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EIGHT OXBRIDGE OFFERS

Eight students in Year 13 have been offered places at either Oxford or Cambridge University for entry in October 2015. They have succeeded in a rigorous entry process, including tests and interviews, at the college of their choice. The offers are based on them achieving exceptional standards in their A Level exams this summer.

The students are:

Megan Broughton	Geography, Churchill College, Cambridge
Toby Chandler	Law with European Law, University College, Oxford
Tom Denford	Land Economy, Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge
Camilla Dickson	Classics, Worcester College, Oxford
Tom Fisher	Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University College, Oxford
Rory Geeson	Chemical Engineering, Churchill College, Cambridge
Rob Peacock	Engineering, Emmanuel College, Cambridge
Tom Uden	Mathematics, Girton College, Cambridge

This is an outstanding achievement and the school congratulates the students on their success. Obtaining these offers reflects their hard work over many years and the support given by staff and families.

The students' celebrations have not lasted for long as they are continuing to work hard to make the extremely high grades required.

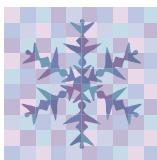


The successful Oxbridge students with Ms Mortimore - Headteacher, Mr Robbins- Head of Sixth Form and Mrs Lane, KS5 Curriculum & Progress Coordinator

A majority of Year 13 students have been applying to a range of universities and higher education courses through the UCAS system for entry later this year. Among them are applicants for medicine. Students are currently receiving very good offers from institutions all over the country and are working towards these targets.

Mr A Robbins, Head of Sixth Form





WINTER WEATHER

On the occasions of 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 (click on School News)
- West Berkshire Council website 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 (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).

Ms J A Mortimore, Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Thurs 29 Jan Staff Training & Development Day

Fri 30 Jan	Curnock House Evening, 7pm, Hall
Tues 3 Feb	House Plays E/P, 7pm, Hall
Wed 4 Feb	House Plays C/D, 7pm, Hall
Fri 6 Feb	Evers House Evening, 7pm Hall
Half Term, Monday	16 February to Friday 20 February



SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS

The deadline for Sixth Form applications is Friday 13 February 2015. Mr Robbins, Head of Sixth Form,

has been visiting Year 11 tutor groups to remind students and provide further information about the courses and opportunities at St Bart's in the Sixth Form. The prospectus is on the home page of the website, www.stbarts.co.uk The course guide and application form can be downloaded from the Sixth Form page of the website.

Printed copies are available from Mrs Tyson in the Sixth Form Office, W131 or email sixthform@stbarts.co.uk



CALENDAR UPDATE

Please note the following amendment to the calendar.

Tuesday 24 March

GCSE Dance External Moderation, All Day

Will now take place on

Monday 30 March

YEARS 8 AND 9 ANXIETY SCREENING

Please be aware that there has been an unavoidable delay in the screening of results. This is due to technical difficulties beyond our control and that of the Educational Psychology Service.

We will report further on the results as soon as possible.

Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher



NEWBURY WEEKLY NEWS OVER 80s PARCELS FUND

Before Christmas a group of students from Year 7 and Year 12 helped the Newbury Weekly News deliver parcels to the over 80s in our local community. The school has received a thank you letter from the newspaper including a quote from one of the recipients this year.

"We enjoyed opening them – they were like Christmas stockings – full of goodies, all useful and very acceptable. Many thanks to all involved."

CURNOCK HOUSE PRESENTS THE "HOUSE EVENING"



FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2015
THE HALL 7.00 p.m.

Refreshments **Tombola**
TICKETS ON SALE IN CURNOCK OFFICE
Adults £5 Children £4

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

**For all years, 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

BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to the 12 St Bart's students who braved the cold conditions on 17 January to volunteer to take part in this year's Berkshire Schools Cross Country at Newbury Showground.

This is a tough event and all of these students should be congratulated for their efforts. A special mention to Yasmin Ryder, Alex Hanson, Callum O'Neill and Sammy Hart who have qualified to represent Berkshire at the Inter County Cross country Championships being held in Surrey on 31 January.

