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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Firstly, may I thank everyone for their support, hard work and involvement throughout this academic year. It has been another successful and busy year in which we were recognised by the DfE as being in the top 100 state schools for attainment and the EBacc measure which is a testament to our students' continuous hard work and achievements, of which we are very proud.

The term has ended with some tremendous celebrations and enjoyable events to mark the school's 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it was so good to see all students and staff participating and demonstrating the strength of the whole St Bart's community.

This was followed by the PA Summer Festival, with the Art Exhibition which we were privileged to have the Mayor of Newbury opening, Sports Day and the Curriculum Days. We have also seen Year 13 and Year 11 leave and graduate with huge smiles on their faces, and a few tears, and now we look forward to celebrating their examination results in August.

Please can I remind you that from September there will be slight changes made to the end of the school day and school times will be as detailed on page 2. This is also on the school website.

Secondly, whilst the students are on their summer break, can I ask that your son/daughter has the equipment and correct uniform ready to be worn appropriately for September, so that high standards can be set from the beginning of term and we can focus all our energies on learning.

## Farewells

Lastly, we are saying goodbye to several members of staff at the end of term. Mrs Fisher is retiring after many years of service in the English Faculty. In this time she has inspired many students and in particular has worked very closely with the sixth form, developing the Key Stage 5 English curriculum and supporting students with UCAS applications. Mrs Peacock, Teacher of Mathematics is also retiring after leading many students to success in Mathematics and contributing much to the Mathematics Faculty. We wish them both well for the future.

We are also saying farewell to Mrs Close from English who is taking up a promotional post in another school. Mr Green from History, Miss Bruin, Head of Computing, and Miss Collinson from Modern Foreign Languages are all leaving to work abroad, and Mr Seward from PE and Miss Dillnutt from Textiles are taking up new opportunities. We would like to thank them all for all they have done to support the school during their time with us and we wish them the best for the future.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer break. We look forward to the summer results and welcoming all our new students in September.

**Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher**

**TERM ENDS**

**Wednesday 20 July 2016  
At 12.30pm**



## SCHOOL DAY FROM SEPTEMBER 2016

<b>MON-THURS</b> School Open from 7.30am (Not earlier)	<b>FRIDAY</b> School Open from 7.30am (Not earlier)	Students welcome to attend Study Support in the library, where support to complete schoolwork is available from this time. Light snacks are available.
8.40am	8.40am	Start of School Day Students must be in tutor rooms for registration with tutor
8.50am-9.50am	8.50am-9.50am	Period 1
9.50am-10.50am	9.50am-10.50am	Period 2
10.50am-11.10am	10.50am-11.10am	<b>Break</b> Students may purchase food during this time
11.10am-12.10pm	11.10am-12.10pm	<b>Period 3</b>
12.10pm-12.30pm or 12.10pm-12.40pm	N/A	<b>Assembly</b> <b>PDP/Tutor Time</b>
12.30pm-1.20pm or 12.40pm-1.20pm	12.10pm-1.00pm	<b>Activity Time</b> Students may purchase food during this time. Students may participate in extra-curricular activities
1.20pm-2.20pm	1.00pm-2.00pm	<b>Period 4</b>
2.20pm-3.20pm	2.00pm-3.00pm	<b>Period 5</b>
3.20pm onwards	3.00pm onwards	Enrichment activities/extra-curricular clubs. School calendar will contain details of regular activities. Study Support available in the library until 5:00pm. Light snacks are available.

### ST BART'S YEW TREE

The yew tree planted as part of the 550<sup>th</sup> celebrations at St Bart's is a particularly special tree.



Our St Bart's yew was propagated from one of Britain's oldest living inhabitants – a famous yew tree in the Kentchurch Estate in Herefordshire, an ancient tree thought to be over a thousand years old.

We have registered our tree's location with the Conservation Foundation. Our tree may be small at the moment, but it will outlast us all, and probably even the school buildings.

