



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

With Christmas virtually upon us there is much to celebrate, including all that has happened over the last term.

Firstly, thank you and well done to everyone for their hard work and support this term. The students' engagement in learning has generally been excellent and we are confident that they will continue to do well next term.

It has also been pleasing to see so many students involved in a vast range of activities. The whole school production of *Footloose* was outstanding, as were House Music, dance performances and House evenings; and we have had many successes on the sports field in a range of competitions.

BBC Children in Need was also a highlight as the whole school and community worked together to support this worthy event.

As we approach the end of term we have received our national report on how our students performed in the summer compared to other schools nationally. I am delighted to report that not only were our results outstanding, students of all abilities made progress significantly above the national mean, which is excellent and testament to everyone's hard work.

Sadly, at the end of this term, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Margit Howes, teacher in the personalised learning faculty. She is moving to set up a new venture. Mrs Howes has given much to the school, particularly in the RAF section of the CCF where she has given her time generously.

Mrs Cathy Robinson, assistant teacher, science and Mrs Ursula Grant, finance administrator, sales ledger, will also be leaving us. Thank you all for your excellent contributions to St Bart's. We wish you well for the future.

Finally, last week the BBC recorded our school choir singing a carol in the Luker Hub and this is expected to be broadcast on BBC One South Today in the evening on 22 December, so please look out for what was an exceptional performance.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and prosperous new year.

**Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher**

## END OF TERM



Term ends at 12.30pm on Friday 19 December. Students are reminded to take all their belongings home.

## START OF SPRING TERM

The spring term begins on Monday 5 January 2015 with registration for all students at 8.40am.



## PA DISCO

Years 7/8

Friday 9 January 2015

In the Hall

7.00pm – 9.00pm

£3 on the door

Refreshments available for sale

## CHOIR FILMED FOR TV

Last week the film crew for BBC One South Today recorded the school choir singing *Carol of the Bells*. It is expected the carol will be broadcast at the conclusion of the evening programme on Monday 22 December.



Although it was a cold evening, the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, especially when special effects were used to create a winter fog.

*Carol of the Bells* will be included in the school Christmas Carol Service taking place at St Nicolas' Church this evening.

## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARD

This year's St Bart's Christmas card has been designed by Kyla Wilkinson 12P2 whose A Level subjects include art.

Kyla was inspired by Disney's 'Frozen' character Olaf and created her own snowman., then added the school logo as a stamp and the St Bart's tie design to the scarf. Thank you and congratulations.



## PARENTS SUPPORTING STUDENTS' PREPARATION FOR THE WORKPLACE

As part of the commitment to developing our students' employability skills, we have taken the decision to restructure the Core Studies programme in the Sixth Form. We are introducing an Employability Skills Programme in Year 12 which will help students to prepare for the workplace and, crucially, will encourage them to secure a variety of work experience.

Rather than earmarking a specific week for work experience, students are encouraged to use the Wednesday afternoon core studies slot, or failing that Friday afternoon enrichment. We are encouraging them to secure experience in a variety of different workplaces during this time or potentially, ongoing weekly involvement in the same workplace.

We are hoping to launch the programme in February 2015 and we would be very keen to hear from any parents who feel they may be able to support our Sixth Formers by providing access to their workplaces. We would also be glad to know if you might be interested in coming to speak to our Sixth Formers about your own working life. Any recommendations about organisations and speakers to approach would also be gratefully received at [sixthform@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:sixthform@stbarts.co.uk)

**Mr A Robbins, Head of Sixth Form**

## FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

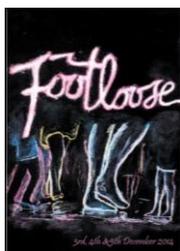
THIS EVENING  
TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2014  
AT 7.00PM



Come and join us in celebrating the beginning of the Christmas season with a service of traditional Christmas Carols and readings with music from the school choir, brass ensemble and string ensemble.

ST NICOLAS' CHURCH  
NEWBURY

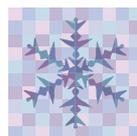
Coffee and mince pies served after the service, underneath the tower, by the PA



### FOOTLOOSE DVD

Footloose cast, crew and audience – if you would like to purchase a HD DVD of the performance please put your name down in the Expressive Arts It's a double DVD, costing

£12.50 and makes an ideal Christmas present. All books/scripts borrowed by those involved must be returned to Mrs Norris this week.



