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YEAR 10 STUDENT WINS SIMON POWELL POETRY PRIZE

A school trip to *Poetry Live!* earlier this year inspired Ruby Jones 10E2 to enter the competition promoted at the event. Her poem, 'Newbury Drink' is one of ten winners selected from a strong field of hundreds of entries from around the UK.



As part of Ruby's prize she will attend a day's poetry workshop in July at Simon Powell's residence at The Barbican, London hosted by poets Daljit Nagra and Imtiaz Dharker.

She will also be invited to read her poem at next year's *Poetry Live!* to an audience of 1000 students in Reading and will be presented with signed books.

Daljit Nagra commented on Ruby's poem saying: "It is rare to come across a poem in the third person perspective, and one which earns the detached perspective. In the poem the speaker appreciates the sorrows of a dejected would-be paramour. The tight internal rhymes and strong rhythm powerfully dramatize the character's interiorised obsessive hopelessness."

Ruby's relatives in London, Paignton, Wales and Finland have all sent messages of congratulations. Mrs Hersh, Ruby's English teacher, is also delighted with this success.

Each year St Bart's takes Year 10 and Year 11 students to *Poetry Live!* where GCSE Anthology poems are read and explained by well known poets. It brings poetry to life and the event gives students the inspiration to extend their creative writing.



School Production News

Footloose jumps with spirit, dazzling dance numbers and an electrifying musical score. It portrays the timeless struggle between innocent pleasure and rigid morality, when city-boy Ren McCormick finds himself in an uptight Midwestern town where dancing has been banned. Ren revolts with best friend Willard and the minister's daughter. The show includes a treasury of Top 10 80s songs – Kenny Loggins' 'Footloose', Shalamar 'Dancing in the Sheets', Deniece Williams 'Let's Hear It for the Boy,' Bonnie Tyler 'Holding Out for a Hero', and the Footloose love theme, 'Almost Paradise'.

Open Auditions

On Monday 7 July and Tuesday 8 July during Activity Time and after school there will be open auditions in P013 Drama Studio for Years 7 – 13 for the lead roles in this December show. Students going for lead roles please note this requires acting, singing and dancing.

It is vital students collect an audition script on Friday 4 July from the Expressive Arts Office ready for these auditions.

Students selected for the show will have to sign a contract of participation. Students will not be able to split their commitments with other activities inside or outside school until after the show. Typically the rehearsal schedule involves at least two or three Activity Times plus an after school rehearsal each week until 6.30pm, days to be confirmed.

General cast auditions will be held at a later date. Cast will either need to sing or dance or both if they wish.

Mrs K Norris





PROMOTING GOOD ATTENDANCE

Please note changes to last week's information. The number of days available to pay fines has changed and these are noted in red.

As a school, we are proud of our good attendance rates. However, in some cases we may issue a penalty notice for unauthorised absence. It is parents' responsibility and a legal requirement to ensure that their child attends school regularly and punctually. Missing school seriously affects children's longer-term life opportunities. Statistics show a direct link between attendance and attainment.

Holidays will not be authorised during term time, and are likely to attract a Fixed Penalty Notice.

If it is essential that if you need to take your child out of school for any other reason, you request a leave of absence form through your House office. The request will be considered by the Headteacher, and a reply given to you, indicating whether the request is authorised or unauthorised.

What are Penalty Notices?

- Penalty Notices are a Fixed Penalty Fine.
- Penalty Notices are an alternative to prosecution for unauthorised school absence. Parents do not have to attend court.

When can a Penalty Notice be given in West Berkshire?

This can be issued when a pupil has missed 20 half day sessions from school within a 10 school week period and these absences are unauthorised.

Or

When a pupil has missed 10 half day sessions from school within a 10 school week period and the absences are unauthorised and due to holiday.

Penalty Notices

If you receive a Penalty Notice you have two options:

Option 1 Pay within the **21 days** shown on the Notice. A Fixed Penalty Fine is currently £60.

