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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

The summer term is now upon us and it is good to see students quickly settle back into their studies after the Easter break. In assembly last week I reminded all students about the importance of maintaining our high standards and encouraged them to aim high and always to try their best. Therefore, I would ask that parents, at this important time, support their child with their learning and ensure that they come to school appropriately equipped and wearing their school uniform correctly.

We wish all students sitting their external examinations this term every success and we hope they will achieve another record breaking year of results.

Over Easter the visits to Berlin and Greece, together with the CCF training exercises, were very successful. We also saw the completion of our library refurbishment (see picture) and students will now benefit from this enlarged, vibrant learning area.



This term we have welcomed Mrs Green to teach art, Mrs Hygate as an assistant teacher and Mrs Hollins as a teaching assistant.

As always, a lot is happening this term and I hope to see all students get involved in the many activities. Last week we celebrated Shakespeare's birthday and turned the Luker Hub into The Globe for performances at activity time. Well done to all those students who performed and joined in the treasure hunt and cake competition.

Over the next two weeks we will also be holding activities linked to the election and currently students are putting together their own manifesto and speeches. Good luck to those involved.

Lastly I look forward to continuing to share student successes with you over this summer term.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher

DIARY DATES

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- Mon 27 Apr Y8 Parents' Information Evening – WW1 Study Tour, Hall, 6pm
 - Fri 1 May PA Disco, Years 7/8, 7-9pm, Hall
 - Mon 4 May Bank Holiday
 - Thurs 7 May Mock Election Day
 - Fri 8 May Year 11 Graduation Day





YEAR 12 STUDY LEAVE

Year 12 study leave begins on Monday 11 May and ends of Monday 15 June. Please be

aware that during this period teachers will still be teaching lessons or, where more appropriate, offering revision support during standard lesson times. Students are expected to attend these lessons in the run-up to exams unless they have a clash with another subject. BTEC lessons will continue as normal throughout study leave.

Students should make every effort to avail themselves of teacher support/guidance. There will be no subject lessons after students sit an exam until A2 courses start on Monday 15 June.

This year, the study leave period has been extended slightly to enable students to attend university open days before they return to school. Students are encouraged to seize this opportunity.

Mr A Robbins, Head of Sixth Form

ENGLAND POLO SHIRT RAFFLE

The England rugby polo shirt, signed by most of the squad, which was raffled before Easter has raised more than £645.00. The winner was Harry Forkin, 8P1.



Thank you to everyone who supported this charity raffle which raised money for West Berkshire Mencap.

HERITAGE GARDEN

The Heritage Garden at the front of the school is beginning to bloom. This garden was designed and planted by the Year 10 and 11 horticulture students in 2013 with support from staff volunteers.



The healthy plants are now large and the garden looks great. When the water feature, designed and built by the horticulture students in 2014 is switched on, the relaxing sound of trickling water soothes those who stroll around the garden. Over the next few months the roses in the memorial garden will flower, stimulating the senses and, along with the water feature, provide a place for reflection.



PARTICLE PHYSICS MASTERCLASS

Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

The day started off with a delightful selection of drinks and biscuits to help get us going after an early start.

The lectures were very useful as they helped build on the knowledge we had already been taught in our A Level course.

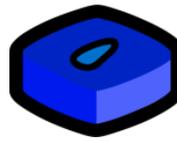
We also got to explore the facilities at Rutherford and were enlightened about the types of research which go on. This ranges from crystallography and airport security to the mysteries of the tiniest particles.

The day was not only educational; it also opened my mind to possible career paths which you would have not originally associated with physics.

I would recommend that the school organises this trip again as it was definitely worth it!



Interpreting data from the Atlas Detector at CERN, in search of the Higgs Boson
Freddie Fane (A Level Physics)



NEW CASHLESS CATERING SYSTEM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The school has implemented a new biometric cashless catering system. This is technology that has been used successfully by many hundreds of schools and as a leadership team we are convinced that this is the right way forward for St Bartholomew's School. It uses finger print image recognition rather than cards to purchase food/drinks.

There will be a letter coming home to parents giving further details. The letters will be sent out a year group at a time, starting with Year 7 next week. If you wish your child to purchase their food/drinks using their finger print rather than their card, please **complete the parental permission slip on the letter**, and send it back to school with your son/daughter and they can then register their finger print image.

Catering credit is still topped up in the same way, through ParentPay.

Ms A Carvisiglia, Business Director



PA DISCO Years 7/8

Friday 1 May

**7.00pm – 9.00pm
in the Hall**

£3 on the door

**Refreshments available
for sale**



EVERS NEWS

Last term Evers had another successful and busy time. Congratulations to Kaylin Bruins, Laura Baiden and Annabel Dole, all 7E2, who have recently achieved their Bronze awards.

Judo Jacob (10E1) has been at it again. Jacob competed in March at Inglemunster in Belgium where he secured a bronze medal in the U60kg Cadet division.



Oliver Harris of Patterson House also competed at this event in the Cadet U66kg and secured the silver medal.

Jacob then had his first selection to represent GB in the Cadet European Cup in Fuengirola, Spain where Jacob fought through to the quarter finals, and unfortunately did not medal this time, but his performance meant that he has now been selected for GB for the Cadet European Cup in Cluj Napoca, Romania in May.

Oliver has since had his first selection to represent GB and has been selected for GB for the Cadet European Cup in Cluj Napoca, Romania in May alongside Jacob.

Good luck boys in your up and coming events. Huge congratulations to Jazz Harbour who won our Evers tagline competition.