### WINTER WEATHER

So far the winter has been reasonably mild. However, on the occasions of more wintry weather

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](http://www.stbarts.co.uk) (click on School News)
- West Berkshire Council website [www.westberks.gov.uk](http://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](http://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.

**Ms J A Mortimore, Headteacher**

## THE ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL QUIZ 2014

The St Bart's Quiz is a general knowledge multiple-choice quiz that students take just before the Christmas break. There are prizes for the winners in each year group and the score of each student counts towards the House Championships. Have a go as a family this Christmas. The answers can be found on page 12.

1. Which sport uses a shuttlecock?

- a) badminton
- b) croquet
- c) squash
- d) ski jumping

2. What is the meaning of the word 'warbling'?

- a) combat jewellery
- b) a complete lack of balance
- c) singing with trills or other embellishments
- d) bird spotting for warblers

3. Which of the following is not a unit of temperature?

- a) Kelvin
- b) Celsius
- c) Newton
- d) Fahrenheit

4. Which of these is the odd one out?

a)



b)



c)



d)



5. What does LED stand for?

- a) Low Energy Display
- b) Light Emitting Diode
- c) Love Every Dude
- d) Limited Essay Duration

6. Which of the following has never been an Olympic sport?

- a) Waterskiing
- b) Lacrosse
- c) Baseball
- d) Cricket

7. Which phrase is used to describe being faced with two difficult choices?

- a) caught between a rock and a hard place
- b) barking up the wrong tree
- c) curiosity killed the cat
- d) back to the drawing board

8. How many flat faces does a dodecahedron have?

- a) 8
- b) 12
- c) 16
- d) 20

9. Which mathematical expression is the odd one out??

- a)  $2^3$
- b)  $4^2$
- c)  $1/0.125$
- d)  $\sqrt{64}$

10. Which of the following is not a stringed instrument?

- a) Double Bass
- b) Sitar
- c) Timpani
- d) Harp

- 11. Which historical character will soon appear on the back of a £10 note?**  
a) Jane Austen  
b) Queen Victoria  
c) Florence Nightingale  
d) Victoria Beckham
- 12. Which of the following is not a citrus fruit?**  
a) kumquat  
b) satsuma  
c) mandarin  
d) avocado
- 13. In 2014, who became the first British female solo artist to have 6 Number 1 hits?**  
a) Cheryl Fernandez-Versini  
b) Geri Halliwell  
c) Jessie J  
d) Lulu
- 14. When did the Berlin Wall come down?**  
a) 1987  
b) 1989  
c) 1993  
d) 1995
- 15. What are cirrus and cumulo nimbus types of?**  
a) cloud formations  
b) percussion instruments  
c) hats  
d) headaches
- 16. Which of the following is not a ballet dance step?**  
a) Grand plié  
b) Grand frappé  
c) Grand jeté  
d) Grand écart
- 17. Which of the following is not a collective noun for snakes?**  
a) den  
b) nest  
c) pit  
d) slither
- 18. Who is the current leader of the Scottish National Party?**  
a) Nicola Sturgeon  
b) Alex Salmond  
c) John Dory  
d) Harry Haddock
- 19. Which of the following is not a Shakespeare play?**  
a) Henry II  
b) Henry V  
c) Henry VI  
d) Henry VIII
- 20. Which new band is a result of two bands combining forces?**  
a) McBusted  
b) Rolling Beatles  
c) ABBU2  
d) The Pistol Brothers
- 21. What is an allegory?**  
a) an aquatic reptile  
b) an extended metaphor  
c) a horror story  
d) a substance that causes an allergic reaction
- 22. Which English city is famous for manufacturing cutlery?**  
a) Sheffield  
b) Derby  
c) Oxford  
d) Liverpool
- 23. Which of the following is a London Station?**  
a) Cannon Street  
b) Gunpowder Lane  
c) Rifle Road  
d) Musket Square
- 24. Which letter is not found in any element symbols in the Periodic Table?**  
a) N  
b) J  
c) T  
d) S

25. Which of these symbols represents infinity?

- a)  $\alpha$
- b)  $\Omega$
- c)  $\Phi$
- d)  $\infty$

26. What was the spacecraft that rendezvoused with comet called?

- a) Elgin
- b) Rosetta
- c) Rameses
- d) Osiris

27. Who is most likely to maulstick?

- a) an artist
- b) a racing driver
- c) a shepherd
- d) a surveyor

28. Which is the odd one out?

- a) FLOW
- b) TRAP
- c) DRAW
- d) BACK

29. Which of the following is not the correct name of a Caribbean location?

- a) Antigua and Barbuda
- b) Trinidad and Tobasco
- c) St Kitts and Nevis
- d) Turks and Caicos

30. Which combination of body parts complete the lyrics from the recent chart topping song by Ed Sheeran – ‘Thinking out loud’?

