



YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

The Year 11 Parents' Evening is on **Tuesday 25 March 2014** from 4.30pm to 7.00pm in the Curnock block.

The school recently ran a very successful trial of an intuitive and easy to use online appointment booking system for parents' evenings. This considerably improved our previous system which relied on students making bookings with teachers. The school will be using this online system for the forthcoming Year 11 parents' evening.

The system enables parents to choose their own appointments with teachers, for which parents will receive email confirmation.

Year 11 parents/carers have been sent information about booking appointments, including the log in details, together with a short guide on how to use the system. Parents will be able to make bookings from 7.00pm this evening, 18 March.

If parents/carers with students in Year 11 do not have access to the internet please contact the appropriate House office who will add appointments on your behalf.

DIARY DATES

Thur 20 March	Easter Concert, Hall, 7pm
Fri 21 March	Y7/8 Curnock Charity Disco, Hall, 7-9pm
Tues 25 March	Y11 Parents' Evening 4.30-7pm, Curnock Block
Sat 29 March	PA Quiz Night, 7pm, Hall
Fri 4 April	Term Ends at 3.30pm



PLANNED INDUSTRIAL ACTION

As you may be aware, industrial action is planned by one of the main teaching unions, the National Union of Teachers, on Wednesday 26 March. As always, we will have to consider the levels of staffing we anticipate to be in school on that day to see how we will operate. The duty of care of students' safety and well being is a paramount consideration. We will inform you of the final arrangements the school will make as soon as possible, but I can confirm that the Year 12 Higher Education Convention will be going ahead and the examination years of Year 11 and Year 13, as well as Year 7 students, will all be expected to be in school.

There will be a reduced catering service in school on 26 March.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher



HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION

This year was the St Bart's eighth annual House Dance Competition. There were more than 200 dancers and dance captains who performed and choreographed on 6 March. The standard was exceptional and all of the Houses produced original and polished performances. The dance department is really proud of the hard work and commitment – well done.

Evers House dancers were the overall winners with the following breakdown:

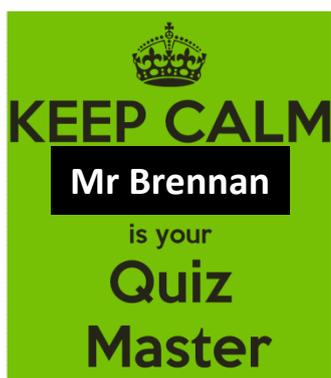
Year 7	Patterson
Year 8	Evers
Year 9	Patterson
Year 10-13	Davis
Year 10-13 Prop	Evers

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 29 March 2014
7pm in the Hall



Head of Patterson House

Ticket price includes
Fish 'n' Chip Supper

(Sausage or Vegetarian option available)
Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

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

Maximum of 6 per team

Pre booking essential

Call Oonagh Dockley – 07801 502104
Email: oonagh.dockley@gmail.com

Please state numbers and food choices

WORLD BOOK DAY 2014

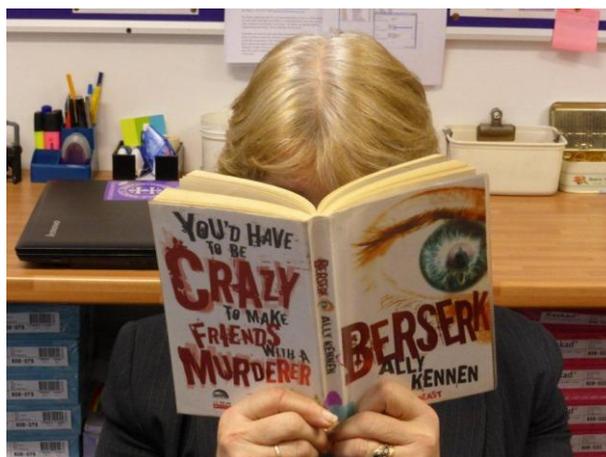
Two competitions were running on World Book Day, Thursday 6 March.

Years 7 and 8 were invited to spot as many staff as possible who were wearing badges with book titles, usually the book they were currently reading, but sometimes their favourite book.

In addition, all lower school students could take part in the “*Guess Who’s Reading*” competition with mystery photos of staff hidden behind books.

Congratulations to Teodora Drangazhov 7P3 who spotted the most staff wearing badges on World Book Day. In 2nd place was Arianwen Evans 7D1. They were awarded book prizes.

William Wood 8C3, Michael Repton 8D1 and Holly Austin 10P2 correctly guessed nine of the 20 members of staff in the *Guess Who’s Reading* competition.



Guess who’s reading this book.

The canteen offered a World Book day menu of Shaun the Sheep Casserole, The Long Quiche Goodbye, Popeye’s Spinach and Tagliatelle Power Bake, The Famous Five mixed vegetables, Spud Murphy’s new potatoes, and the Sugar Plum Fairy Crumble.

Thank you to Mrs Hollowood in Resources for taking all the photographs.

