

NEW ETON FIVES COURTS OPENED

The new Eton Fives courts were officially opened on Wednesday 6 March 2013 by Mr Richard Barber, OBE, President of the Eton Fives Association. The building of these courts revives one of our traditional school sports.



Mr Barber cutting the ribbon with Mrs Haddrell and with a group of Sixth Form students.

When we were in our old buildings we had two open air courts at Wormestall. We now benefit from three covered and lit courts which can be used in all weathers. Students who enjoyed playing a few years ago are now in the Sixth Form.



Some of them joined the opening ceremony, took the opportunity to play a few games and picked up some tips from the Eton Fives experts who were among the guests.

The courts have been constructed by JPR Courts, specialists in building and renovating Fives Courts. They have used precast concrete panels which were fitted into place on site. This is the first time that such a construction method has been used to make Fives courts. The roof has been specifically designed to enable air to flow around the courts to reduce the build up of condensation.

Eton Fives is very similar to squash, but the golf ball sized Fives ball is struck with gloved hands rather than a racket. It began as a pastime for peasants who knocked balls against the walls of their chapel and took its current form more than 150 years ago. It is now only played in about 50 schools across England and Wales but is enjoying something of a revival.

Opportunities to Play Fives

Now that we have this new facility we shall be providing opportunities for more students to learn how to play and enjoy Eton Fives. Next term, on a Friday afternoon, there will be taster opportunities at Activity Time. Also students in KS4 Fitness and Living for Sport will have their chance to learn and play the game during KS4 Extra.

Students in Years 7 and 8 will be hearing about a chance to learn in the summer term. We shall be setting up Fives coaching after school on a Friday. Students keen to be involved will need to book session with Mr Turner or Mrs



Gibbs in E130. Students have been informed that the courts are out of bounds unless they have been booked with Mr Turner or Mrs Gibbs and are involved in a supervised game or training session.

Mrs C I Haddrell, Headteacher

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 23 March 2013
7pm in the Hall**

**Ticket price includes
Fish 'n' Chip Supper
(Sausage or Vegetarian
option available)**

**Adults: £10.50
School Staff: £9.00
Students/OAPs: £7.00**

Maximum of 6 per team

**Quiz Master – Mr Brennan
Head of Patterson House**

**Please bring your own
drinks and glasses.**

**Pre booking essential –
ring Tricia Ray on 01635 45898 or email
tricia@aerobabe.co.uk giving numbers and
food choices**



SIXTH FORM BURSARY

Please be aware that the system and structures relating to the Sixth Form bursary will be reviewed and redesigned. The new system will be effective from 1 September 2013.

A consultation period and details of the new scheme will be announced in the summer term 2013.

Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher



TABLE TENNIS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Leo Long 10E1 on his outstanding table tennis achievements. He recently won the boys' singles title in the Basingstoke Open Championships and got to the semi final of the Open Adults Competition, beating two highly ranked adults on the way.



PARENT VIEW:

When our school was last inspected by Ofsted, the many outstanding features identified included the Care guidance and support, the quality of

the Curriculum, Partnership working and the Achievement and Attainment of our students. Our overall grading was 'Good'. Parents and students completed questionnaires in a very tight timescale; the responses contributed to the recognition which our school received.

The short notice of an Inspection meant that not all parents were able to contribute to the Ofsted evidence gathering about our school.

In October 2011, Ofsted introduced a website questionnaire for parents. The results of this questionnaire will be collated annually, to provide information about St Bart's. The overall results are available for the public, as well as Ofsted, to view.

Please would parents find a few minutes to respond to the questions on <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Ofsted judgements can have a marked impact on the way in which a school is regarded by the community, the recruitment of staff and applications for places. Your responses will help shape the Ofsted judgement on the quality of education at St Bart's and give a picture of our school for anyone interested in what St Bart's provides.

Mrs C I Haddrell, Headteacher

St Bart's Food Festival and Fete

It's Fete time again!

We are looking for donations of bric-a-brac, books, plants, toiletries, bottles and so on.

Please leave your donations in the school reception

We are always looking for helpers and stallholders so please contact me as below

Fete organiser: Ginette Higgs
(ginette.higgs@gmail.com)

VISIT BY AUTHOR MARK LOWERY

Author Mark Lowery visited St Bart's on Monday 4 March. Shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Book Prize last year with his book, *Socks are not Enough*, Mark talked to all Year 7 and Year 8 students, and visiting Year 6 pupils from some of our feeder primary schools. Mark had the entire hall roaring with laughter as he outlined the techniques he used to draw readers into his books, and as read a short extract from his book, which involved embarrassing incidents with parents who had become – every child's nightmare – militant naturists!



At the end, Mark signed copies of his book and chatted to students buying them.

Socks are not Enough can be borrowed from the school library.

Mrs Thomas, Librarian

THE EASTER CONCERT

Thursday 21 March 2013

School Hall at 7pm



Tickets: Adults £5, Concessions £3
Family Ticket (2 adults and 1 child) £10

Available on the door

Refreshments will be available during the interval



MEMORIAL GARDEN

When the school moved to its new site, we brought with us a number of features which remain of great importance to our school community.