Alex and Callum (right)



The PE department would like to thank Mr Philip who gave up his Saturday to manage the St Bart's runners on the day.

Amber White	U15 girls	80 th
Yasmin Ryder	U19 girls	2 nd
Hugh Beattie	U13 boys	24 th
Scott Richardson	U13 boys	58 th
Cameron Langley	U13 boys	30 th
Sammy Hart	U15 boys	4 th
William Denton	U15 boys	36 th
Jude Blundy	U15 boys	47 th
Adam Taylor	U17 boys	52 nd
Josh Parry	U17 boys	48 th
Callum O'Neill	U19 boys	4 th
Alex Hanson	U19 boys	2 nd



Amber



Yasmin

BOYS' PE

Rugby

1st XV v ONA

The 1st XV performed heroically in the annual Old Boys fixture, but had to in the end accept a narrow 22-24 defeat. The Old Boys arrived back to school with a large squad in terms of numbers and actual size. In addition they brought with them a fierce desire to right a sense of hierarchy after a 17 nil rare defeat last season. The school accepted the intimidating challenge of playing men's rugby and struck first when fly half **James Lewis**'s cross field kick behind the ONA full back **Rio Landeg** allowed **Oli Cooper**'s speed to surprise **Rio**. After some deliberation and delay in what must have been the referee referring to the TMO, seven points were awarded to the school as **Oli** converted his own try.

The game plan of both teams soon became clear with the ONA aiming to kick for territory, and then use their considerable size through ball carriers such as the **Herrington brothers**, **Joe Eva** and **Alex Weekes** around the fringes of the breakdown in addition to disrupting all scrums. The school sought to use their faster pack to create quick ball led by Captain **Scott "turn over king" Cullen** along with **Charles Forsen**, **Alex Lockhart**, **Sam Eva** all also very prominent to give our speed men the chance to find space. In addition it became clear that although the ONA dominated the scrum set piece the school through hooker **Nat Culter** and second row **Chris Nilsson** had consistent clear advantage in the line out. Indeed **Chris** was a constant irritant for the ONA as he also ably supported by **Matt Tucker** and **Sam Eva** stole a number of key line outs to ensure the visiting coach **Mr Hart** could not fully capitalise on his game plan.



With room for debate with the first try rugby found a way of balancing the score. A scrum was awarded deep in the school 22 to the ONA after their missed penalty kick which did not find touch was marked. The ONA after a series of drives moved the ball

wide with slick hands to see a jubilant **Ben Tarquini** touchdown. The school extended their lead with a well struck penalty from **Cooper** which was short lived as the ONA retaliated with a battery of charges which eventually broke the brave green and white line to leave the score tied on 10 all. At this point we witnessed the try of the match as winger **Sam Randall**, who had his best game of the season terrorising the opposition with his pace throughout, made the most of long kick and counter attacked. **Sam** linked beautifully with our thundering juggernaut full back **Ben Rees**, who after beating a number of players fed **Cooper** a sublime pass which **Oli** raced home to dot down under the posts. On this crest of a wave just before half time the pack also grabbed some glory and demonstrated our ball carriers such as **Matt Tucker** and **Callum Greenshield** could cause disarray for the opposition. It was fitting that our most dedicated trainer and future marine **Sam Eva**, who despite completing his daily run at 9.30 the previous night was on hand to receive an off load to make it 22-10 at half time.

In the second half the ONA brought on the cavalry, most notably Cameron Barr who along with Tristan Telford created a threatening prospect. **Will Donoghue**, **Nick Whitehead** and the rest of the back line held fast with some huge hits and well organised defence. Unfortunately with the team focused on the power from the ONA centres, fly half **Cole Bates** dummied his way through. The nail in the coffin for the school came when the ONA drove the school off our own scrum and scrum half **Angus Clements** dived over the

with the loose ball for the winning score. Although it was heart breaking for the school the whole squad could be proud of their performance and for putting on an excellent entertaining display of rugby.