*When your ..... don't work like they used to before  
And I can't sweep you off your .....  
Will your ..... still remember the taste of my love  
Will your ..... still smile from your .....*

- a) arms, feet, heart, lips, head
- b) legs, feet, mouth, eyes, cheeks
- c) eyes, toes, head, teeth, mouth
- d) muscles, feet, heart, dimples, face

31. What flag is raised when a ship is about to leave port?

- a) Jolly Roger
- b) Blue Peter
- c) Lucky Charlie
- d) Red October

32. What is the International Date Line?

- a) an imaginary line on the Earth that separates two consecutive calendar days
- b) a telephone dating service
- c) how broadband gets to buildings
- d) very strong fishing line for big game fishing

33. What does this road sign mean?

- a) No motorbike stunts
- b) Motorbikes have right of way
- c) No motor vehicles
- d) Flying motorbikes ahead



34. What would you understand if you received this Morse code message??

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- a) Someone needs help
- b) The Christmas sales have begun
- c) Mission successfully completed
- d) Something is really impressive

35. 2014 is the 100 year anniversary of which war?

- a) 100 Year War
- b) First World War
- c) Second World War
- d) War of the Roses

36. Where does SpongeBob SquarePants live?

- a) Atlantis
- b) Snorkel Bay
- c) Sandy Flats
- d) Bikini Bottom

37. If you went to the shop in Germany and bought some 'wurst' what would you be most likely to do with them?

- a) have a BBQ
- b) do some DIY
- c) wear them
- d) plant them

38. On a typical computer keyboard which letter key is furthest to the right?

- a) Q
- b) P
- c) R
- d) M

39. The weather phenomenon El Niño, translates from Spanish as?

- a) The terrible
- b) The life giver
- c) The great one
- d) The little boy

40. What is the meaning of the term hypocaust?

- a) under floor heating
- b) mass vaccination
- c) destruction of a town by flooding
- d) thinking you are always sick

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Two Year 8 classes took part in, "I'm a Scientist, Get me out of here!". They read about the work of five scientists, and asked them questions during a thirty minute long, live, on-line chat. You can read the scientists' profiles, the questions asked by students and the answers they received here: <http://euron14.imascientist.org.uk/>

Students voted each day for their favourite scientist. Over the week, the scientist with the fewest votes was eliminated, leaving Alex as the winner of the Europium Zone at the end of the week.

Here are some of the thoughts of our students.

"In this lesson I chatted with a scientist, Ali, and I found out lots of interesting answers to my questions. I also got to vote for my favourite scientist at the end."

"This was a great experience!! I have learnt a lot from this."

"I think this is a great website to interact with scientists and learn something new you would like to find out."

I'm looking forward to the next round of I'm a Scientist." Mrs Baker

In the meantime, you might like to tune in to The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures which start on 29 December at 8pm on BBC Four. The series is called, "Sparks will fly: How to hack your home."

<http://www.rigb.org/christmas-lectures/sparks-will-fly/about-sparks-will-fly>

This half term was a very busy one for the RAF Section. There were three trips organised for the cadets.

For their CCF Field day cadets from Year 10 visited RAF Hendon in London to learn about the history of flight and they were asked to complete a questionnaire of the Milestones of Flight Exhibition



*Chinook - Big Windy in the RAF*

Year 11 visited the Fleet Air Arm Museum in Yeovilton.



RNAS Yeovilton – also known as HMS Heron - is one of the busiest military airfields in the UK. It is home to more than 100 aircraft operated both front-line squadrons and training units including all Fleet Air Arm Lynx and the Commando Helicopter Force, plus legendary vintage aircraft of the RN Historic Flight.

### RAF Section



*One of the pictures taken on 5 December, see article opposite*

### RAF SECTION

On Friday 5 December Flt Lt Howes and Mr J Burbea accompanied RAF 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 29 (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.