These include the Roll of Honour, the stained glass from the Memorial Hall and photographs from the boys' and girls' grammar schools. Our Memorial Garden was in the courtyard at Wormestall; a peaceful place, visited by staff and students. Each year in recent times, the staff plant sale, led by Mr Hart, Mr Metcalfe and Mrs Mounsey, helped to raise the funds to plant this area.

Since moving to our new site a small group of staff has come together to plan for the new Memorial Garden and, with the help of a garden design student, Mrs Moira Rushbridge, a plan for the area around the large tree at the front of the school has been drawn up. Work on landscaping will take place in the Easter holidays and after that in the summer term. Students in the Horticulture group, and any others wishing to help Mr Hart and Dr Fitter with the planting, will be invited to complete the project and help maintain the area. Seats from the original garden at Wormestall will be incorporated into the new garden area, as will the school's crest and motto, Ad Lucem (Towards the Light) and the names of our Houses.

Mrs C I Haddrell, Headteacher

Y11 ADDITIONAL SCIENCE AND Y10 SCIENCE RESULTS/RETAKES

The results are back and there are some really great results. This week you will need to have conversations with your science teachers to establish whether a retake is in order. If you decide to retake, ensure you take the completed form (available from science teachers) and payment to the Exams Office. The deadline is 18 March. Then get revising! Good luck with the rest of your science GCSE exams.

Mr Tristram and Mr Smith
KS4 Science Leaders

CAREERS



Well done to all of the Year 10-13 students who attended the **Spotlight on Healthcare Careers** on Wednesday 6 March. This event was the first of a series of “Spotlight” sessions as a

new initiative to give students an insight into different a variety of career sectors. Our students were given the opportunity to have a highly interactive day to help support their career and employment decisions.

The event started with an introduction about the Healthcare sector, a local GP outlining that there are 350 different NHS careers and that it is in fact the fifth biggest employer in the world. He went on to describe how he had managed his career pathway and the employment skills he thought are important in the profession. He has also created a website for young people to feedback about what is important to them about healthcare and that the NHS website was a very good started place for investigation.

The second speaker was Lynn Heaver from Johnson and Johnson who gave an insight into the commercial side of Healthcare. She outlined how medical equipment and devices are used throughout our lives and the support the industry gives the profession. Pictured examining some of the equipment: **Rhianna McDonald and Harriet Penna.**



The last speaker was a local vet who, accompanied by one of his patients Diesel the dog, gave a detailed insight into what motivated him in his job and examples of his working week. Pictured: **Niamh Gannon, Vicky**



Moxan and Jessica Emberlin.

Students then got to choose three workshops they wished to attend. The workshops allowed students to ask questions first hand to local

healthcare professionals and also carry out small group activities to help consider aspects of the job. The workshops ranged from a NHS trauma nurse who put students on the spot with an interesting activity which required them to decide on how prioritise dealing with a number of injuries directly after a major road accident. In another workshop a surgeon gave clear career pathways in her field and put the groups under pressure to deal with two scenarios and discuss the possible outcomes.

This pattern was followed by paramedics (with an active session including working the recovery position), a physiotherapist, a vet and a representative from the medical supplier Johnson and Johnson. Pictured: **Ellie Sanderson, Sarah Neely and Rob Conway.**



The event was closed with a career fair, allowing students to mingle, visit a stand from Southampton University and also have time to ask the speakers informal questions.



Pictured: **Tom Davidson and Lewis Rogers.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all 45 of our students who were a credit to the school, the Education Business Partnership for organising the event, Kennet School for hosting and Mrs House for also attending on the day.

The next Spotlight session will be on **Construction, Architecture and Engineering on the 18 March.** Additional sectors and dates of the events are listed below with specific detail of how to sign up being issued nearer the time.

- Law, Police, Forensics and Criminology on the 24 April
- Hospitality, Tourism and Sport on the 1 May
- IT and Technology on the 26 June
- Film Production, Media, Television and Performing Arts on 9 July

Mr McGall



IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS

The school uses Schoolcomms to email parents with BartholoNews and other information such as details about Parents' Evenings or educational visits. We have now added the option to send text messages. This will only be used in emergencies, such as school closure. The attendance calls will continue to be managed by the House offices. A reminder about school closure announcements follows:

St Bart's expects to remain open throughout the year, given our new buildings, site and equipment.

Care should always be taken when walking to and from school. In severe weather, individuals' decisions with regard to travel to school, must be based on their assessment of local road and transport conditions. Should extreme conditions necessitate a closure on health and safety grounds, or a later start to the school day, information will be provided via:

- The Schoolcomms email system
- The Schoolcomms text message system
- St Bart's website www.stbarts.co.uk (click on School News)
- West Berkshire Council website www.westberks.gov.uk (click on Schools)
- BBC Radio Berkshire
- Heart Radio
- The Breeze

Should it be necessary to close the school part way through the school day, we will communicate this via:

- The Schoolcomms email system
 - The Schoolcomms text message system
 - St Bart's website www.stbarts.co.uk (click on School News)
- In the event of an early closure, we will assume that parents / carers give permission for their child to be released from school, earlier than the normal time of 3.30pm, unless parents / carers let us know, preferably by email (or telephoning the House Office).

