



# BartholoNews



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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This term started very positively in September after the successful 550 celebrations in the summer and the tremendous GCSE outcomes in August, which as well as placing us as the leading school

in the locality has placed us in the top 10% of non-selective schools in terms of student progress (Progress 8), which is outstanding. Progress made by students in Humanities, Mathematics and Science has also been confirmed as being in the top 13% nationally for performance in our national report which we have just received that compares how our students performed in the summer compared to other schools nationally, which is excellent.

Therefore, as we reach the end of term, I would like to thank you all for your hard work and support which has led to this term being as successful as the last. There is no substitute for hard work. Key attributes that young people need to develop are self-discipline and perseverance, and by working together we can support our students in achieving this. It has also been rewarding to see the many students engaging themselves in the vast range of school enrichment, intervention and extra-curricular activities this term and enjoying working with other students across the wider school.

This has all led to many highlights this term including the whole school production of Peter Pan, which was great, and benefitted from the new stage curtains for which we must thank the Parents' Association and the St Bartholomew's Trustees for their kind donations in response to

requests from the previous Head Boy and Head Girl, Tom Fisher and Camilla Dickson, as well as the generous grant from The Greenham Common Trust that made this possible. House Music, the annual Dance Show and House Evenings have also been great occasions. It was tremendous to see so many Year 7 students and their parents attend the House Tea Parties and to hear how well they have started on their educational journey at St Bart's.

As we move towards Christmas and our celebrations, we have enjoyed Christmas parties, wearing Christmas jumpers, the whole school Christmas Quiz and our Carol Service at St Nicolas Church last week which was a joyful and poignant occasion. However, at the same time we remind ourselves at this time of year that being part of our community and helping each other, as well as others more in need, is also important. This was highlighted in assembly this month as we thought about the homeless who are a growing group in the UK and many are young people. So I hope that as we all enjoy the festive period, we do spare a few thoughts and look out for those who are less fortunate.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye today to Mr James, Head of Construction, Mr Cruise, Teacher of Religious Education, and Mr Munday, Teacher of Geography. We thank them for all they have contributed to St Bart's and wish them every success for the future.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher**





## SCHOOL CALENDAR

The spring term school calendar has been distributed to all students. It will also be posted on the school website before the holiday. Please note key dates in your new 2017 diaries.

Also, before booking your holidays, remember to check the school term dates. These are on the website for all of 2017 and up until July 2018.

## DIARY DATES

Tues 20 Dec	Term Ends, 12.30pm
Tues 3 Jan	Staff Training Day
Wed 4 Jan	Student Term Begins, Registration 8.40am
Mon 9 Jan	Y13 Practice Exam Week
Fri 20 Jan	Y7/8 PA Disco, Hall, 7-9pm



## SIXTH FORM AT ST BART'S Applications Open

**Deadline 13 January 2017**

Year 11 – applications are open for a place in the Sixth Form in September 2017.

There are loads of subjects to choose from, including Law which is new for next year.

Students also benefit from a wide range of extra-curricular activities, social occasions, charity events, quiet independent study areas and a place to relax at break time in the common room.

St Bart's offers plenty of opportunities to take on more responsibility.

Look on the Sixth Form page of the website [www.stbarts.co.uk](http://www.stbarts.co.uk) for details about our courses and an application form. Or pick up a form from the Sixth Form Office, W131.



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## YEAR 7 MONSTER TOYS

Monster toys were completed by Year 7 textiles students last week. Each toy is unique as students create their own design, cut patterns and make their own monster.



One student commented: 'I have had so much fun making my toy and I have really enjoyed using the sewing machine as well!'



## YEAR 13 PRACTICE EXAMS

Year 13 Practice Exams take place from Monday 9 January to Friday 13 January 2017. These are important exams and students should prepare for them thoroughly. Information has been sent via Schoolcomms to Y13/14 parents and students.



## THE SCHOOL QUIZ 2016

The whole school general knowledge quiz 2016 was taken by all students from Years 7 to 13 on Wednesday 14 December 2016. The score from each and every student counts towards the House Championship and prizes are awarded to the students with the highest scores in each year group. The questions are below (with answers on page 8 of this edition of BartholoNews). Feel free to have a go over Christmas for a bit of family fun!