Option 2 Pay between **days 22 and 28** a Fixed Penalty Fine of £120.

Each fine is **per parent, per child**. All payments must be made to the address given on the Penalty Notice.

Non Payment

If a Penalty Notice is not paid each parent or carer will be summonsed to appear in Court for an offence under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996 for failing to ensure regular school attendance or for an offence under Section 103 Education and Inspections Act 2006 for failing to ensure their child is not in a public place.

Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher

EXAM NEWS – GCE and GCSE RESULTS



GCE AS & A2

Thursday 14 August 2014
Main Hall 08.30 – 10.00

GCSE

Thursday 21 August 2014
Main Hall 08.30 – 10.00

Year 10 Results

Thursday 21st August 2014
Exams Dept 10.00 – 12.00

If you are unable to collect in person the following options are available:-

- Put an A5 stamped addressed envelope in the exams box by Friday 19 July and they will be posted out to you.
- Send an e-mail address to exams@stbarts.co.uk before Friday 19 July and your results will be e-mailed by 14.00 on the relevant results day.
- Ask a friend/relative to collect the results on your behalf, however the exams department will require written authorisation of this before Friday 19 July.
- Ring the exams line (01635 576347) after **10.00am** on results day. This line will be exceptionally busy so please be patient and be prepared to answer some security questions.

All results issued are provisional. This means that they may change with any post-result outcomes (ie remarks) you may request or late awards.

Exams Office



CURNOCK NEWS

With apologies it has been some time since we have reported on Curnock, which means we have a lot to say now!

Firstly, we have said a fond farewell to our Assistant Househead, Mrs Anne Newland. Many of you will remember her as the Receptionist at Luker in the old school. Following our move to the new school we were very lucky to get Anne as our new Assistant Househead and for the past three years she has been an invaluable member of the House team. We will miss her greatly but look forward to welcoming Mrs Lisa Hamblin on 16 June and hope that many of our students will pop into the office to say 'hello'.

We have also said goodbye to some of our Year 11 students who will be moving onto further education in various colleges and sixth form establishments. We wish them every success.

And, of course, we say goodbye to our current Year 13 students and, in particular, our four House Captains who have worked so hard over the past year. Thank you to Bethan Pratten, Tom Davidson, Ali Uwins and Aggie Temba for their support and we hope they enjoyed their experience. We hope our Year 13 students will remember their time at St Bart's positively and that they take with them some Curnock spirit!

We continue to raise money for the Curnock charity and thank all of you who have worked hard to support these fundraising activities.

Curnock continue to do well in the House Sports Championship and we hope that everyone will put in a concerted effort to win House cricket and tennis, and, of course, the athletics. We look forward to cheering you on at sports day and hope that we will be hearing the 'Green, Green Grass of home' blaring out over the loudspeakers after every race!

We wish our KS3 chess team good luck in their forthcoming matches. Members of the team are Max Hersh (captain), John Neeley, Benedict Lemoine-Wright, Billy Dijksman, Isaac Fernandes, Sam Middleton, Josh Nixon and Teddy Walker. Hopefully their brains are finely tuned and ready for play!

There is still time to get your Awards completed in time to count towards the House Citizenship Cup. If you are struggling for ideas do come down to the Househeads' Office – we're sure we can find some things for you to do! Congratulations also to all our Year 10 and Year 12 students who gained their House Colours and also our Year 11 and Year 13 students who gained their School Colours. Please look at their names on the House noticeboard in Curnock.

We look forward to meeting our new Year 7 students for next year, and their parents, at our welcome evening on 23 June. This will also be the first event for our new House Captains who were recently chosen from a very strong field of applicants. They are House Captains, Dan Cox 12C2 and Loulou McFadzen 12C1 and Deputy House Captains, Joe Lukehurst 12C1 and Megan Burns 12C3. We are very much looking forward to working with them, together with our House Officers team.

