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ST BART'S IN THE SNOW

The freezing weather and snow have created some beautiful wintry scenes at St Bart's. Dr Fitter has been out with his camera and taken these pictures.



Nature Reserve



Heritage Garden



LIVING FOR SPORT - ATHLETE MENTOR VISIT

As part of the Sky Living for Sport scheme which the school runs for a group of Year 10 and 11 students, we are fortunate to receive a full day visit from a high profile athlete mentor.

This year, on 23 January, our athlete mentor was Toby Garbett, an Olympian double world champion rower and currently a triathlete and triathlon coach. The visit was made that extra bit special as we also had Alex Danson with us for the day working alongside Toby. Although the visit is primarily to work with and support the Living for Sport group, the athletes also supported other teaching classes during the day.

The day began well with both Toby and Alex setting up a fitness session which they delivered to half a year group of Year 8 girls in the sports hall. Despite the large numbers, the girls quickly responded to these two high profile athletes and worked hard throughout the session to experiment with a variety of fitness challenges.

Toby then delivered an assembly to a half year group of Year 7 boys and girls.



His presentation was interesting and inspirational and gave the students an insight into the highs and lows of becoming a top class athlete.

A key theme was that to succeed you have to have the desire and determination and the mental positivity to continue with your dream, even when things are proving challenging.

The Year 10 GCSE group was the next to be inspired. Toby had set up a variety of team building exercises in the sports hall which were both exciting and



challenging. It was great to see the students communicate and support each other and laugh in a bid to complete some of the challenges.

In the afternoon Toby delivered the six keys presentation and spoke of his pathway to success and then he and Alex delivered the team building package, which again proved very stimulating and amusing.

The day was a great success and enjoyed by a wide cohort of students. It was a fantastic opportunity for St Bart's students to meet high profile athletes who have competed in the Olympics and Commonwealth Games and for them to realise that maybe with hard work and determination their dreams could come true.

We look forward to welcoming Toby back in a few weeks for an afternoon with the Year 11 Living for Sport group.

Mrs L Leach





POETRY LIVE!

Poetry came to life for 100 Year 10 students when they attended the GCSE Poetry Live! event at The Forum in Bath on 30 January.

The students saw several very talented poets perform various poems and talk about the meaning and inspiration behind each of them. This was particularly useful to understand the poems being studied for GCSE English Literature.

The first two poets were Carol Ann Duffy, the current Poet Laureate, and Gillian Clarke. They were followed by Simon Armitage, Imtiaz Dharker, Grace Nicholls and John Agard. It was particularly good to have the chance to watch John Agard as he really engaged with the audience and gave a dynamic performance of his unique poetry.

We also had the chance to listen to some tips from Chief Examiner Tony Childs.

Overall it was a really valuable experience. Thank you to the teachers who organised it and accompanied our group.

Emily Beck 12D3



SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS

In a recent Year 11 assembly Mr Robbins, Head of Sixth Form, shared exciting plans for preparing students for life in the Sixth Form. After terrific results last summer and the very successful round of university applications this year, notably the eight Oxbridge offers, we are more confident than ever about the exceptional quality of provision in the Sixth Form.

Applications have been flooding in and this is a reminder that the deadline for Sixth Form applications is Friday 13 February 2015.

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 the Sixth Form Office, or email sixthform@stbarts.co.uk

COUNTY TEAM SELECTION

Well done to Charlie Knight 11E1 who was selected to represent the U16 Berkshire County Football Team v Hampshire U16. The match was played at Thatcham Town FC last Thursday.



HOUSE DRAMA

Congratulations to Davis House, winners of this year's House drama competition. The Year 10 students performed Jason and The Argonauts. This was directed by Jake Mawson, adapted by Abi Smith and Logbook Becky Gill, all in 12D3.

ENGLISH ADVENTURE IN LONDON

Fifteen teenagers, a big room full of books and a tall house. That's how we would describe our Year 13 English Language sojourn to London recently.



We were treated to a tour of Dr Johnson's house, which is still kept in its original condition. We learned about the process of compiling the dictionary, including Johnson's failed attempts as well as his unusual personal life and habits! We discovered that Johnson's dictionary wasn't the only one on the block, with Nathan Bailey's earlier attempts housing such specific definitions as 'a colour' (black) and, 'an animal well known' (dog).