**1. Which Trump recently won the US Presidential Election?**

- a) Dwight
- b) Donald
- c) Damian
- d) Dickie

**2. What does the word 'ptero' normally refer to?**

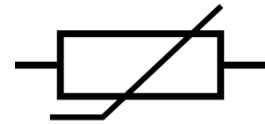
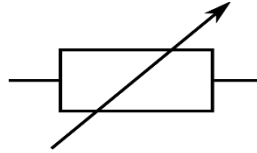
- a) the Greek God of Mountains
- b) feathers or wings
- c) a prefix in the metric system denoting a factor of  $10^9$
- d) mood swings

**3. Which of these is not a story by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle?**

- a) A Study in Scarlet
- b) The Sign of Four
- c) The Taming of the Shrew
- d) His Last Bow

**4. What do these symbols represent?**

- a) electrical components
- b) railway signals
- c) washing instructions for clothes
- d) Ordnance survey map symbols



**5. Which famous composer lived in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century?**

- a) Dvorak
- b) Mozart
- c) Brahms
- d) Sibelius

**6. Which country has the world's only non-quadrilateral national flag?**

- a) Finland
- b) Fiji
- c) Nepal
- d) New Zealand

**7. What do Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Ethiopia have in common?**

- a) they are all on the equator
- b) their National anthems are all sung to the same melody
- c) they have all changed their names in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- d) they are the last remaining habitats for the tiger

**8. How long does it take the Moon to orbit the Earth?**

- a) 24 hours
- b) 27.3 days
- c) 70 years
- d) it doesn't

**9. Which mathematical expression would not be solved by replacing y with -2?**

- a)  $2 + y = 0$
- b)  $23 - y = 21$
- c)  $18 \div y = -9$
- d)  $14 \times y = -28$

**10. Name this symbol.**

- a) horrified emoji
- b) bass clef
- c) shorthand for 'therefore'
- d) semi-colon



**11. What is  $10^3$  divided by  $10^{-2}$ ?**

- a) 100,000
- b) 10
- c) 1
- d) 0.00001

**12. Was ist die Hauptstadt von Deutschland?**

- a) Berlin
- b) Bayern Munich
- c) Angela Merkel
- d) curry wurst

**13. In which Olympic Games did Team GB win the most Gold medals?**

- a) Rio 2016
- b) London 2012
- c) Beijing 2008
- d) Athens 2004

**14. If you are poaching, marinating and whisking, what are you most likely to be doing?**

- a) dancing
- b) cooking
- c) drinking
- d) fishing

**15. 'Eureka!' is a famous exclamation attributed to which historical figure?**

- a) Nigel Farage
- b) Cleopatra
- c) Newton
- d) Archimedes

**16. In which battle did King Harold defeat Harald Hardrada in 1066?**

- a) Hastings
- b) Blore Heath
- c) Bosworth Field
- d) Stamford Bridge

**17. In computing, what does RAM stand for?**

- a) Real Audio Motion
- b) Read-alone Memory
- c) Random Access Memory
- d) Re-set All Machines

**18. Which letter does not appear in any chemical symbols in the Periodic Table?**

- a) Y
- b) Q
- c) J
- d) Z

**19. What is the most recent global agreement on tackling climate change is known as??**

- a) The Paris Agreement
- b) The Kyoto Agreement
- c) The Dhaka Agreement
- d) The Vegas Agreement

**20. What is a 'revelation'?**

- a) finding out the value of a second-hand item
- b) enjoying someone's misfortune
- c) revealing or disclosing something
- d) buying a second hand car

**21. Where is TOWIE based?**

- a) Bangor
- b) Newcastle
- c) Essex
- d) Glasgow

**22. ¿Qué país se encuentra al oeste de España?**

- a) a type of omelette
- b) a warm welcome
- c) Portugal
- d) the Atlantic Ocean

**23. What is a subtext?**

- a) something written at the bottom of the page
- b) implicit or unspoken meaning in a literary work
- c) a text message from someone you don't know
- d) parts of words written below the main text, i.e. CO<sub>2</sub>

**24. Which of these 'monster' novels was not written in the 19<sup>th</sup> century?**

- a) I am Legend
- b) Dracula
- c) The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
- d) Frankenstein

**25. Complete the famous proverb which means that trying to convince people with ideas and words is more effective than trying to force people to do what you want.**

**'..... is mightier than the sword.'**

- a) Your voice
- b) The pen
- c) A book
- d) Love

**26. If an issue was described a 'topical', what would it be about?**

- a) somewhere hot and wet, probably near the Equator
- b) something that happened in the past
- c) something very normal
- d) something current and up-to-date