Maybe in 500 years time it will be as famous in Newbury as its illustrious parent tree is in Kentchurch.

**Dr Fitter, Deputy Headteacher**

### 550<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION PHOTOS

A few more photographs have been added to the website

<http://www.stbarts.co.uk/news/550th-anniversary/>

Parents and students are welcome to download these pictures for their own keepsake.



### DIARY DATES

- Tues 19 July Curriculum Day
- Wed 20 July Term Ends, 12.30pm
- Thurs 18 Aug AS/A2 Results
- Thurs 25 Aug GCSE Results
- Mon 5 Sept Staff Training Day
- Tues 6 Sept Student Term Begins for Years 7 -12**
- New Y12 report to Sixth Form Area 11.00am
- Y7 report to Hall 11.15am
- Y8-12 report to Tutor Rooms 12.00pm
- Wed 7 Sept Y13 Term Begins, report to Tutor Rooms 8.30am
- Tues 13 Sept Y12 Information Evening for Parents, Hall, 7pm
- Thurs 15 Sept Y7 Parents' Information Evening, Hall, 7pm

## **KIRKLAND ROWELL SURVEY: A summary of parental views**

In the spring term, we asked for your views on a wide range of aspects of the school. This is the sixth year that we have sought feedback from parents via Kirkland Rowell and we find the information very useful in validating areas where we are successful and identifying areas where we can work to bring about further improvements. We can see trends over time, in addition to understanding how your views about St Bart's compare to parental views in other similar schools nationally. The Kirkland Rowell overall judgement of 'Excellent' puts your views on the school into the context of the national picture.

Your feedback was summarised by Kirkland Rowell as follows:

- You gave an excellent overall performance score, with over 90% rating the school as 'Good' or 'Very Good' and only one response out of over 300 being 'Poor' or 'Very Poor'. This is an improvement on the previous year. Nearly a quarter of Y7 parents said the school was even better than they had expected it to be.
- The following areas have received significantly high (and improving) scores over an extended period of time: School discipline, Developing confidence, Social health education, Caring teachers, Careers advice, Developing moral values, Levels of independent study, Developing potential, Teaching quality, Exam results, Access to staff, Explaining to parents how to help their child, Tailoring child's work to their needs and ability and Out of school activities and clubs. You are most happy with the Quality of the school facilities, the Choice of subjects and the Availability of resources.
- Almost all academic subjects received very positive feedback from you and the great majority had improved since the previous report.
- You rated Teaching quality very highly, but also made it one of your top priorities for further improvement. As part of the core focus of the school, we continue to work hard to make the learning experience for your child in the classroom even better every year. The

other top priorities for further improvement were Developing potential and School communication. We are confident that changes to the school day to enhance opportunities for enrichment and intervention for all students, along with an increase in the use of social media and enhanced reports for 2016-17, will contribute to these areas. It was encouraging to note that you were particularly impressed with how we communicate to you regarding how you can support your child.



### **EXAM NEWS**

#### **GCE Results**

Thursday 18 August

08.30 – 11.00

#### **Y11 GCSE Results**

Thursday 25 August

08.30 – 11.00

#### **Year 10 GCSE Science Results**

will be available when school re-opens on Tuesday 6 September.

Have a great summer!

**Exams Department**

## **CATERING LUNCH ACCOUNT LIMITS**

Student accounts have had a pre set limit of £3.50 for the last ten years. We have monitored student purchases and have therefore decided to increase the pre set limit to £3.75 in September.

If you wish to increase or decrease this limit please email Angela Billingham Catering Manager at [abillingham@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:abillingham@stbarts.co.uk) letting her know the limit you would like.



### **TWITTER**

Be the first to get the news and follow us.