As the weather was so fantastic we managed to fly over our school and other sites in Newbury.

A good day was had by all. Once again, the cadets represented the school very well.



### GOODBYE FROM MA'AM OFFICER COMMANDING RAF SECTION



I have been an officer for the past 11 years and it has always been a great honour to work with the CCF staff and RAF cadets. I have seen many students changing for the better, just by putting them into the uniform and making them feel part of something very special indeed.

Many thanks to all my cadets and especially the NCOs who have worked extremely hard to support me and my colleagues.

**Flt Lt Howes**



## PATTERSON PEOPLE

The House recently held a competition to raise funds for the nominated charity, Guide Dogs. Students had to colour in a rather complicated outline of a Labrador, the breed traditionally used to support blind and partially sighted people. We raised £26 and a prize of a box of chocolates went to Miles Peters 8P3 who won the Year 7 – 9 category and Isobel Loxton 11P1 winning the Year 10 – 13 category. Well done to all those who entered. With Christmas fast approaching there is the Patterson Year 7 Christmas party this week as well as carol singing at Tesco. A good turnout is anticipated for both these events and more money will be raised for Guide Dogs.

Awards have recently been made; Harry Forkin, Miles Peters and Milly Hooper have all achieved their bronze badges. Hopefully many more students are preparing themselves to earn awards or colours in the New Year to boost their achievements at school and help Patterson do well in the House competitions that take place throughout the year.

There have been some very good charitable events recently including a sponsored Beacon Hill Challenge by Alice Points, Ben Dunbar and Tom Fowler who raised £300. Also, Abbie Eade in Year 9 has sold homemade door stops and in Year 8 Hira Ahmad and Mia Eldridge raised £65 with a sponsored silence. With best wishes from Patterson House Heads for Christmas and the New Year.

**Mr Brennan, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Humphreys**



## DIARY DATES

Thurs 18 Dec	KS5 Awards Evening, Hall, 7pm
Fri 19 Dec	<b>Term Ends, 12.30pm</b>
Mon 5 Jan	Term begins, registration for all students at 8.40am
Fri 9 Jan	PA Disco Y7/8, Hall, 7pm
Tue 13 Jan	A2 Practice Exams
Wed 14 Jan	A2 Practice Exams
Thurs 15 Jan	AS Practice Exams
Fri 16 Jan	AS Practice Exams



## KS4 SCIENCE AWARD

The science department will be rewarding students in KS4 who have made outstanding contributions, demonstrated significant improvement or just consistently worked hard.

Every half term teachers will nominate students from each of their classes to receive this award.

Three names will be randomly selected from the nominees to receive an award. Everyone nominated will receive a certificate in recognition of their work in science. The first nominations are being made at the end of this term with certificates and prizes being awarded in January.

## BOYS' PE

### Football

The Year 10 A and B 6-a-side teams played in the West Berkshire Tournament, and both came mid table after some close matches.

The A team beat Trinity and Park House, lost to Clere and drew with Kennet, John O'Gaunt and The Downs.

The B team had a mixture of wins and losses against Clere, Kennet, Park House, Trinity and The Downs.

### Rugby

Year 7A beat Trinity 15-0 and Year 7 B played very well but lost 25-5 to The Downs A team.

Year 10 drew 15-15 with Park House, which is a big achievement as they have lost to Park House on their two previous encounters this season.

Having beaten Kennet 41-0 in the floodlit league the week before, the 1<sup>st</sup> XV played Leighton Park in the county cup semi final and won 17-12. They now look forward to the county final which will be against either Forest School or Licensed Victuallers School. The players are also looking forward to the annual match against the ONA which kicks off at 1pm on Saturday 10 January.

## QUAD KIDS NEWS

St Bart's entered two combined Year 7 and 8 teams into the Quad Kids event that took place on Tuesday 2 December.

The girls came first out of seven schools and the boys came fourth out of seven schools.

## GIRLS' PE

### Football

The **U13** girls' football team played in the county cup last week against Charters School. Although they lost, they tried hard. Maddie Barnes was awarded player of the match.

Well done to the **Year 9** girls' football team who won their area indoor 5-a-side tournament last week.

### Aviva Sportshall

#### Secondary Schools Athletics

#### Tuesday 2 December at Park House

Congratulations to girls who took part in the sportshall athletics competition. Outstanding results in both the track and field events saw St Bart's placed first out of seven schools with a total of 212 points. The girls now go through to the county final next term.



