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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Monday 9 November 2015
5.30pm – 8.30pm



St Bart's is a very successful school offering exceptional opportunities.

The school achieved the best A Level and GCSE results in West Berkshire state schools this year.

Come to our Open Evening and find out about our wide range of subject courses and extra-curricular activities in the Sixth Form.

Presentations by the Head of Sixth Form take place at 5.30pm and 7.00pm.

Subject information available throughout the evening.

Applications open immediately following the Open Evening.

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SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

Tutor groups have been invited to support Syrian refugees by donating hygiene kits to be distributed abroad. The initiative is being organised by Lucas Jones, Head Boy and Isla Harrison, Head Girl. Tutor groups are gathering toothpaste, soaps, shampoo, deodorants, face flannels and other practical items to create the hygiene kits. The kits will be delivered to the Newbury Baptist Church from which point they will be given to CalAid, a charity distributing items to the refugees.

PACKAGES FOR PEGGY AT PECKHAM

Thank you for all the harvest donations. These have been collected by the House Captains and will be delivered to Peckham after half term.



Emily Billett 7D2, Phoebe Douglass 7C2, and Taran Dulai 7C2 giving their produce to House Captains Sophie Smith 13D2 and Eileen Graham 13C2.



VISIT TO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

On Thursday 8 October, politics students from Years 12 and 13 visited the Houses of Parliament, accompanied by Mrs Kerr, Mr Brennan and Mr Castel. After a short coach journey into central London, we arrived and separated into two groups; the Year 12s went in for their tour followed by the Year 13 group 15 minutes later. The tour guides were both excellent - the right mix of enough information to be really valuable along with enough charisma to keep it interesting.

The Palace of Westminster is incredible, everything is golden and ornate and there are small pieces of history spanning centuries hidden in every corner. We loved the fact that the tiny grooves worn into every other step on the shallow stairs up to the robing room were made by the spurs of the horse guards that traditionally line the way for the monarch ascended them. It was really amazing to see the Chambers, that we see when we watch documentaries or the news, in real life (many of us haven't been before). Some of the lesser known idiosyncrasies were particularly interesting, things like the fact that Dennis Skinner's microphone (in the Commons' Chamber) was out of line, a little further away than the others, to reduce the audibility of inevitable outbursts from our most outspoken MP.

Following our tours we took part in a workshop on lawmaking, which involved splitting into two teams and emulating the genuine process, including one of us playing the Speaker - the impartial Chair of the House of Commons. For the Year 12s it was very useful for their current topic as well as being a fun and helpful recap for the Year 13s with a link in contrast to the American legislative process.

A Level Politics Students



HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The House Music Competition is this week and tickets are on sale from the Expressive Arts office costing £3 adults and £2 children/concessions. Performance evenings are Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 October at 7pm.

The adjudicator this year is Mrs Louise Rapple Moore, Creative Woman of the Year.

Come and support your House by either performing or as part of the audience. We look forward to welcoming you all.

Music Department



BREAKFAST CLUB

A morning breakfast club has been set up for Year 7 students.

The club takes place twice a week on a Monday and Wednesday morning from 8am – 8.30am in D115. There is an opportunity for students to have breakfast from the provision of bread, spreads and fruit juice.

The purpose of the club is to provide additional support. The time will be spent talking to each student regarding how they are finding their time at school, look at their planners to check independent study is taking place and provide support for those struggling to complete independent study.

If you have any questions regarding this club, or any further queries, please contact Mrs Evans in the Davis House Office or by email jevans1@stbarts.co.uk



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STRENGTHENING THE BOND

St Bartholomew's School – Otto Hahn Gymnasium

As many of you will know, we have successfully run a German exchange with the Otto Hahn Gymnasium in Monheim am Rhein (near Cologne) for many years. Over time, we have come to know each other's school, staff and students well. In several cases, students who met as part of an exchange trip



have continued their friendship into the future and have made return visits to their partner and their family in subsequent school holidays.

Now we are taking this friendship one step further by offering year-long placements for suitable students from Otto Hahn School. Students come and spend Year 12 at St Bart's, sitting AS exams before they return to Germany. It is a great way for them to improve their English and to build on friendships started during an exchange visit.

This year we have our first student from Germany – Aaron Ginster- in 12D2. He has started to settle into his new life in England. This is what he has to say about his early days: *“My first impression was that the teachers and students were very friendly and helpful. I was very surprised that everyone is one or two years older than me, but everyone is very nice, so I have no problem with this. The best thing was that I found friends very quickly and meet them privately.”*

Last week Aaron started helping out in Year 8 German classes. The photo shows him working with students in a lesson.

Currently four girls in Germany have expressed an interest in coming next year. In order to be able to offer them a place at school, we

now need to find families willing to host them for the academic year (but not during Christmas/Easter holidays). There is a payment of £125 per week to cover expenses for the host family. If you feel you could help in this project by hosting a German student, please get in touch. If you would like to help but feel you cannot commit to a year's hosting, we are also looking for some shorter-term hosts to help out from time to time if the need arises (e.g. the host parents have to go away for a few days). Please see the notice below for further details.