After lunch we continued our journey to the British Library. Here, we explored a treasure trove of ancient books and historical texts, such as Florence Nightingale's letters and the original manuscript of Beowulf. We also found Peter Serafinowicz!

Thank you to the English staff for organising this interesting trip.

Fiona Gorham and Beth Parker,
Y13 English Language students



PE AWARDS SCHEME

Well done to the following Year 7, 8 and 9 students who have had a PE department postcard sent home in the post. They were nominated by the PE teachers for making good progress in class and in the latest PE module of work.

Ellen Spillane, Tyler Harris, Michael Emmerson, Samuel Turner, Anna Goodall, George Piper, Keian Ho, Maddy Smith, Anna, Evelyn Bishop, Daniel Stevenson, Mia Kriel, Julious Osborne, Megan Bowey, Jessica Raines, Jake Ford, Daniel Norman, Abi Pawson, Holly Shaw, Emily McDonagh, William Denton, Gwen Noest, Megan Taylor, William Freer, Elise Overend, Harry Murphy, Jamie Pratten, Callum Rosier, Maya Landhed, Imogen Ainsley, Patryk Chmiel, Loyd Desroche, Jacob Ryder, Sophie Rainbow, Anna Van der Zwaluw.

Miss N Ostinelli

Director of PE and Sport

GIRLS' PE

Lacrosse U15 South West Rally at Sherborne 31 January

A bitterly cold morning with snow on the ground and the thought of being in the middle of a field all day did not seem too enticing! However, all that was to change as the day progressed.

We arrived at Sherborne in the nick of time for our first game, having travelled through snow and heavy sleet only to arrive under blue sky and sunshine. With little time to warm up the first match against Downe House was demanding and although the team worked hard to hold the opposition's attack they kept popping in the goals. Final score was a loss to St Bart's 0-4. The team then played Rendcomb and the girls got into their stride winning 3-1. Against Sherborne the defence worked tirelessly to contain the opposition and although there were opportunities in attack the team was foiled at the last hurdle losing 0-2.

The final game of the morning was against Cheltenham Ladies' College and saw the girls play at their best with some excellent defence and strong attacking with well placed shots winning 3-1. This was a great way to finish the morning.

Lunch break was a welcome rest for the team who only had the bare minimum of players due to illness and the language exchange, but refuelled with homemade goodies they were ready for the afternoon.

A great start with a 3-1 win against St Helen's and St Katherine's, then a win against Malvern 5-2 and against HMSG 6-1. A closely fought game against Heathfield saw St Bart's win 2-1.

This was an outstanding day of lacrosse where the girls played with grit and determination and the desire to achieve their best. It was a proud and very well deserved moment to see the girls presented with medals for winning Division 1.



Team – F Eva, A Thiel, A Mangan, E Fell, S Drake, I Sanderson, G Sanderson, A Layton, F Twyford, L Kirk, A Graham, B Daley

Y14 South West Rally

The Year 9 team had a brilliant morning at this rally in Sherborne winning three out of four games. They then played in Division 1 in the afternoon playing a further four games, winning two and losing two. They finished third in the division and eighth out of 15 teams.

Results Morning

V Marlborough won 4-1

V St Helen's and St Katherine's won 1-0

V St Swithun's lost 1-0

V Sherborne lost 2-0

Results afternoon

V Westonbirt lost 2-1

V HMSG won 2-0

V Sherborne won 1-0

V St Helen's and St Katherine's lost 1-0

Team – Davina Emetulu, Alice Points, Izzy Lainsbury, Courtney Renouf (captain), Jess Allum (captain), Emma Greenslade, Lilia Norman, Millie Pope, Finola Mangan, Thea Manton, Tegan Scapens, Harriet Atherton, Alex Earle, Niamh Watson

Netball - Sixth Form v The Downs

The team played an away game at Kennet on 4 February. It was an outstanding match ending in a 25-10 win to St Bart's. Amazing play from the team as a whole, from the defence converting the ball and moving it down the court to the attacking end to score the girls. This was a high standard of game to watch. A special mention to Becky Nicholls for being awarded player of the match.

Christie Leach 13E1

Netball - Year 10 and 11 v The Downs

Year 11 - won 16-2 – Elvia Clark-Morris

Year 10 –won 23-15 – Issy Sanderson