This is an exciting time for Curnock with a new Assistant Househead and a new Sixth Form Team. We look forward to the last six weeks of the school year and hope a great deal can be achieved in that time.

Mrs Mounsey and Mrs Kempster

ST BART'S SUMMER FETE

Saturday 5 July
12 noon – 3pm

We are looking for donations of salads and puddings to serve at the event.
If you are able to donate please email

Hilary.mcneill@btinternet.com

**See page 11 for details
about this year's
Food Festival and Fete**
**You are welcome to print the poster on
page 11 to display on your workplace
or community notice board**

SCHOOL OFFICERS' TRAINING WEEKEND

The newly appointed School Officers in Year 12 set off for their training weekend on 6 and 7 June. The following are two reports from this successful event.



On Friday 6 June, awaiting our departure to Kintbury, our group of 20 newly appointed school officers assembled in the common room. Whilst we anticipated a night of hijinks and tomfoolery (what else would you expect with Mr Robbins in charge?), we were plunged into the deep end from the beginning: placed into teams of five, handed the generous sum of £40, and issued with a map, we were dismissed with the straight-forward yet daunting task of getting ourselves to St. Cassian's by 3:30 and with enough food to cook for six. Somehow, with the combinations of trains, cars, brave attempts to hike, and power-walking

through Sainsbury's, every team succeeded. After a spot of team-bonding with Mrs Lane, everyone was ready to impress with their culinary talents in the "Ready, Steady, Cook!" style competition to be held and so chaos ensued. Yet after 45 minutes there were four sets of

three course meals on display and a very satisfied group of faculty, who sampled (more like feasted) on the best that teenagers could offer using a large grill. With dusk drawing in, the whole team headed inside to commence the process of understanding our roles, developing our connections with the other leaders in the team, and equipping ourselves with plans for the coming half-term and year to follow. These sessions, which carried on in the morning, helped to establish the foundations of what we consider to be the priorities, interests, and aspirations of our team of school officers for the 2014-2015 academic year.



Over the 24-hour period, the precise combination of murder-mysteries, cricket matches, an unlimited supply of tea and sweets, and the ever-guiding support of staff meant that the training weekend was certainly memorable but, perhaps more importantly, molded the group of 20 individuals into one team that is enthusiastic and prepared for the year to come.

Camilla Dickson, Head Girl





SCHOOL OFFICERS' TRAINING

All of the school officers attended a camping trip to St Cassian's in Kintbury on 6 June. We arrived at school carrying numerous bags of heavy camping equipment, and were quickly set off on our first adventure. We were in small groups with people from all different roles and had to get ourselves to Kintbury with food for our group plus one lucky teacher to taste test our delicious adventurous food (as adventurous you can make with only a BBQ!) with a total of £40. We had until 3:15pm to get there and as the organised sixth form students we all are, we managed to beat the time and the teachers. We had to set up our tents on arrival – the award for

putting up a tent with most elegance defiantly deserves to go to Mr Robbins, and his effort to use all natural resources by blowing up a blow up bed by mouth! – In 25 degrees weather... I don't think it was such a smart idea. All of the events that followed throughout the evening helped us to get to know each other on a more personal basis, understanding each other's aims and helping provide a strong base that we could all stand on to achieve them (which I think all officers and teachers whom attended would agree, it was MUCH STRONGER than our human pyramid). The group discussions allowed all 'improvements' and 'changes' to emerge to the surface, one we were very keen on was a microwave... oh, and a kettle too!

Throughout Friday afternoon/evening we were all aware what we individually wanted to have more involvement in, which before the end of Friday night we had allocated roles as school officers. I personally feel closer to all members of the school officers' team and feel confident with the expectations of my roles. I feel this was only an insight to what an amazing year our sixth form years and school officers' team can achieve for bettering the school in the forthcoming year. Overall, I think I speak for everyone when I say we all had an amazing time, and all enjoyed thoroughly the outstanding slides and skids in the cricket games and cannot wait to start our roles which we are all very grateful for.