Mrs Thomas, Librarian

MAGISTRATES' COURT MOCK TRIAL

On 8 March 2014, at 8 o'clock in the morning, a small group of St Bart's students from Years 8 and 9 paid a visit to the imposing surroundings of Reading Crown Court to participate in a very special and unusual event. For that day in Reading, a Mock Trial was to be held, one that pitted several different schools from across Berkshire and Hampshire against one another in a competition to make their case and win their points.

The entire visit lasted around five hours, during which St Bart's participated in two tense heated trials, the first one against Windsor Girls' School. It was an exciting event, with 1st Defence Lawyer Izzy Sanderson and 2nd Defence Lawyer Rebecca Shaw making an excellent case for the defence along with Eleanor Rollinson and Olly Harvey playing wonderful roles as the defendant Jaz Henry and other character Sal Mineo respectively. Also, Usher Henry Chandler played a confident and professional role. Unfortunately, St Bart's did not succeed in winning the case, with Jaz Henry being found guilty; however the result of the trial was irrelevant as we still scored marks for the quality of our students.

The second trial took place against Blessed St Hugh Farringdon, this time with Max Uden and Emily Beck performing a superb job as 1st and 2nd Prosecution Lawyers, along with Olly Smithson as P.C.Morton and Isaac Fernandes as Lou Mann creating convincing and realistic characters, and Laurie Gale acting as a truly professional and convincing Legal Adviser. This time, St Bart's not only scored many performance marks but also won the case, with Jaz Henry again being found guilty for handling stolen goods - although this time we had intended for this to happen.

Once the competition came to a close, all the many groups from across the counties gathered in the front of the courthouse, ready for the results to be announced, following a speech of thanks from the High Sheriff of Berkshire. It was very tense! The top four schools were listed, with the top two continuing on to the next event.



As the second place school, St Gabriel's, was announced, we prepared for the final result. To the team's surprise and happiness, St Bart's came in first place! Those who participated all received certificates, Amazon vouchers and an invitation to the regional finals, which is set to take place on 10 May, again on a Saturday. Overall, it had been a great day, and we were all really pleased with the result, following many weeks of preparation supported by Mrs Knott, Mrs Lane and sixth formers Toby Chandler, Ben Evans and Josh Cussen.

Callum Fletcher 9P2
(Court reporter and artist).

**St Bart's Music Department
Presents**

THE EASTER CONCERT

Thursday 20 March 2014

At 7.00pm, in the Hall

Tickets available on the door

Adults £5

Concessions £3

**Family Tickets (2 adults and
1 child) £10**

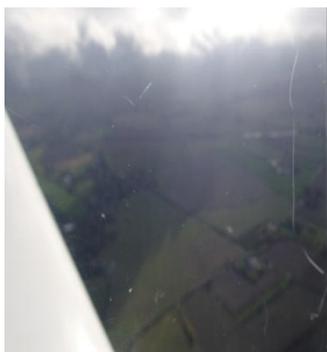
**Refreshments will be available
during the interval**

RAF SECTION 6AEF Flying

On Friday 7 March 2014 Flt Lt Howes accompanied 13 cadets from Years 11-13 on a visit to RAF Benson which is a front line support helicopter base working within the Joint Helicopter Command (JHC). Located in South Oxfordshire, the Station is home to Puma helicopters of 33 and 230 Squadrons, Merlin HC3 and HC3a helicopters of 28 (AC) and 78 Squadrons, and the Tutor T1 Aircraft (pictured) of Oxford University Air Squadron and 6 Air Experience Flight. (6AEF)



Upon arrival at the station all cadets were instructed on safety and shown around the aircraft in the hangar before getting into their flying suits and taking to the skies above Abingdon and Didcot.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have been made aware that Hawkinsport will no longer be able to supply our school uniform. This marks the end of a long relationship, which has been exceptionally positive over many years.

As part of the closure process they are offering significant discounts on remaining stock.



BIG DISCOUNTS!

Blazers – £20.00, **plus FREE TIE**

Rugby Jerseys - £20.00

Trousers – Girls and Boys £10.00

Sweaters & Skirts - £10.00

Games Polo shirts - £5.00

Orders should be placed on-line

Delivery approx. 2-3 days

Limited stock. All stock must go.

The on-line retailer will be Trutexdirect.com. Please note that this company is a completely separate business from the shop in Bartholomew Street. Any purchases made via the trutex.com website will need to be returned directly to the designated address, using the free returns bag for exchange or refund. Parents will be provided with login information via BartholoNews in the next couple of weeks.

The excellent service provided by our current high street retailer 'Trutex, Schoolwear & More' will remain unchanged.

Whilst there will be no change to the existing school uniform, a new supplier for girls skirts has been sourced. This is in response to parental concerns for the durability of the current skirt, especially after a number of washes. In addition, the new brand of skirt is available in longer lengths, of which the standard length will be **51cm/20 inches**. Any student requiring a shorter length would need to seek the approval of the school.

Please note that only the new brand of skirt is now available.

Mrs M A Sims, Deputy Headteacher

GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Congratulations to Will Usherwood 13P1 who was recently invited to St James's Palace to receive his gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award from HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, the patron



and founder of the scheme.

