

# BartholoNews



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St Bartholomew's  
Drama Society  
Presents

## *'A Midsummer Night's Dream'*

Thursday 11 July  
7pm, School Hall

Tickets £3.00 each

Tickets on sale at the Expressive Arts  
Faculty Office every Tuesday and  
Thursday during morning break



## HOUSE CHESS

House chess for Years 7 to 9 took place throughout June on Friday during Activity Times with six players from each House playing a match against the Houses in turn. The standard of competition was excellent with several keenly fought games. It was a sign of this strength that only three players out of 24 won all their matches. They were Isaac Fernandes 7C2, Grady Beckett 9E1 and Harry Murphy 7D1.

The final results were, 4<sup>th</sup> Patterson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Davis and the result between Curnock and Evers was incredibly close with both Houses switching leader position as the competition progressed. In the end they have tied on points and so have jointly won the House chess.

Many thanks to Mr Bell for running the competition.

## FLAGS

A new cluster of flags has been added to the hub space in order to reflect the birth places of students and staff at the school.



Eight flags have been added, including the Union Jack, and some reorganisation undertaken. This reflects the diversity of our school community.

In the autumn term we will again hold a competition to identify all the flags correctly.



See if you can spot the new arrivals!

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

On 10 July at 7pm there will be an opportunity for parents and students in the current Years 9 and 10 to find out more about the Award Scheme at St Bart's. You will also be able to register as a participant.

**Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher**





## PATTERSON PEOPLE

Hello everyone. The annual teambuilding trip to **Thorpe Park** took place on Saturday 29 June and saw two coaches carrying 104 students and several members of Patterson staff set off for a day out.

Students had a wonderful day of rides, sights and sounds in lovely weather. I think everyone slept well that night!

Patterson students continue to be busy with **fund raising** events for Meningitis Trust, our charity this year and we have done particularly well with cake sales recently. Year 10 raised £53.14, 8P1 raised £59.80 and 7P2 raised £60.65. Selling ice lollies at sports day was 9P2 raising

£72.25; but the record was 7P1 who sold penguin related cakes (tutor, Mr Zovic is from the Falkland Islands) and made an amazing £166.20!

Mr Carolan, one of our Year 13 tutors, recently volunteered to have his legs waxed publicly for charity. An audience of students and staff came to the sports hall to witness this painful event carried out by Mr Carolan's tutees. This was done to much relish by Sammie Grice, egged on by everyone in the sports hall. Over £400 was raised – we are very proud of you Mr Carolan! Furthermore, he is donating his guitar which is to be raffled at the school fete so by the time you read this, even more money will have been raised.



**Mr Brennan, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Humphreys, Patterson House Office**

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## FROM SHANGHAI TO NEWBURY

Once again we welcome a group of students and their teacher from the Aurora School in Shanghai. They have spent the past week with us and continue this week to take part in school life at St Bart's as well as visiting some of the wonderful locations our region has to offer – Windsor Castle, The Mary Rose Museum at Portsmouth, Oxford's Christ Church College and Ashmolean Museum, Legoland and of course London.

During their visit they have been staying with families of our St Bart's students who were involved in the China Challenge "Easter Study Tour" to Shanghai. They have been very well looked after and we are sure they will take back with them some wonderful memories of home life here in the UK.

The Aurora students are pictured here with Mrs Haddrell and their teacher (front row



centre) Angela Ji, together with ex Sixth Former, Rebecca Brown (left) who has been acting as an excellent tour leader on their various trips. Rebecca has previously spent some time working Shanghai as part of the China Challenge Gap Year programme.

On the days when they have been in school they have been looked after by host students Tom Newman, Billy Babbage, Imogen Harding, Mia Drury, Molly Calvert and Catherine Postlewaite. They have accompanied them to some of their lessons and some of our faculties have laid on

special lessons especially for them including Science with Mr Turner, Cookery with Mrs Eastman, Dance with Miss Jones and English with Mrs Fisher. Many thanks to everyone for contributing towards making their stay so memorable.

## CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT AND SKILLS DAYS

Two days of Curriculum Enrichment and Skills activities were organised for 4 July and 9 July. *BartholoNews* will feature reports and photographs from the different year groups. The first of these focuses on the Year 12 students in which their day concentrated on helping them plan their future; whether it be university, apprenticeship, employment or a GAP year to include volunteering – there was something for everyone.