Emma Pavier, Davis Deputy House Captain



DIARY DATES

- Tues 17 June Evers Y6 Welcome Evening, Hall, 6pm
- Thurs 19 June Patterson Y6 Welcome Evening Hall, 6pm
- Fri 20 June Y7/8 PA Disco, 7-9pm, Hall
- Mon 23 June Curnock Y6 Welcome Evening Hall, 6pm
- Tues 24 June Davis Y6 Welcome Evening Hall, 6pm
- Wed 25 June Options at 18 (Year 12 Parents/Carers), Hall, 7pm
- Fri 27 June Sixth Form Induction Day



PA DISCO Years 7/8

**Friday 20 June 2014
7pm – 9pm, Hall**

**£3 on the door
Refreshments available for sale**

MOROCCO EXPEDITION

After months of preparation, on Friday 23 May the first two Morocco teams packed their bags for a departure to Marrakech, eagerly followed by the second two teams on the Saturday. Initial challenges were overcome in learning how to put up the World Challenge tents in the Hub space and then how to pack these into already full kit bags!



The teams became well practised with four-five days camping in Morocco, at different locations most days. The scenery of the High Atlas Mountains was inspiring – trekking over rocky mountain passes revealed snow patches on the tallest peaks and fertile green terraces below, with paths zig-zagging through the valleys. The students experienced fresh mint tea, pancakes, tagine, nuts and dates, provided by our friendly local guides. Some became very successful at haggling in the souks of Marrakech, finding scarves, jewellery, miniature camels and numerous football shirts to take home! Lessons were learnt in sharing of food, team budgeting and group morale, the importance of working together and how to lead each other. I thank all the students involved in this trip for being excellent representatives of St. Bart's and for making it a very enjoyable week for the staff involved. Thanks to Mrs Hayes, Mr Zuvic, Miss Dickson, Mr Edwards, Miss Savage, Miss Sudbury and Mr Brooker for being a fantastic staff team to help run this opportunity.

Miss Horsford



A few messages from the students:

A highlight of the trip was...

'Climbing to the mountain peak and being leader'

'Fresh orange juice stands in the souks'

'Being on the ground but still having views of miles around'

The biggest challenge we overcame was...

'Putting our broken tent poles back together!'

'Climbing the mountain but then seeing the view at the top was really rewarding'

Being part of an expedition like this is worth it because...

I learnt new skills and got feedback on my performance'

'You think differently about life'

'You can experience another culture with people you know and have an understanding of how lucky you are in the UK'

One piece of advice for students going on an expedition like this...

'Get fitter before, you will enjoy it more'

'Take antibacterial hand gel and sun cream!'

'Try as many new foods as you can'

'Wear your boots in beforehand'



More photos on page 10



DAVIS DIARY

Welcome back to our Year 12 students who have commenced their Year 13 courses.

Our new Senior Officers were introduced to the House in our recent assembly:

House Captains:	Jennifer Dickson and
Stephen McDowell	
Deputies:	Emma Pavier and
Jessica Edwards	
Head Girl:	Camilla Dickson

Congratulations to the following students on their achievement:

GOOD WORK PRIZES	BRONZE AWARDS
Jessica Raines Lorien Carter Arianwen Evans	Bethan Davies Billy Wild Ben Bassett
JUNIOR HOUSE COLOURS	DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD
Luke Parry Courtney Gosling	Emily Beck Annabelle Bowey Tosin Sonubi

Charity News:

Thank you **7D1** for raising £17.45 in their recent cake sale.

8D1, 11D3 and **12D1** have reached their target raising money for Water Aid. Well done! Keep it up!

Best of luck to all our athletes who are competing in sports day this year – Go Davis!



Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Thorne and Mrs Lee

STUDY SUPPORT



All students:

Do you need somewhere quiet to do your homework?

Do you need a place to study?