The Duke was interested to hear from the young people about their expeditions and volunteering work and spent some time chatting to them.

Will spent 18 months volunteering at the Waterside Centre and

for his expedition he spent several weeks with his group planning a high level route through the mountains of the Lake District. However, monsoons and high winds in the summer 2012 meant they were restricted to low level routes only.

EASTER REVISION SCHOOL



The Easter Revision School this year will take place in the first week of the Easter break from 7 to 11 April.

More information about the subjects and year groups for the revision sessions will be sent home very shortly.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS

Sainsbury's is running its Active Kids voucher scheme again this year. There is now an official collection box at the school reception counter where the vouchers can be deposited.

We have collected a considerable amount already but obviously the more vouchers we collect the more we can purchase.

The voucher scheme ends on the 31 May 2014 so not too much time left.

SCARLET FEVER

We have been notified by Public Health England that as last year, there is an increase in the number of notified cases of scarlet fever. A reminder of the signs and symptoms is noted below.

How do I know if someone has scarlet fever?

The main symptoms include a sore throat and fever and a fine, raised, red rash, which feels like sandpaper and disappears momentarily when pressed. The rash appears most commonly on the neck, chest, under the arms, elbows and inner thighs. The rash does not usually affect the face, which is flushed, paleness around the mouth can occur. During convalescence, the skin usually peels on the fingers and toes.

Is it infectious?

Yes, to close contacts of the patient. This period is prolonged in untreated cases

What is the incubation period (the time between being infected and feeling ill)?

Usually 2 to 5 days, but sometimes longer

What should I do if someone has the illness?

- Consult your doctor who will confirm the diagnosis and decide about treatment
- The infected person should rest while they have a fever
- Keep a child with a fever cool by reducing clothing and bed clothes and by giving paracetamol as directed. Sponging a child down with tepid water will help to bring a high temperature down.
- Penicillin reduces the length of the illness and the possibility of rare complications (such as rheumatic heart disease). There are alternatives for people allergic to penicillin.

How soon can someone return to school/work?

24 hours after commencing antibiotics and they are well enough to attend.

March 2014

BOYS' PE

Football 2nd XI v Trinity 1st XI and Blessed Hugh Farringdon 1st XI

Won 8 – 1 v Trinity and

Won 0- 6 v BHF 1st XI

Congratulations to the second XI who have had back to back to back wins in the 2nd XI Berkshire Football League. The players have been a credit to the school and scored the most goals that I can remember in a season, alongside only conceding two. Special mention should go to striker Frazer Roberts who had three hat tricks in the season and is due to receive the prestigious golden boot award. The most recent match against BHF saw the mighty seconds take on an opposition who had international honours to his name but with captain Will Herrington, lively midfielder Ali Uwins and man of the match Connor Chivers all adding to the tally the fixture never was in doubt. The second team now aim to replicate the success of the team from 2013 and remain undefeated with the Old Boys fixture on Saturday 22 March their final hurdle.

Football Y9 v Trinity

Earlier this week St Bart's Y9 played Trinity in a football match. They got a good 7-0 win, and were dominant throughout. A special mention must go to Bukunmi Oluwande who scored two well taken goals.

Bukunmi opened the scoring with a curling effort from inside the box. He quickly doubled his tally with a chip from just outside the box. Archie Perks, who was outstanding all game, added a third from close range just after the second half began. The fourth came soon after thanks to a cross from Luke Davies which Jamie Maughan slotted past the keeper, a well deserved goal for one of the players of the match. Good closing down from Jamie Leavesley resulted in an easy finish from inside the 6 yard box making it 5-0. Matt Grey followed up a good block from a defender to make it 6-0. Mercurial goal keeper Max Hayman kept a clean sheet with some show-stopping saves, and managed the defence well. The game was rounded off with a well worked corner - another good corner cross from Luke Davies allowed Arty Blake to steal in at the back post to round off the scoring and make it 7-0.

GIRLS' PE

Lacrosse

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 lacrosse teams who travelled to Westonbirt School to compete in the 2014 Junior West Rally Lacrosse Tournament.

As with the National Schools Tournament, the girls had to play several matches in the morning and depending on how they did they were placed into a division to play during the afternoon.

Both teams were placed in Division 1 and did very well. The Year 7 team came 3rd in Division 1 meaning that overall they finished 9th from 12 teams.

The Year 8 team also came 3rd in Division 1 meaning that overall they finished 8th from 14 teams.

Well done to all who played.

Netball

Well done to the Year 10 and Sixth Form netball teams who both won their league games last week.

Year 10 beat The Clere 25-3 and the Sixth Form beat Park House 21-0.

Sixth Form Area Tournament – Netball

The Sixth Form netball team finished third in their area netball tournament.

Girls' Football

The U14 girls' football team are through to the next round of the county cup. They beat Little Heath 1-0. Victoria Bullock scored in the last 40 seconds of the game and Talulla Dove was player of the match.

U13 Girls' Football

Well done to the U13 team who are now through to the semi finals of the county cup as they beat Kennet last week 4-0. Goals scored by Lauren Bell and Talulla Dove.