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550TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST BART'S

This year marks the 550th anniversary of the founding of St Bartholomew's School. The origins of the school began in 1466 when Henry Wormestall, a wealthy cloth merchant, signed his last will and testament with an endowment for a chantry chapel and priest to pray for his immortal soul. The income from Wormestall's charity was used to pay for a schoolmaster to teach at a grammar school 'whereof that town hath great need'. Since that time the school has evolved and now the history of St Bart's is in fact the history of three schools; St Bartholomew's School, the former boys' grammar school, Newbury Girls' School, the former girls' grammar school and the merger of the two in 1975 to become the comprehensive school known today.

Each year we hold a Founder's Day service at St Nicolas' Church and this year's service on 6 July will be a really significant occasion. We are currently planning various events in July which will celebrate our rich history with plenty of activities involving students. The events will incorporate our Summer Festival organised by the Parents' Association and an art exhibition, both on Friday 8 July. By holding our celebrations after the summer exams have finished we will be able to involve our whole school community.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher

St Bart's PA

SUMMER CELEBRATION

Friday 8 July 2016
6.00-8.30pm

Please put this date in your diary now- and watch this space for details!

This School. Our Children. Their Experience.

Please support the PA - fundraising to assist in the provision of additional facilities to enhance the educational experience of the students of St Bart's.

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DIARY DATES

- Mon 23 May Y9 Practice Exam Week
- Fri 27 May Y13 Last Day of Formal Teaching
- Half Term – Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June
- Revision School – Tuesday 31 May to Friday 3 June
- Mon 6 June Y13 Study Leave begins
- Fri 10 June School Officers Training, St Cassian's (dep 12.30pm, ret. Sat 11)
- Mon 13 June Y12 Lessons Resume



STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT DAY

Thursday 30 June 2016





EXAM RESULTS 2016 YEARS 11, 12 AND 13

Exam results for AS and A Level examinations will be ready for collection from school on Thursday 18 August at 8.30am and for GCSE examinations on Thursday 25 August at 8.30am (Year 11).

If you are unable to collect your results in person you may nominate another family member/close friend to do so on your behalf, with written permission. This may be in the form of a letter which must be delivered to the Exams Department, or an email to exams@stbarts.co.uk stating the name of the person.

If you wish to receive your results by email you will need to send an email to exams@stbarts.co.uk so that your email address is logged on our system. **We will endeavour to send all results out by 2.00pm on each exam results day.**

If you prefer your results to be posted please bring a stamped addressed A5 envelope to the Exams Department.



Digital Photography Workshops

Do you want to know how to use your camera more creatively?

Sign up for this course of **four** digital photography workshops

Monday evenings 6.00-7.15pm
starting **13 June** at a cost of
£45 per person

Open to adults and students alike

**Get more information from
Mr Turner in E130
or email pturner@stbarts.co.uk**



School Uniform and PE Kit

Outgrown it? Lost it? Torn it?
**Visit the Parents' Association
Second-hand Uniform Shop**
just inside the Students' Entrance
on the right.

Open on Fridays during term time
from 3.15pm to 4.00pm

**Blazers, skirts (new style only),
trousers, jumpers, ties, skorts,
shorts, tracksuit bottoms,
sweatshirts, rugby shirts, polo
shirts, PE socks, shin pads,
rugby/football/lacrosse boots,
sports/boot bags**

Prices range from 50p to £10

All donations welcome

either at the shop
on Friday afternoons
or any time via the main reception
desk in a clearly marked bag.

Help raise funds for your school!



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EMILY PENN

A bag in the waves, a fragment on the tide

Emily Penn (pictured left) is an Architecture graduate, an artist, an inspiring public speaker, a sailor and by definition, an environmentalist; putting these skills together, she sets out to convince her audience about the true perils of plastics, the irreparable damage our use of them is causing to Earth's oceans, and what we, clichéd though it may seem, can do to make an actual difference to the health of our fragile planet.

On Friday 29 April, St Bart's Year 10s and a selection of Sixth Formers had the privilege of experiencing one of Emily Penn's talks, organised by Mrs Woodgate, Head of KS5 Biology, and the Biology Department. Penn immediately dove into her passion for environmentally-friendly resources and buildings, her determination to minimise her carbon footprint as much as possible leading her to seek all types of transport as she travelled her way across the continents, to end up at her final destination: the ocean. All this travel and wealth of experience lead her consistently back to one recurring problem – plastics; their omnipresence, their futility, and most troublesome, their toxicity.



Microplastics on the shore

Penn continued to describe how our throw-away society is causing more problems that can even be seen on the surface, quite literally. As Director of the Pangaea Explorations, the crew of the Sea Dragon have been investigating the 'garbage gyres' of the ocean, huge swirling vortices of plastic debris, for many years, and the ever-growing presence of the microplastics - invisible to the naked eye

on the blue tide, but lurking just beneath the surface to choke the marine life and the sea itself. But not only did Penn realise what harm our man-made plastics were causing to the seas and its species, she soon saw their detrimental effects on land, and most significantly, to ourselves.



Dumping of used goods on Tonga

Having organised the Tonga clean-up, in shock as a large warehouse was filled nearly full in under three hours with discarded plastics, leaching their chemicals into surrounding water sources, and the seas to kill off the local fish populations, Penn decided to do some blood analyses. Subsequently, with her 'eXXpedition' all female crew, the permanence of plastic toxins in the blood are being researched, and showing that caring for our oceans by stopping plastic pollution isn't just about Earth, it's about caring for ourselves a bit more too.