Team - Mia Eldridge, Otilie Sanderson, Amber White, Izzy Hole, Sophie Stancombe and Daisy Stratton.

### Badminton

Khushi Singh, Maddy Mitton, Nat Long and Ella Townsend participated in the KS3 area badminton tournament last week. They were placed second out of eight teams and move on to the county badminton tournament after Christmas.

In the KS4 badminton tournament the girls finished fifth out of five schools.

Team – L Manton, K Amores, C Randall and I Samaraweera.

## Netball

The Year 9 netball team got through to the semi finals of their area tournament last week.

The Year 9 team also won against Park House, 23-18. Alex Earle was awarded player of the match.

Year 7 Netball v Park House Results and players of the match.

A v PH A	won 5-1	Maya Landhed
B v PH B	won 7-2	Romany Lindsay
A v PH B	won 13-0	Lola Callaghan
B v PH A	lost 7-1	Freya Owens

## Lacrosse v St George's, Ascot

### Results and Players of the march

1 <sup>st</sup>	won	12-11	Annie Taylor
Y10	won	13-2	Annabel Mangan
Y9	won	15-1	Davina Emetulu and Issi Lainsbury
Y8	won	13-2	Lorna Bird and Issi Hole
Y7	won	10-0	Maya Landhed

## Year 9 Lacrosse v St George's

The Year 9 team had a much better weekend beating St George's Ascot 15-1. It was a much improved all round team performance. Captain Courtney Renouf led by example with her commitment and communication in defence. Several players got on the score sheet which is good for the team. Well done to Davina Emetulu (goal keeper) and Issi Lainsbury who were awarded players of the match.

Team – Davina Emetulu, Issi Lainsbury, Harriet Atherton, Courtney Renouf, Jess Allum, Lucy James, Emma Greenslade, Lilia Norman, Millie Pope, Hannie Makant, Molly Dummett, Finola Mangan, Thea Manton, Niamh Watson, Alex Earle, Tegan Scapens.

**Year 7 Lacrosse v St George's**

Playing an away game on 6 December, the Year 7 squad won convincingly 10-0 with player of the match Maya Landhed.

There were some brilliant goals from Charlotte Dobson, Maya Landhed, Lucy Q-G, Melissa Congerton and Roxana Monsef. Also, some great defending from Freya Owen and Hattie Smithson and well done to Maddie Barnes for stepping in as goalie.

Team – Maddie Barnes, Molly Harrison, Jess Harrison, Maya Landhed, Hattie Smithson, Freya Owens, Charlotte Dobson, Esme Layton, Melissa Congerton, Lucy Q-G, Elsie Overend, Roxanna Monsef, Megan Van Zyl (captain).

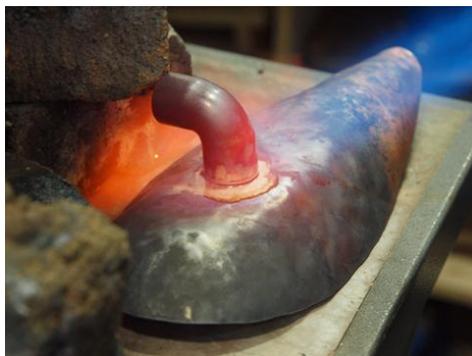
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**PICTURE GALLERY 2014**

As the year draws to a close, here are some photographs showing some of the highlights from 2014. More pictures on page 12.



Heritage Garden celebration and student show garden competition in May.



The Heritage Garden water feature under construction.



## World Cup 2014

Among the many World Cup activities at school, food stalls were set up in the Luker Hub representing the countries taking part in the competition.



BBC Question Time broadcast from St Bart's. Students experienced some hands on learning opportunities.

The St Bart's Bake Off with Martha - just one of many activities which raised money for BBC Children in Need.



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Answers to St Bartholomew's School Quiz 2014							
Question	Answer	Question	Answer	Question	Answer	Question	Answer
1	a	11	a	21	b	31	b
2	c	12	d	22	a	32	a
3	c	13	a	23	a	33	b
4	c	14	b	24	b	34	c
5	b	15	a	25	d	35	a
6	a	16	b	26	b	36	d
7	a	17	d	27	a	37	a
8	b	18	a	28	d	38	b
9	b	19	a	29	b	39	d
10	c	20	a	30	b	40	a