Then come to the library any morning between 7:30am -8:30am for a quiet place to get your work done!

ONA MUSIC NIGHT

Saturday 19 July 2014
7pm – 11pm
In the School Hall

Hosted by Mr Mike Hart

There will be dancing in the aisles!
Cash Bar – BYO snacks

Audience Tickets
Adults £5/Students & Staff £3

We welcome past and present students and their guests

To buy tickets or book a slot to perform please email tricia@aerobabe.co.uk

Organised by the ONA and the Expressive Arts Faculty to support musical talent. All proceeds to fund the ONA Magazine and support the school



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Practice and Assessed Expedition Opportunities

For all those who are registered on the DoE Award Scheme, this is the final call for anyone wishing to complete their expedition section this summer. If you have already registered an interest, you should have received an information pack through the post.

Any further students wishing to participate in this expedition must speak with Mrs M Sims or Mrs S Green by **12:00pm on Wednesday 18 June**.

West Berkshire DoE Open Expedition Event - 11 – 15 August 2014

Rushall Manor Farm, Bradfield

This event consists of training days followed by a practice expedition to be staffed by West Berkshire DoE team and volunteers, all registered, qualified and checked.

All equipment is provided.

There will be a cost involved, which could be supported for students eligible for Pupil Premium funding. It is possible to complete just the training, or just the expedition, or both.

ROUNDERS

St Bart's hosted and organised the Year 10 Area Rounders Tournament last week. There The St Bart's Year 10 team won three group matches, lost one and drew one. They got through to the semi finals, but unfortunately lost to Theale Green. Well done to all who played.

Last week we played JOG in league rounders. Results and players of the match were as follows:

Year 7 won 11-3½ – Sienna Edwards and Sophie Stancombe

Year 8 lost 4½ to 6½ – Jessica Allum

Year 9 lost 7½ to 12 – Amber Layton

Year 10 won 22½ to 13½ – Bobbi Lainsbury

YEAR 7 DISTRICT ATHLETICS

On Friday 6 June, the Year 7 boys' athletics team attended the annual District Athletics Championship at Palmer Park in Reading. All boys performed excellently, and were very competitive in all the events entered. In the track events, St Bart's reached three finals, including Harry Brooker (7D3) finishing 3rd in the 1000m, Rhys Ainsworth (7C1) 3rd in the 75m Hurdles, Josh Douglas (7E2) 4th in the 150m and Will Joseph (7E1) and Ryley Arbon (7C1) finishing 3rd and 2nd respectively in the 75m. St Bart's also performed excellently in the 4 x 100m relay final, where they were leading before stepping slightly out of lane in the final changeover, which led to a very unfortunate disqualification. The team also placed very well in the field events, in particular Sam Davis (7D3) and Harry Donne (7E2) finishing 1st and 2nd in the Discus, and Will Joseph placing 3rd in the Shot. A strong performance all round, with special congratulations to Sam Davis, Harry Donne and Ryley Arbon for qualifying for the County Championships for their particular events.

BOYS' ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to the boys' athletics teams who have been competing in the District and English Schools Athletics competitions this term.



In the **District Competitions** the U15 Boys came 3rd out of 15 schools and the U17 Boys came 2nd out of 15 schools. The following boys have qualified to represent the District at the County Championships: Tom Webster 200m, Sammy Hart 1500m, Nick Haynes Javelin, Daniel Eggleton Discus, Luke Parkes Hurdles, Ewan Ainsworth Hurdles, Tom Murphy High Jump, Rory McNeil Triple Jump, Howard Drury Javelin, Jamie Khuenel Hammer, Callum O'Neil 3000m (Senior), Sam Randall 400m (Senior).

In the **ESAA English Schools Track and Field Cup** the junior boys were 3rd from six schools and are through to the Regional B final at Yeovil Athletics Arena, and the Inter Boys were 1st from seven schools with a superb team score and they are through to the Regional A Final at Millfield School.

