Week, 6-13 April – this year's event took place in the Dartmoor area with our base at Okehampton Camp. All cadets took part in a three day trek before engaging in mountain biking, kayaking and indoor climbing activities. The whole week was completely dry and apart from the last day, there were long hours of sunshine. There were concerns that the three day trek may suffer from unseasonably warm weather but fortunately a cooling breeze on the first two days was much appreciated by all while the final day was much cooler.

The mountain biking sessions were very challenging with a good deal of height gained on the northern moor before the pleasanter downhill stretches. Those on kayaking on the first day had the better of the weather but all took to the water for the swim test and then experienced a lengthy session on the waters of Meldon Reservoir. Indoor climbing at the Barn near Launceston continues to prove a great success with all cadets pushing themselves to the full.

All agreed that our week was an excellent one and we now look forward to next year's event with the location still to be confirmed.

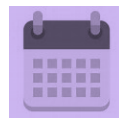


ETON FIVES

Recently, a number of Fives teams from St Bart's played in the U14, U15 and U16, and the Girls' Festival in the National Fives Competition at Eton.

The students played against other teams in both the main competition and 'Plate' competitions. In the U14s, the St Bart's pair reached the Plate final and in the U15s the girls gained 4th place and one of the boys pairs reached the final of a Plate.

Particular congratulations go to Kris Reddin and Sam Taylor, Izzy Sutton and Sasha Howgate and Poom Narongpun and Keian Ho who played exceptionally well.



CALENDAR UPDATES

Please note the following additions to the calendar.

Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 May

AS Graphics Exam all day

Monday 15, Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 May - A Level Graphics Exam all day

Monday 26 June

Y7 Art Workshop all day

Monday 3 July

Y13 Biology Field Trip departs (return Friday 7 July)

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2017

British Science Week is a national event and ran from 10 to 17 March. At St Bart's the Science Faculty organised a series of events to mark this occasion. On Friday 10 March The Explorer Dome returned to school to show displays about Space, Light and the Environment to students from Years 7 and 8. In the Activity Times of the following week a series of demonstrations took place. Miss Tyler-Henley did an amazing Whizz-Bang show, Miss Thomson showed the spectacular Rubens Tube and turned her lab into a camera. Mrs Woodgate dissected a pig's head teaching us a lot about anatomy, and Dr Ridgard demonstrated how lungs work by putting a tube down the throat of a dead pig and pumping it up.



Also, over two days, all of Year 8 went to the Birmingham NEC to go to the Big Bang Fair. Many schools, organisations and

companies set up stalls to educate the visiting students about science and innovation. Thanks to Dr Bull for organising this trip.

Science Week was a great experience while teaching us a lot about science, said Ed Barker and Connor Beckett 8E2



This year St Bart's had its own stall at the Big Bang Fair. Emma Lalande 13C3 presented the research that she has done on "Searching for an Alternative to Antibiotics". Her work

showed a huge level of effort and technical expertise, and we felt very proud that St Bart's was represented at the Fair alongside some of the best scientific organisations in the UK.

Dr R Costambeys

SPELLING BEE

On Tuesday 25 April the three class winners of the St Bart's Year 7 Spelling Bee Competition travelled to Abingdon with a member of staff to take part in the Regional Final being held at the St Helen and St Katharine School.

Adam Edwards, 7E1, entered for the German Competition and Lucy Colston, 7C2, and Piers Fulcher, 7D3, took part in the French competition. For this stage the students had to learn the meaning of 150 words in the chosen target language and then were asked to spell a random selection of words within one minute using the German or French alphabet. In total 83 students attended the Regional Final out of more than 7000 competitors nationally.



At the end of the competition our students were presented with an attractive certificate and should be congratulated on taking part in this competitive spelling challenge. The standard of the participants was extremely high and only one or two winners per language were selected to take part in the National Final later on in the term.



CAR PARKING

The school has again received complaints about inconsiderate car parking at the beginning and end of the school day, as well as following school sports matches. This causes obstruction and a risk of accidents. Drivers are asked not to block neighbouring driveways, only park in the marked disabled bays if entitled to do so and ensure there is a clear thoroughfare through the school driveway to enable other vehicles to enter and exit the site. There are occasions when coaches need access to use the drop off zones at 3.20pm; they are either returning from school trips or departing for PE fixtures and other activities. It is also important to keep the driveway clear should there be a need for emergency access. Parents/carers dropping off/collecting students are asked to keep road junctions and driveways clear, in particular in Bartlemy Road, Mayfair Drive, Buckingham Road, Wendan Road and Fifth Road (including the area at Brown's Meadow) and not to park on grass verges. Please do not park in Luker Court as this is a private car park for residents only. Drivers are also asked to keep the entrance to the Sixth Form car park at Wormestall clear to enable student drivers to exit safely.

Parents/carers visiting the school are reminded this is a non-smoking environment and are asked not to smoke in their cars on site.

Sixth Form Car Parking

Sixth Formers are reminded they may park on the gravel area adjacent to the Wormestall field, entrance from Fifth Road.

They are not permitted to park in the main school car park and are asked, if parking in nearby streets, to be considerate to neighbours and not to park in residential private areas.

Sixth Form drivers must complete a car driving registration form available from Mrs Tyson in W131.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher

YEAR 11 GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Friday 12 May

All Year 11 students are invited to attend the celebration which will take place in the Foyer and the Hall from 8.40am –10.30am on Friday 12 May.

Students are not required to wear school uniform, and guidance would be smart/casual; there is certainly not a requirement to buy anything specifically for the morning.

The morning will include reflections on achievements and memories since September 2012, with refreshments provided and opportunities for photographs and books to be signed. Tutors, House staff and Year 11 teachers will be in attendance, and the morning will conclude with an on screen list of students graduating, and those with Distinction or Merit. Any students who do not graduate on 12 May will be given information regarding how to qualify for the second award which will take place later this term.

Students will be leaving school at 10.30am, with a Revision Programme and Examinations starting on Monday 15 May.

Further details will be given to students during Year 11 Assembly on Wednesday 3 May.

Mr N Cook, Assistant Headteacher – Learning and Achievement Years 7-11

FOOTBALL

On Saturday 25 March the Year 7A, 7B, 9 and 10 teams played their annual football block fixture against Reading Blue Coat School. This is traditionally the strongest opposition the school play. Year 7A played excellently, Reading's superb set piece routines were the only thing that separated the teams. 7B lost the first half, drew the second half.

Year 10 played some good football, but lost in the end.

Year 9 had one of their best results of the season winning 2-1.

Year 7 made it to the semi-final of the county cup losing to Furze Platt on the day, but this makes them one of the best four school teams in the county. They beat John O'Gaunt 4-1 in the league cup semi-final.

The 1st XI drew 1-1 with The Downs and ended the season undefeated in the league.

Year 11 beat Mary Hare 5-2 to win the league plate final.