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YEAR 11 GRADUATION

A celebration of their five years at St Bart's took place for Year 11 with their Graduation on Friday 12 May.

After breakfast and photographs, students reflected on memories through a selection of pictures and video footage. Year 7 Christmas parties, House and sporting achievements and even a Year 7 video from cine club helped to bring back memories of teamwork success and fun.



At the end of the morning, on screen details revealed a fantastic 130 students graduating having met the criteria for a distinction.

Certificates signed by Ms Mortimore will soon be available from House offices, each with a statement of the criteria for pass, merit or distinction.

Following the examination period students can look forward to their Prom, to be held at Donnington Grove on 26 June. Further details will be sent to all Year 11 families.

We look forward to seeing most of you again at the Sixth Form Induction Day on 6 July.

Mr N Cook, Assistant Headteacher

MENTAL HEALTH 'POSITIVITREE' PLANTED

Students planted a 'Positivitree' in the school grounds on Friday 12 May. The tree aligns with this year's Mental Health Awareness Week theme of Surviving or Thriving.

Positive messages written by the students were planted with the tree, with the view they will feed the 'Positivitree'.



Photo courtesy of West Berkshire Council

We all have mental health. However good mental health is an asset that helps us to thrive. This is not just the absence of a mental health problem, but having the ability to think, feel and act in a way that allows us to enjoy life and deal with the challenges it presents. It can be easy to assume that ongoing stress is the price we have to pay to keep our lives on track. Mental Health Awareness Week challenged that assumption.

See what West Berkshire Council is already doing to combat mental health issues for children and young people.

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/1yXS8gzFLdImD/>



MIND FULL OR MINDFUL?

INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

With Davina from Time to Talk

Thursday 25 May at 11.10am in
Room E214

Six week course beginning after half term,
Thursday 11.10am
Limited availability

CHINA CHALLENGE CAN YOU HOST STUDENTS FROM SHANGHAI, JULY 2017?

We are looking to find families who would be interested in hosting two students for a week from the Aurora Foreign Language Middle School in Shanghai. A contribution will be paid to help cover costs.

The Year 7 and 8 students will be part of a group of 12 who will be visiting us later this term. They



will be arriving on the evening of Saturday 1 July and leaving on the morning of Saturday 15 July.

If you are able to help accommodate them for a week during this time we would love to hear from you. Handover between families can be arranged at a suitable time over the middle weekend of 8 or 9 July. Please let us know if you have a preferred week or if you would like to do both weeks.

Although not obligatory, if your son/daughter would like to act as Host on the days when their guests are in school that would be a great help. Please email to express your interest and for further information at: aharman@stbarts.co.uk

Ms Harman

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

We went on our D of E practice assessment on 6 and 7 May. On the first day we began at Greenham Common and walked to our campsite. On the Sunday we walked to Watership Down car park. On each walk we had to complete an aim. Our team spelled out LASMEBA, which is the first letter of all our names and also team SEVEN.



This was a fun weekend and thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation.

Amy Cantwell 9P3

DIARY DATES



Mon 22 May Y9 Practice Exams Week

Fri 26 May Y13 Last Day of Formal Teaching

Half Term – Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June

Mon 5 June Y8 Exam Week

Y13 Study Leave Begins

Curnock Y6 Welcome Evening at 6pm

Tues 6 June Davis Y6 Welcome Evening At 6pm

Fri 9 June School Officers' Training Weekend, St Cassian's, depart 12.30pm (return Sat 10 June)

CALENDAR UPDATE

Please note the following additions to the calendar

Thursday 13 July

Y12 Art Trip to V&A Museum, London, all day

Y10 Art Workshop, all day



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

14 – 20 May 2017

On Monday, a group of Year 7 and Year 8 students visited 15 tutor groups during PDP to talk about the work of Christian Aid. Some of the facts shared focussed on emergency work such as the East African food crisis and the refugee crisis as well as other long term work on climate change, tax justice and gender justice. Below are some of the comments written by the students.

'I found it really good teaching people about this amazing charity.'

'I never knew how hard it was for refugees.'

'I have learnt about speaking in public.'



This week is International Christian Aid week. We were asked to go around tutor groups to teach about the root causes of poverty. I was surprised to learn how many people didn't have clean water to drink (1.1 billion) and I think many others were surprised to learn about this too. We think that it is really important for everyone to realise that many people don't have what we do. If you want to find out more go to; www.christianaid.org.uk

By Lucy and Maria

On Tuesday, a group of Year 7 and 9 students got to play The Safe Place Ludo game.



