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St Bart's Food Festival and Fete

It's Fete time again!

Saturday 6 July 12 noon to 3pm

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)

YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 8 May 2013

4.30 – 7.00pm

Curnock Block

Get ready for the
hugely successful

ONA MUSIC NIGHT

Friday 21 June 2013

at

ACE SPACE, NEWBURY
7.30pm – 11.00pm

£5 ENTRY

Tickets from St Bart's, Jacqui's Shop
and Hogan's Music



CAR PARKING

The school has again received complaints about inconsiderate car parking at the beginning and end of the school day. In particular, drivers are requested to desist from parking on the grass verges, particularly in Bartlemy Road.

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 3.30pm; 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 dropping off/collecting students are asked to keep road junctions clear, in particular in Bartlemy Road, Buckingham Road, Wendan Road and Fifth Road, and not to park on grass verges.

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 to be considerate to neighbours.

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

Mrs C Haddrell, Headteacher



GREECE TRIP DIARY

On 30 March, a group of classicists left a cold English morning behind and arrived to a warm Grecian night, to weather which in England would have been classified as a 'heat-wave'.

Day 1- Our first day was remarkably busy, with a full day coach tour. We stopped off at the Corinth Canal, and then arrived at Mycenae, an incredibly ancient site built c1600BC. After exploring the site, with a few brave students going down the 18 foot deep pitch black cistern, we headed off to the seaside town of Nafplion for lunch. Next on the agenda was the famous theatre at Epidauros. Robert Canniffe made a moving tribute to the works of Sophocles, by acting out the death scene of Ajax to much applause.

Day 2- We started the day off with a coach trip to Delphi, and it was the day we first met one of the highlights of the trip - George and his pink bus. With Delphi being high in the mountains we were guaranteed some amazing views, and these views were accompanied by glorious sunshine and highs of 27 degrees! We then travelled to Olympia, where we enjoyed the beautiful sunset before dinner.

Day 3- With the sanctuary of Olympia only a stone's throw away from our hotel, we visited the mesmeric site where the ancient Olympic Games were held. A handful of the group held a race in the original Olympic stadium and Jack Nuttall was the indisputable winner. The remainder of the morning was spent exploring the site's buildings, chiefly the temple of Zeus, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. In the afternoon we drove back to our hotel in Athens, making stops at sandy beaches along the way courtesy of George.

Day 4- It was the day we had all been waiting for, the trip to the Acropolis. The first thing to behold is the colossal Parthenon, arguably the most important temple we study. Being on a hill, there were stunning panoramic views of Athens. After lunch we made our way to the agora where we saw the Hephaestum; the best preserved temple we study. The rest of the day was spent in Athens' flea market buying souvenirs and then we witnessed the changing of the guards at the parliament building - more

elaborate and athletic than our own version. We also wandered through the central park in Athens before returning to the hotel.



Day 5- In the morning we travelled to the port and boarded a ferry for the island of Aegina. It was incredibly picturesque as we made our way up to the temple of Aphaia, and explored the seafront afterwards. Back in Athens that evening we went out for a meal at a local restaurant and Tilly Davenport represented the group by presenting our two teachers with their gifts, to say thank you for a wonderful trip. After the meal, we headed off towards the Acropolis, hoping to find a good spot to view it at night. It was a spectacular sight, with it being lit up, and a perfect way to round off our adventures in Athens.

Day 6- We had our last jaunt through the streets of Athens visiting the National Archaeological Museum, where many statues we study were on display. After lunch was our final coach trip to the Temple of Poseidon. Its setting on Cape Sounion was unforgettable, overlooking stretches of water and the nearby town below. We then travelled to the airport, bidding goodbye to the Mediterranean weather.

Overall, the trip was a once in a lifetime opportunity, as we were able to see the statues we study first hand and visit the sites, and even though there were plenty of early starts, it was completely invaluable.



EXAM NEWS!

The new Exam Clash Booklet has now been sent to all parents of students who have been identified as having a clash this summer. A clash is defined as two different subjects running on the same day at the same time. If you have not received this via Schoolcomms and think you have a clash please e-mail exams@stbarts.co.uk immediately.

All Year 11, 12, and 13 parents should now have received, via Schoolcomms, the Information for Candidates leaflet issued by the Joint Council of Qualifications earlier this year together with a copy of the exam posters which are placed outside each exam venue to remind students of what is and is not permitted. Please ensure that your child has read these and is aware of the implications.