If the school were to be closed, students should look on the Open Hive website to find the work set. Any students unable to access the site would be well advised to contact friends to pick up the work set, by phone.

Mrs C I Haddrell, Headteacher



STUDENTS' EYE VIEW OF ST BART'S

As an International School, we want to be able to show others what our school has to offer. A group of Year 11 students are going to compile material

for a CD about St Bart's.

THIS STUDENTS' EYE VIEW NOW NEEDS YOU TO GET INVOLVED!

You can choose to create a short video or a selection of photographs of your chosen school activity or club. A few words about what is going on in your entry will be really useful!

Please send your entries to Mrs Gibbs agibbs@stbarts.co.uk or come along to E130 with your memory stick. Small flipcameras are available to borrow if you need one.



EVERS HOUSE NEWS

It's been another busy week in

Evers House.

Well done to the students in **7E3** who organised a cake sale in aid of the House charity, Mencap. The cakes flew off the table and were all gone in less than five minutes – a sure sign of some talented bakers in the tutor group! They have raised over £45.

In House Assembly on Tuesday, to celebrate World Book Day, all students were invited to enter a competition to spot the names of different books in Mr Rose's 'story'. We are currently judging all the entries and the winner will be announced at the next House Assembly!

We are very proud of **Hester Careless (13E2)** who is singing Evensong at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle on Wednesday 13 March with Taplow Youth Choir. Good luck!

Mr Rose, Ms Evans and Mrs Willcox

EASTER EGG PRIZE DRAW

7D1 are running an Easter Egg Prize Draw for Davis House Charity: SanFilippo Syndrome (MPS Society)

£1 for 5 tickets or 50p for 1. Sold during Activity Time and before tutor time in the hub.



Draw in House assembly 27 March - just in time for Easter. You have to be in it to win it!

DIARY DATES

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| Fri 15 Mar | Non uniform day,
Red Nose Day |
| Thur 21 Mar | Easter Concert, Hall, 7pm |
| Fri 22 Mar | Y7/8 Curnock Charity Disco
Hall, 7pm |
| Sat 23 Mar | PA Quiz Night, Hall, 7pm |
| Thur 28 Mar | End of Term |
| Mon 15 Apr | Staff Training Day |
| Tues 16 Apr | Student Term Begins |



GIRLS' PE

Netball

In their latest league match the Year 7 netball team beat Willink 36-1 and Lauren Bell was awarded player of the match.

Lacrosse

The U15 lacrosse team played at the National Schools Lacrosse Championships last Tuesday in London. The girls performed very well and within their group they won three games, lost one and drew one.

They narrowly missed out on qualifying for a play off game. This means that they finished approximately 25th out of 48 schools. Well done to all involved.

U19 A and B Lacrosse

National Schools 2013

At the Lacrosse National Schools games the U19A and B teams competed very well. On the first day our 1st team won three games, drew two and lost one. Our 2nd team won two games, drew one and lost three.

This meant that both teams were placed into Division 1 leagues of their tournament for the second day.

On the second day the 1st team lost four games and drew two. This meant that they finished 5th in their group and overall were placed approximately 20th out of 56 teams.

Also on the second day the 2nd team drew four games and lost one. If they had won their last game then they would have qualified for the knock out stages. They finished fourth in their group and about 18th out of 27 teams.

Our 1st team on the first day had a victory to remember and were the talk of the tournament when they beat Guildford High School, last year's tournament winners, 3-2.

A special mention to this year's senior lacrosse captains, Amy Graham and Lily Holland for the 1st team and Jo Hunt and Elsa Dickens for the 2nd team. They have all been fantastic this season.

Miss Ostinelli

BOYS' PE

Downs v Y11 St Bart's

League Fixture 26/2/13

Year 11 began their league season in fine style comprehensively beating Downs School 6-0. St Bart's began the game a little slowly and found it difficult to get their passing game going. Stuck at 0-0 with ten minutes to go in the first half I decided to make a change up front and brought on Ollie Cooper. Ollie managed to score with his first touch and added another before half-time, 2-0 St Bart's.

St Bart's went on to dominate the second half with a much improved passing game and goals from Frankie Hudson, Callum Parr, Jordy Haynes and the captain Charlie Gray sealed a well deserved 6-0 away victory. Ollie Cooper was the St Bart's man of the match with 2 goals and 2 assists in an excellent display of forward play.

Mr Crampton

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The specially made cake enjoyed by guests at the opening ceremony.

Sixth Form students playing a game



All three Eton Fives courts in action



Eton Fives players from among the top 16 in the country giving an exhibition match

John Reynolds signing his book about Eton Fives which is now in the school library