Penn is continuing to run expeditions across the world and stresses the necessity for a greater global understanding of conservation. From campaigning against microbeads in the US, (a ban that's coming into place in most states by 2018), to sailing the high seas, Penn intrigued and enthused us through out:

"Emily was such an interesting person and the talk she gave helped me to not only learn about the environmental work she's doing, but how to transfer these ideas to my own life and to the school community as well. It was also useful on a different, more personal level – the talk made me realise that whatever path you choose to take in life, if you have enough drive and passion you can do anything you want and enjoy it loads!"

Elin Bevan

"I enjoyed the talk, because it showed you where pure passion and love for a certain subject can take you, no matter your qualifications or background – as long as you enjoy a certain area and put the effort in, who knows where you could end up. You don't always get to see the other options Biology and the other Sciences provide, and it was great to see that you don't have to sit in a lab all day long!"

Marc Cunnington

"What an inspirational speaker! Hearing Penn talk about her experiences that she grabbed with two hands made me realise how incredible my future could be with the right attitude. Her talk has also caused me to second our consumption of plastics and consider how wasteful our society has become. Pollution is an atrocity and we all know it but Penn, instead of shying away from it, has chosen to stand up to it and change things. For that, I have the utmost respect."

Olivia

Lockyear

Emily Penn showed us we can all do something individually, like stopping using plastic water bottles, or buying bamboo toothbrushes instead of plastic ones, but also made us remember this, quite fittingly: *"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean."* (Ryunosuke Satoro). That we must work together if we want the health and importance of our planet's earth, oceans and ecosystems to be taken seriously, and that, yes, anything can be achieved with enthusiasm and a big smile.

Emma Lalande 12C3



COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR AT ST BART'S

We are pleased to announce that a defibrillator is now located in the front lobby of the school Reception. It is available for any member of the community to use should such an emergency arise. Full instructions are with the machine, which also talks the operator through each step that is required.

Please note that the defibrillator will only work after the device has ascertained a lack of heart rhythm.

Our thanks go to the British Heart Foundation for their grant to provide this equipment.

Mrs M Sims, Deputy Headteacher



DAVIS DIARY

Davis House said farewell to Year 11s in our recent House assembly and we wish them well in their GCSE exams. During the assembly we invited Miss Thorne to share some memories with them and Miss Miles recited an insightful poem called 'All I need to know'.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved **House Awards**:

Bronze – Emma Drake, Kelly White, Tori Raphael, Maddie Hannington, Erin Miller, Bethany Carlton, Eve Holden, Alfie McNeil, Melissa Wright, Bethany Sirianni, Sophia Tucker.

Silver – Samuel Purton, Hattie Turner, Tom Grant, Joseph Pollard, Emily Rivera, Kate Lilliman, Maddie Osborne, Abbie Benitez, Roxanna Monsef, Meg Seymour, Lucy Quesada-Getgood.

Gold – Sasha Howgate, Emma Downie

Junior House Colours – Matthew Forsyth, Emma Street, Joseph Hennessey, Carla Pattenden, Harry Murphy, Joseph Wordley, Michael Repton, Sabrina Rivera, Khushi Singh, Andrew Mead, Holly Shaw, Emily McDonagh, Sarah MacAllen, Ella Townsend, Bethany Wolak, Amy Pontin, Theo Thomas, William Denton, Stephen McDowell.

This term we continue with our **fundraising** efforts to raise money for our House charity Alopecia UK.

Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Miles, Mrs Humphreys and Mrs Palmer - Davis House Office

**PUBLIC
NOTICE!**

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If you and your parents or guardians have lived in Hungerford for the past three years and you are going on to further education or an apprenticeship, you can apply for **financial help from the Hungerford & Camburn Educational Foundation**. The annual meeting of Trustees will be held on Tuesday 28 June 2016 when applications from eligible students for financial assistance will be considered.

Details and application forms from The Clerk to the Trustees, The Town Hall, High Street, Hungerford or email admin@townandmanor.co.uk. Office open mornings only.

Closing date for applications 8 June 2016.

TEN TORS 2016

On Thursday 5 May the St Bart's Ten Tors teams arrived in Dartmoor to be greeted by the rare appearance of sunshine. Over the next three days they prepared for and participated in one of the most arduous youth challenges in the UK. Friday was spent having all their kit checked by the army scrutineers, attending a safety briefing and completing all their route planning. On Friday evening we were also visited by Aidan O'Neill in Year 12 who was on Dartmoor working with the Red Cross to support the Ten Tors event.

After a 5am alarm and a hearty breakfast the challenge started at 7am on Saturday morning when the 12 St Bart's students set off on their two day trek, surrounded by 2400 other similarly dedicated teenagers.

The Year 10 team of Oliver Barnes, Isaac Fernandes, Sam Bell, Sam Garland, Matthew Morgan and Luke Tucker had to complete a 35 mile route, completely self sufficient and relying on their team work, navigation and resilience, together with carrying all their required camping equipment and getting their drinking water from the rivers and streams. In warm and windy weather they made no errors in navigation and completed the challenge three hours inside the time limit.



45 mile team ready for the start



35 mile team coming through the finish

Students in Year 11 and 12 take on a route of 45 miles. They walked over 30 miles on the first day, after which an ankle injury to Ties Abram meant he was not able to complete day two. The remainder of the team, Grady Beckett, Jack McDonald, Pete Winsor, James Read and Alex Harvey, pressed on to complete their route an hour before the 35 mile team. An outstanding performance from all involved.

Congratulations to all those taking part, and thanks to the staff who supported them throughout the training, and in particular Mr Gregory, Mr Brooker, Miss Wright and Mrs Scourfield who supported them in the final preparations during the weekend on Dartmoor.

Mrs H Scourfield