Finally, the Exams Office would like to wish all the students taking exams this season every success and very best wishes for the challenges ahead.

Exams Office



DAVIS DIARY

Congratulations to **Sam Tate** who has been awarded his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award, **Jake English** who has been awarded his Junior House Colours and **Bethany Arnold** who has received her Senior House Colours.

And finally, as we are fast approaching the exam season we would like to wish all our Year 11 students the very best in their forthcoming exams. Remember, hard work will achieve great results! We will see you at your Prom on 27 June.



Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Thorne and Mrs Lee



CAN YOU HOST A FRENCH STUDENT?

The MFL department has two requests from French students trying to find a host family.

One is for a 20 year old girl to come as an au pair in the summer.

The second is for a 16/17 year old boy to do an exchange in the summer.

If you are interested in hosting these students please contact Ms Collinson at St Bart's by email – mcollinson@stbarts.co.uk



YEAR 11 GRADUATION

We look forward to this year's cohort graduating, and receiving certificates for their efforts.

Students should be completing their Passports to graduate, or to graduate with Merit or Distinction. All passports should be signed by tutors and given to House Heads. Each student who has done this will receive a personalised certificate, signed by the Headteacher.

These achievements, and others, will be recognised at a special celebration assembly during the morning of **Friday 10 May 2013 in the Hall**. As it is a special day, uniform is not required. The dress code for the day is smart, business dress, with the best dressed receiving a discount on their Prom tickets. **Students should not spend money on clothing for Graduation Day**. Students may bring a shirt or leaving book into school for signing on 10 May.

As we look towards the GCSE examination period, and students aim to perform to the best of their abilities, the following are targets for all Year 11 students:

- Completion of all coursework
- Full attendance at all lessons and revision sessions
- Full commitment to study, both at school and at home
- 100% attendance and punctuality for all exams
- Full school uniform to be worn to all lessons, revision sessions and exams
- Respectful behaviour towards other students, staff and school property
- Return of any books to the library not required for exams, and thereafter all texts
- Completion of any outstanding sanctions such as detentions

Students who meet all of these requirements can look forward to a successful series of examinations followed by:

- Entry to Sixth Form
- Access to Further Education or employment supported by positive references
- An enjoyable Prom – **tickets for the event on Thursday 27 June will be on sale after half-term.**

Mr N Cook – Assistant Headteacher Years 7-11



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD Bronze

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is highly regarded. Participants have to complete four separate areas including skills, physical, recreation, and an expedition section. The choices within each section are huge, but all are challenging to the individual concerned. Many congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Bronze awards.

Alistair Uwins	12C1
Hollie McDevitt	11C1
Matthew Parkes	11C1
Harriet Wilson	11C2
Phillip Carter	11C2
Jessica Hersh	11C2
Imogen Hayes	11C3
Amy Major	11D1
Callum McNeill	11D1
Samuel Tate	11D2
Rory Geeson	11E2
Joseph Brennan	11E2
Joshua Cussen	11E2
Steffan Padel	11E2
Nina Chen Sverre	11E3
Sadie Henderson	11E3
Nadia Morris	11E3
Beth Parker	11E3
Melissa Stonebridge	11P1
Tamara Yeung	11P1
Toby Chandler	11P1

Thank you also to the staff and parents involved in supporting these students to achieve their awards.

Students and their families will also receive an invitation to an awards ceremony held here at St Bart's later this month .

Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher



Photography Club Competition

Don't forget there is still time to enter – Let's get some student entries!

Short of ideas?

Go to Clubs on OpenHive and have a look at the Ideas Page for the Summer competition

SUMMER(1) COMPETITION THEME " PATTERNS "

**New Deadline is 12 noon Wednesday
22nd May 2013**

**Entries by email to Mrs Gibbs :
agibbs@stbarts.co.uk**

1 photo per person. Please keep entries no larger than 1.5 MB.

You may use Photoshop to adjust brightness, contrast or colour of the image but NOT to add or remove parts of the image.



TENNIS

Year 8 boys beat Thorngrove School winning every single game last Tuesday evening. This was an Aegon Tennis League Fixture.

In the same league the **Year 10 girls** lost 12-0 against Downe House and the **Year 8 girls** lost 8-4. Special mentions to Lauren Bell and Emma Street winning some of their games.