Finally, if your son/daughter is interested in spending a year in the German school (they would need to be studying A Level German or have an existing level of German that would allow them to survive in a German school) please contact me.

Mrs Wood, MFL

HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

To accommodate students from our German partner school

- September 2016 for one academic year
- Short term 'supply' families

WHAT YEAR WILL THEY BE IN?

- Students will join St Bart's Year 12

WHAT DO I GET?

- £125 per week
- Chance to renew/build friendships with our German partner school
- Chance to build a family to family link with a German family

WHAT DO I NEED TO OFFER?

- A single room
- All meals
- Transport to and from the airport for Christmas and Easter breaks and when the student returns home
- Transport to and from school each day (if not within walking distance)
- Home internet access (for independent study purposes)

For more information please contact Anna Carvisiglia, Business Director – acarvisiglia@stbarts.co.uk
Or call 01635 576330



DAVIS DIARY

Davis House Evening last week was a resounding success with many students taking to the stage to perform songs, dances, sketches,

comedy and poems.



Many other students were involved waiting on tables which all helped towards a wonderful atmosphere during the evening which raised over £1000 for the Davis House charity. Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended the evening and for raffle prize donations.

Charity

Over the past few weeks students have nominated nine different charities to be considered as the new Davis charity. Students have given presentations in assemblies and all tutor groups were given the opportunity to vote for a chosen charity. The overall winner and therefore the new Davis charity is ALOPECIA UK, nominated by Lauren Brandwood. Alopecia UK raises funds for research, support and awareness for this life changing condition. We look forward to Davis House raising funds for this worthy charity.

Awards

Congratulations to the following students on receiving awards:

Bronze Award – Alex Rance

Silver Award – Ben Wells

Packages for Peggy and Toiletries for the Syrian Crisis

Thank you for your donations for the above collections.

House Music

Do remember to come along and support Davis in the House Music competition on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 October.

Mrs Hodgkin, Mrs Evans, Mrs Humphreys and Mrs Palmer, Davis House Office

St Bartholomew's School

Christmas Gift and Craft Fair

Sunday 15th November
11.15am to 4pm

Over 60 stalls – Wide selection of homemade crafts and gifts – All price ranges, from stocking fillers to that special gift

Refreshments, Lunches, Teas, Mince Pies

Admission £2.00
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See full size poster on page 8 which you are welcome to print off and display on your community/workplace notice board.

UNIFORM REMINDERS



We are proud of our uniform and smartly dressed students. However, some are choosing to wear their uniform incorrectly.

We will be focussing on these aspects over the forthcoming weeks and would like to enlist your support in ensuring that:

- All ties meet the shirt collar correctly.
- Shirts are tucked in.
- Nail varnish is not worn.
- Skirts are of the correct length, sitting **on the knee**, and not rolled up at the waist.

In addition, from 2 November 2015 only the newer style skirts will be accepted.

Together we can ensure that students wear their uniform with rightful pride and dignity.

Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher

THE NATIONAL THEATRE, LONDON, VISIT BY YEAR 12 AND 13 TO SEE

'OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD'

Perhaps the most valuable part of the Sixth Form drama trip to London was the pre-show talk we had with Timberlake Wertenbaker, and Nadia Fall. We were able to ask any pressing questions we had about the play, which proved particularly beneficial when later watching the performance, adding to our understanding of the play.

The show itself? Simply spectacular. Imagine a circular, rotating, sliding up-and-down, side-to-side, moving stage – literally. Personally, I was in awe when the first scene of the play consisted of the sudden transformation of the stage into a large sailing ship, with the crew singing in time to create a powerful and striking opening scene. From here on the audience was thrown straight into the lives of the convicts deported to Australia 200 years ago. The performance was both captivating and enlightening, as it truly animated the script we'd been studying, peeling the words straight off the page and bringing them to life. It's safe to say, the show was worth the rather late (or should I say early morning) return home, despite our sluggish state the next day at school!



On behalf of the Sixth Form drama students, I'd like to thank the drama teachers for organising such a fantastic adventure to London, and putting up with us.

Saffron Langley 12P1

DIARY DATES



Tues 20 Oct	House Music Competition, Hall 7pm,
Wed 21 Oct	House Music Competition, Hall 7pm
Thurs 22 Oct	KS4 Awards Evening (Y12 Students)
Fri 23 Oct	Staff Training Day
Half Term	Friday 23 October to Friday 30 October
Mon 9 Nov	Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30-8.30pm
Wed 11 Nov	Remembrance Day Service, 11am, Luker Hub
Fri 13 Nov	Non Uniform Day
Sun 15 Nov	PA Annual Gift & Craft Fair Hall, 11.15am – 4.00pm

BOYS' PE

Rugby

The rugby teams have been in action the past two Saturdays – against Forest School and Lord Williams School. **Year 7** played their first school rugby matches – against strong opposition, and showed a lot of potential for the future.

There weren't any wins against Forest this time, but some commendable performances. Men of the match were: Year 7 A Team Joel Douglas, Year 7 B Team Nicky Prowse, Year 8 Callum Rosier, Year 9 Harry Leonard, Year 10 Lewis Hearne.