**27. In which country is the LEGO Group company based?**

- a) USA
- b) UK
- c) China
- d) Denmark

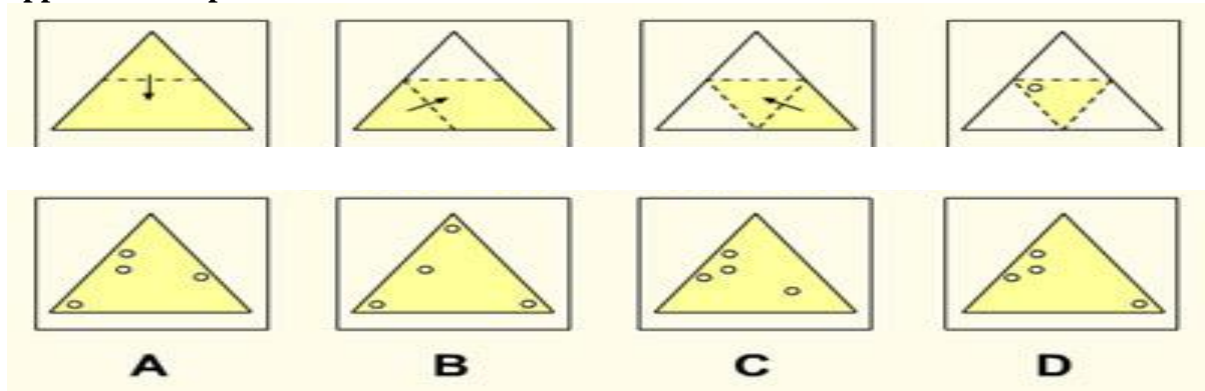
**28. In which year was the first mobile phone call made in the UK?**

- a) 1965
- b) 1975
- c) 1985
- d) 1995

**29. What colour do you get if you mix red and green light?**

- a) brown
- b) cyan
- c) yellow
- d) magenta

**30. A triangular sheet of paper has been folded and hole-punched as shown below. How will it appear when opened?**



## WINNING POEMS



As part of Year 8's lessons on conflict a poetry competition was held during their PDP sessions. Congratulations to the winner, Phoebe Douglas 8C2 and the runner up Emily Toplis 8P2. Their poems are published below.

### Wait!

Silence rings through the desolate walk ways,  
Once there was hustle,  
Now there is none,  
My life torn to pieces right before me,  
What does my future hold?

My family have left,  
Fled the hell I have to live with,  
All I can do now is wait,  
Wait, wait, for revival,  
Wait for the unknown.

We used to play out in the streets,  
Now all I can see are holes,  
Holes that get bigger every day,  
Holes that are made from them,  
Sinners and liars that ruined my life.

If only they knew.  
If only they saw the pain, the threats.  
If only they knew what I saw.  
The images that haunt me.

But for now I will wait, wait,  
Wait!

*Phoebe Douglass 8C2*

### Escape

When the sky blackens  
and the sun ducks behind the horizon,  
The birds rise and call a screech  
for everyone knows: there's no Escape.

To leave a home where love is grown  
would be, to be able to destroy the world's  
greatest gift  
As all that left of the streets of my personal  
pilgrimage  
is blood and bone.

If I took my daughter and son,  
If I screamed for them to run,  
There would be a guarantee of a gun to our  
temple  
And if one single click came  
I would be sure to fall to my knees.  
As there's no Escape.  
The word family means to be together forever  
But when I hear that sound of smashing,  
The sound of screams,  
I know that our infinity becomes moments  
as we try to Escape ....

*Emily Toplis 8P2*

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## YEAR 11 '15 CLUB'



At a recent Year 11 assembly almost 100 students were awarded certificates for achieving an average score of 15 or more across all subjects, as a measure of their hard work in class and with independent study.

Very good effort in class/good independent study – Lucy James and Sam Cowan (£10) and Alice Warriner (£20) were the winners of the prize draw.

The assembly also included information about the 2017 Graduation Scheme, which starts in January and recognises achievement and leads to further certificates and a celebration day next May.

We look forward to increased numbers of Year 11 students working hard to join the '15 Club' next term.

**Mr N Cook**

**Assistant Headteacher – Progress and Achievement Key Stage 3 and 4**



## **MARKS AND SPENCER DESIGNER VISITS TEXTILES DEPARTMENT**

At the beginning of December, Hannah Rivers, a senior designer at Marks and Spencer Head Office visited the Textiles Department to talk to textiles students about print design and working in the fashion industry.