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@curnock\_barts

@davis\_barts

@evers\_barts

@patterson\_barts

Some of our Faculties also have Twitter accounts

@St\_Barts\_Arts (Expressive Arts)

@Stbartssport (PE)

@StBartsGeog (Geography)

## CURNOCK HOUSE – FOUNDER’S DAY

Curnock decided to celebrate Founders Day in a variety of ways and the tutors and Year 12 worked extremely hard to ensure the students had an enjoyable afternoon.

### Year 7 - Karaoke.

Students were able to nominate themselves for a song and then came up to the front and sang into the microphones



in teams or pairs. Highlights were performances from all three tutor groups, a duet from Alfie Letman and Ethan Cole and the girl group including Millie Congerton, Chloe McMillan, Elspeth Crane, Phoebe Douglass and Rosie Makant. I was impressed by the energy from everyone and enjoyed watching some confident performances.



### Year 8 and 9 - Challenges

Students were divided into ten teams and competed against each other in four different challenges. The challenges were Tug of War, Dodgeball, HoolaHooping and Penalty Shoot-Out. Students were awarded points based on their success in each challenge, with the winning team being given doughnuts. Staff fed back that students’ competitive streaks came out and all students were engaged.



### Year 10 - Curnock V Food.

Students got themselves into teams of seven. In a relay style each student in the team took part in a food challenge, for example transferring ten Maltesers from one place to another using a straw.



The winning team was awarded points after each challenge. The overall winning group was awarded with doughnuts. Staff said watching the students compete in each challenge was hilarious with a highlight being watching Declan Shields completing the ‘Fluffy Bunnies’ challenge.

## DAVIS HOUSE 550<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

On Founder’s Day to celebrate the 550<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Bart’s, Davis House held a Lip Sync Battle.

This involved students choosing a song which they then mimed and danced along to in their tutor groups. Davis House Captains introduced the theme in the Atrium and then visited all the tutor groups to ‘judge’ the performances. Tutor groups were given five songs to choose from and we have to say that the House Captains were really impressed with the efforts that most tutor groups put into their performances.

The overall winner was 8D2 who performed to ‘Summer Nights’ from Grease – well done to them. 8D2 also performed in the last Davis assembly of the term. Thanks to Miss Miles who organised the event as well as tutors and students involved.

## EVERS FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

All Evers students took part in our balloon challenge on the Wormestall field as part of the 550<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

After much tying and blowing up of balloons as tutor teams, the winning KS3 group was 7E1 closely followed by KS4 winners 10E2.

Well done to everyone who took part in a fun filled afternoon. Our thanks also go to the students who manned the lemonade stall which raised lots of money for our charity West Berkshire Mencap



### LIBRARIAN VACANCY

Do you know anyone who would be suitable to take over the reins as the School's Librarian on a fixed term basis? Or maybe you are interested!

We have a vacancy for a Librarian to cover maternity leave starting on 3 October 2016.

For more information about the role and to apply please visit [www.stbarts.co.uk](http://www.stbarts.co.uk)

### 汉字 CHINESE LESSONS

I am now recruiting students for next year's Chinese classes. If you are interested in learning Mandarin Chinese, lessons are open to all year groups and take place after school on Thursdays.

Please collect a letter from the MFL office or email [mwood@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:mwood@stbarts.co.uk)

**Mrs M Wood**

## TEXTILES – YEAR 8

In Textiles this year, with Mrs Plenty and Miss Dillnutt Year 8 students made shorts. Last week the students were introduced to how fabrics are made; they created some giant knitting and giant weaving.



These will be featured in the Davis break out space.

Students also had the opportunity to create their own woven fabrics using the card looms.

They really

enjoyed the hands on experience of making their own fabric.

**Miss Dillnutt**

## GOLD MEDAL

Many congratulations to Jamie Kuehnel 13P1 who took part in the English Schools Championships on 8 July and won gold in the senior boys hammer. This was new personal best of 64.40m, over a metre up on his previous best and 1.4 metres up on the second placed athlete.