1st XV squad v ONA. More pictures can be viewed on the ONA website at the following link.

<http://www.oldnewburians.co.uk/rugby2015.html>

1st XV COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the 1st XV who were crowned County Champions on Friday 16 January after defeating Forest school 17 – 6 in a highly competitive bone crunching encounter under lights on Maidenhead RFC 4G pitch. For much of game St Bart's had to work without the ball and it was a truly immense defensive display to ensure our try line was never breached. Particularly moments to note were Oli Hassel Collins tackling their destructive centre after one of his trade mark breaks as the last line of our defence. Alex Lockhart playing in the second row style of Courtney Lawes and slicing everything in a blue and yellow shirt in half, including their very quick top try scoring winger.

Other key moments saw Ben Rees make a trade mark break from a pre planned move, an excellent turn over by James McFadzen, Scott Cullen dusting himself down after a huge hit before returning to the fray and Alex Murtagh's pin point tactical kicking.

The games opening points came from our top try scorer Oli Cooper who was first to react to a Hassel Collins chip through just outside our 22. Cooper then demonstrated remarkable football skills and pace to touch down and then convert from out wide. Alex Murtagh subsequently fooled his highly rated opposite number with a neat dummy to score his first ever try for the school. Lastly the turbo charged human wrecking ball that is Callum Hambrecht bowled over a few would be tacklers before accelerating away down the blind side to give St Bart's a 17 nil half time lead.

Huge desire, character and doggedness saw us through the second half as Forest fought to get a foothold in the game. They were twice held up over our line but had to only accept two penalty kicks despite an abundance of territory and possession. The result was particularly sweet for our Yr 13 team members who had never before this year beaten Forest and indeed had faced 40 point defeats in the past. What a great way to finish the season and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole squad of senior players for their commitment, enthusiasm and for ultimately “living in the moment”. Finally, James Lewis please do not forget to write your CV!

1st XV County Cup final squad: O Hassel Collins, B Rees, O Cooper, J MacFadzen, S Randall, J Lewis, A Murtagh, C Hambrecht, S Cullen, A Forsyth, A Lockhart, C Nilsson, S Eva, N Cutler, M Tucker, C Greenshields, O Norman, C Malone, W Donaghue, N Whitehead, M Parkes, T McMichael, W Davidson, J Lukehurst, A Zenda, S Ansell, C Forsen.

GIRLS' PE

Lacrosse v St Mary's, Calne

Results and players of the match

1 st	lost 17-3	Nadia Morris
2 nd	lost 10-1	Elin Landhed
Y10	lost 17-3	Issie Sanderson and Annabel Mangan
Y9	lost 11-2	Millie Pope and Davina Emetulu
Y8	lost 15-3	Mia Eldridge and Daisy Stratton
Y7	lost 17-0	Jess Harrison

Year 9 v St Mary's, Calne

This was a home fixture and there were several players missing from the team due to illness. The 12 girls who did play put on a brave face and a committed performance. The match did not start well, but the team then worked harder to double in defence so St Mary's found it more difficult and took longer to score. The St Bart's attack worked on holding onto the ball for longer and keeping possession.

The final score was 11-2 to St Mary's with Millie Pope and Molly Dummett scoring our goals. Millie and Davina were awarded players of the match.

Netball News

The **Year 11** team lost their latest league fixture 23-12 against The Willink. Player of the match was awarded to Elvia Clark-Morris.

The **Year 7** netball team played against The Willink in a friendly game and won 15-0. Daisy Dijksman was awarded player of the match.

Our **Sixth Form netball team** won their league fixture this week against The Willink. The score was 19-7 and Anna Prudden was awarded player of the match.

Year 7 v The Willink

The Year 7 A team played against The Willink. Our opponents were very good as they had strong shoulder passes and were very fast. However, St Bart's played well using dodging skills and moving into the space making the final score a win to St Bart's 15-0.

Lola Callaghan 7P2