We have learnt that refugees are people who had to flee their country due to war. We now understand what refugees have to go through and how hard it is for them to stay safe. We learnt about the tragedies and setbacks that refugees face on their journey to safe places. We enjoyed playing the game with friends. If you would like to have a go, find the resources in

<http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/TeachersResources/primary/christian-aid-week-2017-safe-place-to-call-home.aspx>

By Frankie, Emma, Leila, Zahra, Sophie, Eleanor, Lucy, Anna, Joanna, Kate, Jess, Pippa and Lauren

CHARITY AWARDS

Two students have won prizes for their contribution to charity through the annual Berkshire Masonic Award. Congratulations to Jude Blundy 11C2 who raised over £1000 for Newbury & District Cancer Care by shaving his head and to Emily Tucker 7E2 for completing a 54 mile charity cycle ride and organising a coffee and cake morning at Woolton Hill with a combined sum of £590 going to MENCAP.



RUGBY SUCCESS

London Irish recently held rugby trials with over 250 boys from all Berkshire schools and club sides taking part. Well done to Matthew Gaskell 9P1 who has been selected for the London Irish Bronze academy (U15) for his third season.

Former student, Ollie Hassell-Collins, has also been selected through the London Irish Academy in the U18 team for the U18s Premiership final against Gloucester.

TEN TORS

Last week *BartholoNews* reported on the Ten Tors expedition. This week we have an article from **Joshua Prout 10C1** who participated with the successful Year 10 team.

From Thursday the 4 May to Sunday 7 May, seven students took part in the Ten Tors challenge on Dartmoor, a difficult hiking and navigation event with over 2000 other teenagers. This has been the 47th year in a row that teams from St Bart's have completed the event. This year there was one 35 mile team consisting of Conor Fernandes, Dan Beck, Josh Marshall, Daniel Matthews, Billy Dijkman and myself, all from Year 10. James Read from Year 13 joined a 55 mile team from another school. Prior to the event we had to complete five training walks and a full training weekend on Dartmoor to ensure we had enough physical fitness and navigational skills to complete the event, as teams are allowed no outside help once they set off.

Teams must carry all equipment and food to get through the two day event. We had to eat army ration packs which taste surprisingly good and we had to drink purified river water. We started off at 7.00am on the Saturday in high spirits after a fantastic breakfast cooked by Mr Brooker and Mr Edwards.

The start was quite chaotic with hundreds of teams storming down the hill before splitting off onto our different routes. There was good spirit between all of the teams, people would encourage each other and there was a great atmosphere. We made good pace on Saturday but unfortunately Conor had to drop out because of an ankle injury. On the Saturday night we did well to reach a campsite in the forest, other teams camping on the hills had their tents blow away in the very strong winds! We finished at 2.00pm on Sunday, well within the time limit for finishing. It was a great feeling coming across the finish line and knowing that we had achieved it. The Ten Tors is a very rewarding and fun experience and we would all recommend it to anyone who wants a challenge.

We would like to thank Mrs Scourfield, Mr Brooker, Miss Wright, Mr Edwards and all of the other staff who gave up their time to give us this experience.

GIRLS' ENGLISH SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Tuesday 9 May at Palmer Park

An early competition date this year meant that the girls were somewhat struggling to find their usual form with the Junior Girls finishing in 6th place out of 12 schools and the Inter Girls finishing 5th out of 12 schools. However, although the overall finishing positions were slightly disappointing the desire and determination of the girls to achieve as many points as they could in their events most certainly needs to be recognised and commended. Although the athletes perform as individuals in a track and a field event this competition is very much a team event where every performance counts and every point scored makes a difference to the team.

In the Junior Girls' team there were some excellent individual achievements including S Cunningham 200m 29.3, C Hills 800m 2min 55, E Tucker 800m 2min 53, G Thomson 1500m 5m 30, and R Thomson 1500m 5min 28 – certainly some impressive track times.

Well done – E Winchester, Z Kateregga, S Cunningham, P H Collins, C Hills, E Tucker, G Thomson, R Thomson, F Barlow, A Gibson, P Muckleston, K McGall.