ATHLETICS SUCCESS

The PE department congratulates Sam Hart 7C1 who is currently the second best in the UK for the 1500m; his time is 4 minutes 44 seconds. This time was achieved at Team Kennet. We look forward to having Sam as part of our school athletics team this summer.

PRESENTATION OF BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL TO JOHN KING

Accompanied by his sister, Margaret, niece, Anna and friend, Lord Clarke of Hampstead I travelled to the Guildhall at Windsor to receive my British Empire Medal from the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire on behalf of Her Majesty, The Queen in front of many Berkshire dignitaries. Each of the four presentations of the BEMs was preceded by a citation read to the audience.



It was a wonderful day. Windsor was bedecked with flags and bunting for the day's State Visit and the weather was glorious making the stroll along The Long Walk a joy, as was meeting so many people. Many were surprised I had been teaching for so long but not so surprised when they heard it was at St Bart's, a school heard of for positive reasons throughout the county.

John King

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Well done to the U13 girls' football team who played in the Coca Cola Trophy Final at Newbury Football Club against Highdown School. This was a great experience and although the girls lost 5-1 they battled hard and the score did not reflect the possession. Player of the match Lauren Bell who put in a great all round performance and scored a superb goal.



This picture shows the girls with their runners up medals.

Squad – Victoria Bullock, Emily McDonagh, Lauren Bell, Millie Pope, Anna Williams, Hannah Perry, Emily Harrison, Fiona Paus, Imogen Harding, Rhian Stanton, Anna Yule, Victoria Osborn, Charlotte Cooper, Abi Beamish, Eleanor Rollinson, Skye Harkness.

ROUNDERS

Well done to the Sixth Form and Year 11 rounders teams who beat Park House in a friendly fixture last Tuesday. The Sixth Form team won 14-10 ½ and Josie Moxham was awarded player of the match. The Year 11 team won 16 ½ -8 and Tamara Yeung was awarded player of the match.

**CRICKET - U15 XI –
County Cup v Littleheath
Won: 164-2-20 St Bart’s,
119-8-20 Littleheath**

Congratulations to the team as they started their season with a strong win in the County cup against Littleheath on a good batting wicket. The hosts won the toss and opted to bat which in hindsight proved to be the wrong decision as **Will Seath** and **Jadon Routen** secured a 109 run partnership to set the foundations for the victory. **Will Seath** got to his half century first with six fours and two sixes, the first of which was a spectacular lofted on drive. **Jadon** not to be outdone by his opening partner also reached the half century mark but went 7 runs further and deserves real praise for retaining his wicket for the full 20 overs. Captain **Oli Harrison** played his part in supporting **Jadon** as he batted conservatively to give the strike, but added 13 runs to our total before being bowled in the last over. **Barney Morgan** did well to score 2 with only facing as many balls.

The team understood as they went into field that they needed to be accurate with their bowling and alert in the field as the wicket favoured the batting team. Littleheath made a good start with after reaching 21 after only three overs and it took a fantastic deliver from **Oliver Overend** to dismiss their opener who looked very comfortable at the crease. It was great to see **Oli** back at his best with a beautiful inswinger sending the middle and leg stump into the air. **Oli Harrison** claimed the next three wickets with a run out, a catch behind from keeper **Routen** and clean bowled wicket. **Ahmed Mobasshir** and **Joe Hobbs** also got a W against their figures with **Barney Morgan** claiming the catch for **Amed** and **Nic Canes** for **Joe**. It was disappointing to see **Imran Khan** on his debut struggling with a muscular injury as his pace bowling was frightening the opposition who were happy to see him only bowl two overs. **Will Seath** had good figures due to his consistent line and length as he took one wicket for 18 runs of four overs but **Oli Harrison** took the headlines with his 4-23-4.

Well done to the whole team who were a credit to the school and a big thanks for those players in the squad will filled in at late notice after injuries to others at the weekend. Team: **Seath, Routen, Harrison, Morgan, Hobbs, Khan, Overend, Randall, Mobasshir, Canes, Soomro.**



DIARY DATES

- Wed 8 May Y8 Parents’ Evg, 4.30-7pm
- Fri 10 May Y11 Graduation Day
- Mon 13 May GCSE/AS exams begin
Y12 Study Leave begins
- Fri 24 May Last day of formal
Y13 teaching
- Half Term – Monday 27 to Friday 31 May

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE



If your child is absent from school please ring the hotline number
01635 576372

Leave a message with the following details:

- Your child’s name and tutor group
- Reason for absence
- Likely date of return
- Contact telephone number