Adam Robbins, Head of Sixth Form outlined the maze of choices which lie ahead. Students were provided with information about the wide range of opportunities and encouraged to broaden their horizons.

Presentations were given about the UCAS application process, whilst those who do not want to apply to university honed their skills on writing CVs and career research.

Guest speakers contributed to the day. Former St Bart's students were invited back to school to give presentations about their experiences, Garry Poulson spoke about volunteering, Maurice Tattersdill from Connexions gave some valuable careers advice and George Dixon spoke on Success without University. This was a constructive and informative day for all Year 12s and thanks go to the many speakers and staff who contributed to make it such a success.



## YEAR 9 PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING

In September 2013 Year 10 will prepare for their Literature GCSE which they will sit in May 2014. They will then prepare for their English Language GCSE which they will sit in May 2015 at the end of Year 11.

As your child finishes Year 9 and prepares for GCSE, the English Department would like to invite you to a presentation where we will:

- Outline the GCSE course structure.
- Advise as to how you can help your child prepare for this over the summer.
- Suggest ideas for supporting your child throughout the GCSEs.

We hope that you will join us on Tuesday 16 July at 7pm in the Hall where you will also have the opportunity to ask questions and chat to members of the English Department. We anticipate that this meeting will conclude by 8pm. If you require further information before the evening please feel free to contact me.

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## CYCLING SUCCESS

Some great results have been achieved from the British Schools Cycling Association – National Track Championships which took place at the Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth on 23 June.

The championships included three events: a Pursuit (1.5km for girls and 2km for boys), a Sprint and a Scratch race (5km girls and 9km boys). More than 100 riders took part and Anna Linehan 8E2 won the Pursuit and Scratch race in the U13 girls to become



National and South Regional Champion while Joseph Linehan 10E2 raced in a fiercely competitive U15 boys' category to win bronze in the National Championships and silver in the South Regional Championships.

## **GIRLS' PE**

### **Rounders Y8 v Park House**

The Year 8 team took a step closer to winning the league after beating Park House 22-6.

The match started with St Bart's batting and a few rounders were won from the big hitters. However, the girls were soon worried as one the main Park House hitters was slipping through the deeps. The girls soon readjusted and managed to stop the flow of Park House rounders. St Bart's then fielded and have improved so much that they knew what they were doing. In the second innings the girls were solid with batting and fielding which resulted in extending the lead.

Well done to the team on this victory, especially Georgie Sanderson who was awarded player of the match.

### **Year 7 Rounders Tournament**

Year 7 played an exciting area tournament in cold conditions, demonstrating brilliant game play to comfortably beat Theale Green 5 ½ - 3 ½, Little Heath 8 - 0, Trinity 6 ½ - 1 ½ and St Gabriel's 7 - 4 to finish top of their group. Park House was a tricky opposition in the semi finals with some strong fielding, however the St Bart's batting team scored a total of 7 rounders, Hannah Perry and Lauren Bell batting particularly well.

There was still a lot to do, but a strong partnership between Alice Points and Millie Pope beat several Park House players to first base. As their score grew closer it was crucial for St Bart's to field well, and they did. Excellent decision making from deep fielders to post restricted good efforts from Park House; Emily McDonagh and Katherine W-Berrosipi linking well with Thea Manton, Sophie Harrop and Emma Street to stop runs. Final score St Bart's 7, Park House 5.

This saw St Bart's in the final where they showed great composure under pressure with excellent bowling, fielding and batting to squeeze victory in a nail biting extra time game against John O'Gaunt. Final score St Bart's 6 John O'Gaunt 5 ½.

Special mention to Finola Mangan who bowled superbly throughout and to Dani Reed who scored the final ½ rounder to secure gold. Player of the tournament was Sophie Harrop.

## **COUNTY FINALS**

As a school we had done very well to win local events to have four teams go to Wellington College on 3 July for the county finals.

There were some excellent achievements with our tennis team coming first. The Year 7 girls Quad Kids team was 1<sup>st</sup>. The Year 7 boys Quad Kids team was 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Year 9 rounders team 3<sup>rd</sup> and the boys golf team was 4<sup>th</sup>.

Well done to all the students who took part.

## **ATTENDANCE HOTLINE**

**For all year groups,  
including Sixth Form**



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