Mrs Rivers talked in depth about what it's like to work for a leading retailer, the various countries which she travels to for work and the process of creating a print design. The beginning of the design process would start with the designers attending multiple fashion shows in cities such as Paris, Lille, Florence, and New York. From there, the designers take their inspiration back to the studio and begin initial sketches. In Mrs Rivers case, it would be to develop print design ideas. After this stage a series of design meetings would be arranged and attended by designers, buyers and directors of Marks and Spencer. At the meetings first samples from the factories would be approved or sent back to the factories for resubmission. Mrs Rivers showed the students some of these samples that have now been transformed into garments and are on sale in Marks and Spencer's stores nationwide.



The samples that St Bart's students were shown contained detailed designs produced on Photoshop. Mrs Rivers described how technology such as Photoshop makes her job so much easier. She showed how a design is developed using different colour ways and pattern ideas. As well as using computer aided design techniques, Marks and Spencer also use hand sketched designs to begin the design process.

Mrs Rivers described how important it is to be able to draw competently as well and being able to use the latest technology.



The students were interested to hear about the role of supermodels in Marks and Spencer's latest advertising campaigns and Mrs Rivers confirmed that she had recently attended meetings with celebrities such as Twiggy. This was a great opportunity for our students to hear about the exciting opportunities available in the fashion industry and to be able to see the design process currently being used.

## **OLD NEWBURIANS CELEBRATE 550<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

A group of Old Newburians gathered for a reunion at the Empire Café recently to mark the year of St Bart's 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Hosted by Allan Mercado, Richard Sellwood, John FT Gibbons and Tony Mosson, 24 'old boys' from Newbury, Chichester, Gloucester and Oxford turned up for mince pies and lardy cake as well as enjoying a piece of anniversary cake.



This has been a very special year for the school and some of the highlights are pictured on pages 10, 11 and 12 of today's BartholoNews.



## GOVERNORS' COLUMN

St Bart's Governing Board has had a busy autumn term. To help us better support the School to achieve its ambitious targets, we have sought the expertise of three new Governors and welcome Catie Colston as a Co-opted Governor, and Kate Lefever and Campbell Smith as Appointed Governors.

Some highlights from our Committee meetings this term are:

The Teaching & Learning Committee has at its heart progress and achievement: Governors congratulated the School on its outstanding achievements at GCSE this summer, placing St Bart's in the top 10% of non-selective schools (in terms of Progress 8). We are also delighted that this strong performance extended to our Pupil Premium students. The School continues to improve the quality of teaching with some strong initiatives in place that enable the sharing of good practice across faculties, as well as learning from other schools.

The Learning & Achievement Committee reports that those Able, Gifted and Talented students who participate in the Brilliant Club gave very positive feedback about how it has benefitted them, while others enjoyed the opportunity to work with our linked college at Oxford University. St Bart's has a very strong House system and the Governors reviewed the very thorough House plans that ensure our students get the best pastoral support; our students have also participated in so many fabulous House and School activities, including House Music, sports and Peter Pan, as well as increased engagement in additional activities at Activity Time.

The People & Performance Committee aims to ensure the school has the right people on the team, to provide the very best for our students and the wider community now and in the future - and we know we are fortunate that so many talented and dedicated people choose to work at St Bart's. Autumn term is when we look at performance management and we also reviewed our policies on pay, probation and sickness absence.

The Learning Resources Committee ensures that we have the right resources to run our School efficiently, economically and safely. We are beginning a trial of LED lighting in two pilot areas and, if successful, will be further extended across the School. Increased lettings of our facilities outside the School day continues to improve, helping the financial security of the School and benefitting the local community. Health and Safety is another critical aspect and the Governors are reassured that the School continues to provide a safe environment for our students, staff and visitors. The Audit & Finance Committee reports a year end with a modest surplus in the accounts, which came as welcome news following a year of reduced funding and increased costs. The result is a boost to the school and the result of the Leadership Team, IT, Facilities, and all the budget holders who have managed to perform so successfully with challenging budgets.

The Governing Board look forward to continuing to support the School towards its ambitious targets.

Wishing you and your families and very happy Christmas.

**Ian Peddie, Chair of Governors**



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## THE SCHOOL QUIZ 2016 – THE ANSWERS

1 B	11 A	21 C
2 B	12 A	22 C
3 C	13 B	23 B
4 A	14 B	24 A
5 B	15 D	25 B
6 C	16 D	26 D
7 C	17 C	27 D
8 B	18 C	28 C
9 B	19 A	29 C
10 B	20 C	30 D



## NEWBURY WEEKLY NEWS OVER 80s PARCELS DELIVERY

Each year the Newbury Weekly News organises the delivery of Christmas food parcels to the over 80s in the area. St Bart's is always delighted to be asked to help with the distribution. On Friday 9 December a group of Year 7 students and two Year 13 students, accompanied by Mr Brooker and Mrs Hamblin, went off in the mini bus to Fairclose Day Centre. From there they were loaded with bags which they took to elderly recipients in Newbury.