Years 8 and 9 played Lord Williams last Saturday, and both had excellent wins. Year 9 won 32-5, and man of the match was Callum Meechan for his role at scrum half in the first half, and fly half in the second half. Year 8 won 34-10, and man of the match was Pierce Morgan for great turnovers at the ruck and tackling.

On Tuesday teams were in action again. **Year 10** beat Prospect in the National Vase, St Bart's winning 45-0, and the game having to be stopped early. Man of the match was Dan Rees. Year 8 narrowly lost to Park House and beat Trinity in the Floodlit League. Men of the matches were Vanja Knyazev and Alex Jordan.

Year 8 v Lord Williams won 34-10

Tries were scored by Sam Mitchell, Max Neate, Callum Rosier, Luca Vicaria, Will Freer, Louis Carnell with Matt Gaskell scoring two conversions.

It was a great team performance with superb tackling and attacking rugby on show.

Man of the match was Pierce Morgan for great turnovers at the ruck and tackling.

It's now the time of year for the floodlit league. First games against Park House and Trinity.

Pierce Morgan 8E3

Football

Year 8 had a great game against St John's in the National Cup. St Bart's had 80% possession, but only scored once – despite numerous chances. St John's had one shot on goal and scored. The game went to extra time and penalties, with St John's winning in the end.

Year 11 lost 3-2 against Henry Beaufort in a game that they could have won. The team were commended by the referee for the excellent sportsmanship that they showed throughout.

GIRLS' PE

Lacrosse News

Well done to the 1st/2nd combined senior lacrosse team who played against Bradfield last week. They won 14-11 and Izzy Sanderson was awarded player of the match.

Netball News

Year 7A netball team are congratulated on winning their league fixture against John O'Gaunt 27-3. Player of the match was awarded to Sophie Cunningham.

Girls' Football

Well done to the Year 11 girls' football players who took part in the indoor 5-a-side tournament last week.

Emily Harrison, Rebecca Shaw, Jasmine Corrie, Kate Amores, Fiona Paus and Anna Williams.

They lost to Kennet 3-1 and lost to St Gabriel's 1-0, but played well and enjoyed the games.

U19A and B South West Lacrosse Rally

Both the 1st and 2nd senior lacrosse teams took part in the U19 South West Rally at St Swithun's School in Winchester. This tournament is played in the same format as the National Schools Lacrosse Tournament.

1st Team Results

In the morning the 1st team played in Section 1. They won one match, lost two and drew one. This meant they finished third in their group and were placed in the 1st Division Section A for their afternoon matches.

In the afternoon they won one match, lost one and drew one, which meant they finished second in this division. This qualified the team for the knock out stages where they went on to beat Marlborough and then lost against St Mary's Calne in the semi finals.

This is an excellent achievement and they finished in the whole tournament 8th from 13 teams.



2nd Team Results

In the morning the 2nd team played in Section 1. They won one game and lost two. This meant they finished third in their group. In the afternoon they were placed in the 1st Division Section A. Here they won all three games! This qualified the team for the knock out stage and they went on to beat HMSG putting them through to the final against a strong team from St Mary's Calne who beat them.

This was an excellent achievement and the team finished 11th out of 16 teams in the tournament.



Netball Year 7a v John O'Gaunt

On Tuesday 13 October, the A team with a few changes from St Bart's, went up against John O'Gaunt in the Berkshire league. It was a game with quarters of eight minutes each.

At the start St Bart's scored the first goal then John O'Gaunt equalised. St Bart's quickly took the lead with some great interceptions from defence and fantastic moving and shooting from Maddy and Maisie. St Bart's continued to play well and won the match 27-3.

Thank you to Louise Gubbings, Sophie Cunningham, Jennifer Scourfield, Neve Scarr, Imogen Pemberton, Charlotte Day, Bianca Vicaria, Maddy Ettridge, Maisie Lainsbury and Erin Rees.

Well done to Sophie Cunningham for being awarded player of the match.

Jennifer Scourfield 7E1

Year 9 Netball v Theale Green

A great team effort from St Bart's saw a well deserved win and a large goal difference against Theale Green. Miss Jones' target of 25 goals kept us focussed, and we almost met it! Strong defence skills were demonstrated by Izzy Sutton, Emily Mayo and Beth Robinson. Some great interceptions by Emma James and Otilie ensured the ball travelled nicely down the court to the shooters Lorna Bird and Ellen Grace who scored some brilliant goals.

It was lovely to see how adaptable the team is becoming with people playing in different positions and still holding Theale. Player of the match went to Emma James.

Sophie Stancombe 9P3

Year 8 Netball v Theale Green

On 8 October the Year 8 girls played another league netball match against Theale Green. They had a tremendous start with the girls attacking well and defending tightly. They used great team work and finished the first half strong and ready to play again with lots of energy and co-operation. The girls should be very proud of their play, although Theale Green had good all round playing it wasn't their day. St Bart's ended the match with an impressive score of 20-8 and the player of the match was awarded to Maya Landed.

Daisy Dijksman 8C3



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