JUNIOR BOYS

3 : 295pts : St Bartholomew's School

100m	13.4s =	16pts	Henry Chandler
	13.4s =	16pts	Daniel Rees
200m	29.3s =	14pts	Ben McCarthy
	28.6s =	16pts	Oliver Barnes
300m	43.6s =	20pts	Daniel Dury
	51.4s =	8pts	Archie Awford
800m	2m32.7s =	16pts	Jake Pemberton
	2m38.6s =	14pts	Jude Blundy
1500m	4m37.2s =	24pts	Sammy Hart
	6m01.1s =	5pts	Gregor Lindsay
Hurdles	16.5s =	7pts	Thomas Cole
	19.0s =	0pts	Kaleb Black
Relay	60.5s =	9pts	
	=	0pts	
High Jump	1.17m =	9pts	Sammy Hart
	1.35m =	15pts	Thomas Cole

Long Jump	4.42m =	16pts	Henry Chandler
	2.77m =	0pts	Gregor Lindsay
Triple Jump	8.28m =	10pts	Archie Awford
	8.41m =	11pts	Daniel Rees
Shot	8.39m =	14pts	Harry Seymour
	8.31m =	14pts	Oliver Barnes
Discus	19.61m =	14pts	Josh Hamnett
	17.23m =	11pts	Jude Blundy
Javelin	14.85m =	7pts	Kaleb Black
	16.82m =	9pts	Ben McCarthy

INTER BOYS

1 : 423pts : St Bartholomew's School

100m	12.0s =	23pts	Oliver Pizzey
	12.3s =	20pts	Alexander Forsyth
200m	25.5s =	19pts	Tom Webster
	25.8s =	18pts	Callum Hambrecht
300m	42.3s =	17pts	Ewan Ainsworth
	41.6s =	19pts	Oliver Hassell-Collins
800m	2m22.9s =	15pts	Jordan Hole
	2m24.8s =	15pts	Rory McNeill
1500m	5m09.0s =	12pts	Jamie Maughan
	5m05.3s =	12pts	Howard Drury
Hurdles	13.9s =	15pts	Tom Murphy
	14.8s =	11pts	Nicholas Haynes
Relay	52.0s =	16pts	
	=	0pts	
High Jump	1.74m =	24pts	Tom Murphy
	1.53m =	17pts	Jordan Hole
Long Jump	5.13m =	16pts	Oliver Pizzey
	4.93m =	14pts	Ewan Ainsworth
Triple Jump	11.15m =	17pts	Rory McNeill
	10.93m =	16pts	Oliver Hassell-Collins
Shot	10.30m =	17pts	Callum Hambrecht
	10.31m =	17pts	Alex Zenda
Discus	32.85m =	24pts	Daniel Eggleton
	23.89m =	15pts	Alexander Forsyth
Javelin	37.17m =	18pts	Howard Drury
	33.59m =	16pts	Nicholas Haynes

Year 7 have also been in action and a report on how they did will follow shortly.

Mr Bateman

Area Athletics – Year 7

Girls 1st out of 14 schools.

Through to represent the county:

E James - 600m

M Eldridge - Shot Put and 150m

M Mitton – Discus

Boys 2nd out of 11

Through to represent the county:

S Davis – Discus

R Arbon – 75m

H Donne - Discus



ST BART'S SUPER QUIZ QUESTION OF THE WEEK

These two riddles both come out with the same numerical answer what is it?

One old Charles Darwin minus one old Elizabeth Fry.

Or

One new (and plastic) Jane Austen minus one new Winston Churchill.

MOROCCO EXPEDITION

More Photos





- Barbecue
- Pimms & Beer tent
- Speciality foods
- Fete stalls
- Have A Go games
- Live music
- And much more...

ST BART'S SUMMER FETE

Saturday 5th July 12pm - 3pm



St Bartholomew's School,
Buckingham Road, Newbury RG14 6JP
Parents' Association www.stbartspa.net