In the Inter Girls' team there were also some excellent individual achievements – A White 100m 14.0, T – J 9m42 both events scoring a great score of 34 points, M Eldridge 200m 29.5 and shot 10m 61 also achieving an outstanding score of 41points, E James 300m 47.2, E Downie 800m 2min 36, I Hole 1500m 5min 14, S Stancombe 1500m 5min 26, D Dijkman javelin 22m 54 and Abi Livingstone Javelin 21.97 – again some very impressive performances.

Well done - A White, A Taank, M Eldridge, L Brown, E James, M Barnes, E Downie, I Hole, S Stancombe,, C Dobson, M Landhed, D Dijkman and A Livingstone.

A great team effort from you all.



IRELAND RUGBY TOUR 2017

Over the Easter holidays, 49 Year 9 and Year 10 students set out to Ireland on the first St Bart's rugby tour in a number of years. Upon arrival in Dublin Airport we set off on the long journey down to Cork, but with some traditional Irish rugby songs and joke telling, spirits and excitement were high.

We arrived at Cork for one of the high points of the tour, watching Munster v Glasgow in the Pro 12 at Musgrave Park.



A number of internationals were on show for both sides and they produced a low scoring but very entertaining spectacle, with Munster winning 10-7. A number of students then had the opportunity to meet internationals such as Stuart Hogg and Simon Zebo, an experience they will never forget and many carried their autographs and well wishes on their match shirts for some added motivation!



The next day included their first fixture against Ennis RFC, who this year have proved to be one of the best clubs in the whole of Munster, beating all the top teams in Limerick and County Clare. The Year 9 boys battled hard but went down 50-5 to a talented Ennis backline, and the Year 10s fought superbly to eventually

lose 34-24 to a very large, physical side. A tough but very worthwhile experience for both sets of players. We



then rounded off the day with a trip to the cinema.

We then moved onto a morning of training with the Munster Academy coaches at the first class facilities at the University of Limerick, which developed their handling and decision making skills. In the afternoon we were very lucky to go on a stadium tour of Thomond Park (Munster's main ground), which was re-developed in recent years. It gave a great insight for the boys into how the professional players prepare for a match day and the illustrious history of Munster rugby. Finally, we then visited King John's castle in the centre of Limerick to experience a piece of local history. The following day, the players took part in their final training session with the Munster coaches, looking into attacking and defensive structure, which has helped them understand how the game is played

towards school 1st XV and adult rugby. For the afternoon, we took the bus to Killaloe, to the University Outdoor Sports Centre. The students took part in high ropes and team building activities, to develop their communication skills and their ability to function as a group.



On the Wednesday, we journeyed down to Cork for the second time to attend Munster's open training session at Musgrave Park, where they prepared for the upcoming crunch match against Ulster and then spent time with the fans after. This gave the boys more opportunities to meet the Munster players and get their newly purchased Munster kit signed. This also gave them the opportunity to see up close how

professional rugby players train and the intensity that they work at.

We then arrived back in Limerick for our final game against Old Crescent RFC, a historic club that have produced a number of Ireland internationals. Both teams put the skills they had developed over the week into practice and played some superb rugby. The Year 9 team blew Old Crescent away in the first half, eventually running out winners by 50-24. With the way the age groups are structured in Ireland, the Year 10s again had a very tough game ahead of them against a club side a year older than themselves. However, supported by the singing in the stands from the Year 9 boys, they again fronted up superbly against a side that our first XV would've found very tough, but eventually succumbed 27-5. However, it can't be underestimated how well the boys played against very strong opposition, and all the boys were very proud of their performances across the two games.

We then had the chance to hold an award ceremony on the journey back to school, to celebrate how well the students had played and represented the school over the week. Players of the tour were Harry Greenwood and Louis Carnell, most improved were Oliver Muckleston and Rhys Price and finally the 'best tourist' awards went to Oliver Hounslow and Lewis Hayman.

Finally, a massive thank you to our sponsors, Roots Estate Agency and Baileys Coaches who contributed significantly to helping the tour go ahead and providing the players with their match kit.



Year 10 team



Year 9 team

HOUSE SPORTS

The totals for the House sports competitions are below. The sports played are netball, rugby, cross country, girls' football, boys' hockey, lacrosse, football, dodgeball, rounders and softball.

Curnock 418 points	2nd
Davis 364 points	4th
Evers 438 points	1st
Patterson 416 points	3rd