“High AchiEVERS we are EVERS”

Jazz’s tagline will be used around the school to inspire all of the Evers students. Jazz was presented with her prize, £20 Amazon voucher in assembly at the end of term.

Miss Midgley and Mr Edens



MOCK ELECTION

It probably hasn’t escaped your notice that there is a General Election on 7 May. Some of you may have been interested in watching the debates or listening to the arguments between the parties on television or radio. In this election social media such as Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Instagram have been used by all the parties to make their case and controversially to mock and criticise the other parties.

You might have been finding it confusing or you might think that it has nothing to do with your life. You might share the view of those like Russell Brand that voting doesn’t change anything.

You might think, what has this got to do with me, as a student? Many of you are many years away from voting.

But all students will have the opportunity to vote in a mock election on the same day as the General Election, 7 May. The school party candidates and their teams will be trying to persuade you to vote for them and they will be speaking to students over the next couple of weeks.

The results will be announced on 8 May and shared with other schools across the country which are also holding mock elections.

Good luck to all the student politicians.



SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY

To celebrate Shakespeare's birthday last Thursday 23 April, a series of events themed around this great playwright took place. Birthday cakes were baked, younger students took part in a treasure hunt, soliloquies were recited and monologue and duologue performances all entertained students and staff during break and activity time.



Luker Hub was transformed into the Globe as Sixth Form students took to the stage and performed to a packed audience with excerpts from Hamlet, Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet, Henry V and A Midsummer Night's Dream, whilst musicians played Elizabethan music between each act.



Well done to Louis Calcasola 8P2 who won the cake competition.

The day was organised by Mr Edens and Mrs Bull, as a cross curricular activity between drama and English.



DAVIS DIARY

Welcome back! Haven't we had the most wonderful sunny weather this past Easter holiday?

We celebrate the following achievements:

Senior House Colours:

Jessica Emberlin

Junior House Colours

Frankie Twyford, Dermot Gannon, Freya Eva, Emily Edwards, Lauren Brandwood, Sam Barrett, Amy Quesada-Getgood, Ella Joyce, Jasmine Hounslow, Tosin Sonubi, Angel Stone, Chloe Wragg, James Dalton, Laurie Gale, Abi Sinar, Emanuelle Dupas, Matthew Smith, Annabelle Bowey, Disara Hettiarachchi, Phoebe Cave, Holly Parker, Alice Wright, Emily Beck, Anh Bradshaw, Mia Drury, Phoebe Reddin, Kieran Caulfield, Alessia Ricchi, Max Leftley, Chloe Leftley, Anna Harvey, Suzie Drake, Molly Calvert, Emily Dupas and Izzy Burke

Charity fundraising for Prostate Cancer UK

8D2 raised £42.54 at their Easter Fayre

Abi Sinar organised an Easter tombola and raised £70.

Parker/Bowey/Dixon coffee morning.

Charity total to date: £2,693 – we're aiming for a target of £3,000 by the end of term.

Well done and keep up the fundraising!

Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Thorne and Mrs Lee

FOOTBALL

At the end of last term the Year 10 boys' football team played against The Clere in the plate semi final and won 9-1.

The 2nd XI played Blessed Hugh Faringdon but eventually lost 3-2 in a very close match. There is still a possibility that they might retain their league title that they won last season.

Football

Year 7 played in the district cup final against Trinity. After finishing 2 all after extra time, they lost 4-5 on penalties.

Year 8 played in the district cup semi final against The Downs and won 3-0.

Year 10 played the Clere in the district semi final and won 9-1.

Year 11 played in the district cup semi final against John O'Gaunt and won 1-0.

Berkshire School Games

At the end of last term the Year 9/10 girls' rugby team and the Year 8 Quadkids indoor athletics team represented West Berkshire in the Berkshire School Games at Bisham Abbey.

Quadkids Athletics Results:

The girls came second and the boys came first! This means that as a school they are county champions! They also attended an inspirational talk with British sprinter Abi Oyepitan, who has competed for Great Britain at the Commonwealth, World Championships and Olympic Games.



Team picture

Students with Abi Oyepitan



GIRLS' RUGBY

On Wednesday 25 March the U15 girls' rugby squad went to Bisham Abbey to take part in the Berkshire school games. Although we were only there to play rugby, that wasn't the only sport on the schedule, with activities from Frisbee-golf to archery.

It was with some trepidation that we started our first match. We had never played competitively as a team before so it was a daunting experience to be up against one of the toughest teams there, as our opening match. Although we lost against PHL 3-1 it gave us a better understanding of the game and what to expect for the next match.

The second match played was against Park House. Our squad put in a superb performance with outstanding runs from Carla Pattenden and Bethan Harris. But unfortunately we lost by 2-1.

We then moved on to our next match against Bracknell forest. Vicki Osbourne managed to break through the line in the last seconds of the match to score a try. The score line sadly didn't reflect the hard work we were now achieving and we lost 4-1.

Our final match was against Windsor. By now we were putting in a solid team performance and putting in some good tackles. Again we lost but this was by far our best played match. Ellen Spillane and Abbie Eade making a few challenging runs.



Squad: Vicki Osbourne & Abbie Eade (Captains), Ellen Spillane, Steph Noble, Bethan Harris, Carla Pattenden, Izzy Martin, Bethany Pinfold, Lili Lukehurst, Sabrina Rivera, Jade Littlewood, Karolina P, Davina Emetulu, Cally Fletcher-Tillen, Miya A Morris, Amber Coore.