Thank you to those who helped with this annual event which started as The Parcel Fund more than 100 years ago.

## JUDO FOR SPORTAID GALA

I was asked by SportAid to participate in a demonstration of Judo for their annual gala which was held on 24 November.

SportAid is the leading charity for athletes and helps talented athletes achieve their ambitions. I have been lucky enough to receive a SportAid monetary award which has helped enormously. The gala was held at the Hilton Hotel on Park Lane in London and was a prestigious event attended by some of our Olympians including; Callum Skinner, Louis Smith, Lutalo Mohammed and Mo Farah. I took along my training partner Harry and we entertained with a variety of throws, during the pre dinner drinks.



We met Sally Conway (as pictured) who claimed a Bronze Medal in the Under 70kg weight division at the Rio Olympics last summer. I was introduced to Rebecca

Ferguson (who was on the X-Factor) who was also entertaining on the night. Since then I have been nominated for a further monetary award by SportsAid.

**Jacob Aldridge 12E1**

## TRAIN TO TEACH EVENT AT St Bartholomew's School Tuesday 10 January 2017 6.00-8.00pm

**A short presentation at 6.30pm**



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## **GIRLS' PE**

### **Netball League Results**

#### **Year 7A**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Little Heath
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St Gabriel's
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St Bart's

#### **Year 7B**

- 1<sup>st</sup> St Bart's
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kennet
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Willink

#### **Year 8**

- 1<sup>st</sup> St Bart's
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Downs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St Gabriel's

#### **Year 9**

- 1<sup>st</sup> John O'Gaunt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St Bart's
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The Downs

## **BOYS' PE**

### **Rugby**

The cold conditions earlier this month have meant that several rugby matches were postponed over the last few weeks.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XV team played Queen Mary's College Basingstoke in a very close match with the opposition scoring in the last play of the game. The final score was St Bart's 5, QMC 17. Man of the match was James Du Toit.

### **Rugby Floodlit League**

**Year 7** beat Trinity 35-10 and were beating Park House 5-0 before it got called off due to injury. To date they are undefeated in the floodlit league.

**Year 8** beat Trinity 60-0 and Park House 30-0 and are undefeated all season.

**1<sup>st</sup> XV** beat Theale Green 41-0. Tommy Webster scored a hat trick and man of the match was Barney Morgan.

### **Athletics**

The Year 7/8 boys and girls indoor athletics teams both won the area sportshall athletics competition and have both qualified for the county finals. Well done to Year 8 boys Alistair Jardine, Callum Maggs, Jo Garcia Sierra, Will Oxley, Toby Stancombe, Charlie Shakespeare and Year 7 Nathan Dalavere. Also to Year 8 girls Nora Shields, Georgina Thomson, Rebecca Thomson, Eleanor Winchester and Ella McCarthy and Year 7 girls Annabel Gibson and Lucy Colston.

### **Football**

The Year 7 and Year 9 boys area 6-a-side A and B teams represented the school in close matches. For both year groups the B team came 2<sup>nd</sup> and the A team 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Badminton**

The boys' KS4 badminton team won the area tournament and will represent West Berkshire at the county tournament. Well done to Josh Philip, Keian Ho, Olly Hill, Poom Narongpun and Sam Middleton.

## **PICTURE GALLERY 2016**

As the year draws to a close, here are some photographs showing some of the school highlights from 2016.

*The school assembled on the field for an aerial photograph in the shape of 550 to mark the occasion of St Bart's 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary – July 2016*





*Fanfare composed by students for the 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary, winning composition played during the celebrations – July 2016*



*Comic Relief saw students and staff run or walk the mile challenge in March 2016. Warm ups were led by Mr Hart.*



*The Year 11 Horticultural Team created two new gardens between the Davis and Evers block – April 2016*

*Tim Peake's space seed rocket challenge saw students take part in a national experiment – May 2016*



*St Bart's musicians took part in a concert at The Royal Albert Hall May 2016*



*Sixth Form House lacrosse made a comeback  
in the autumn*



*Sixth Form Winter Ball  
November 2016*



*This year two local charities benefited from the  
school's Harvest donations*

*Christmas Jumper Day – 16 December 2016*



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR 2017**