It was a good final with 12 boys from all over the country competing.



# EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT NATIONAL SESSION

Liverpool Hope University

30 June – 3 July

Seven Year 12 students attended the National Finals of the European Youth Parliament Debating Team. These students had won a regional round which meant they were able to go on to the finals. This was a great experience for them all. On the first evening we had to bring food from a particular European country (we had Germany) and all the other delegates went around eating all types of food. Mr Castell tried a reindeer sausage from Norway! The Irish team were daring other delegates to eat raw potato sandwiches. The whole of Friday was spent in their respective committees, eg Committee on Security and Defence, Committee on Culture and Education working out their resolutions in preparation for the General Assembly which took place on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday evening there was a Euro Concert where delegates entertained us with particular acts such as street dancing and a piano recital. I did volunteer to sing Frere Jacque in Dutch! On Sunday the Jury chose the school to go through to the European Finals in Turkey. Unfortunately we were not the winners but our students were a credit to the school and we were very proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the competition.



‘My favourite part of the trip to EYP in Liverpool was the committee work. In the committee work, we worked as team in order to create solutions to existing problems within European Union legislation. This was highly

enjoyable as we got to know a little bit more about how the EU works.’ George  
‘What’s so great about EYP is that you do a large number of team building activities with people from other schools before you go into the nitty-gritty of the committee work and debating. This means that you get to know lots of like-minded individuals very well and are able to work and socialise together successfully over the course of the session. Although I didn’t get much sleep over the three nights because I was working hard researching our resolution, it was well worth it for the experience and the people I met’. Andrew



The trip was very exciting and opened up a platform for young people to debate on issues that concerned not just Britain but the whole of Europe. We particularly enjoyed the General Assembly debate and the chance to meet a lot of new, different people and to make some good friends throughout the process. It’s incredible to think that just a few days ago we met complete strangers and worked together as a cooperative and friendly team to put forward ideas and resolutions for a brighter future. We would also like to thank Ms French and Mr Castell for all their support and encouragement, not to mention being great As participants we can definitely say that this was an excellent opportunity and would strongly urge future students to take part in the European Youth Parliament.

**Ms K French and Sociology Students**

## GOVERNORS' REPORT



This is the first of what will be termly updates from the Governing Board of St Bart's. The Board is the School's strategic decision maker and vision setter and these are roles the Governors take very seriously. With a mix of elected and appointed members, including parents, staff and others drawn from the wider community, the Board works closely with the Headteacher and other senior leaders, through a series of specialist committees, and comes together at least once a term. There is always plenty going on and we are enormously ambitious for our School.

This term we welcomed two new Parent Governors, Alexandra Barlow and Gareth Scourfield; we are also pleased that Parent Governor Rajan Bhandari was re-elected as a Parent Governor and that Nicky Ostinelli's role as Staff Governor will be renewed. Finally, the Governing Board says 'farewell and thank you' to Ahmad Bhatti who stepped down as a Parent Governor.

Each Governor is a member of at least one Committee, working with the School as it delivers Its Development Plan. This academic year, our shared focus has been on improving the quality of teaching and learning, ensuring achievement for all our students through many national changes in curriculum, and on effective management of the School's budget and resources.

We are delighted with our students' academic performance, placing St Bart's in the top 3% of schools nationally at Key Stage 4 and top 25% of schools at Key Stage 5, with the best ALPS score in West Berkshire – a very 'well done' to our students and staff. The Governing Board is very supportive of our Sixth Form and are pleased to say that its appeal to both our own students and to those from other schools continues to increase.

The Governing Board must ensure that services provided are efficient and cost effective. Some of our attention has been given to the review of the School's improved provision for insurance, for ICT and for auditing services. In addition, we are currently considering the use of solar panels to reduce electricity costs and LED lighting to improve energy efficiency. We also regularly assure health and safety standards for our students, staff and visitors.

St Bart's plays an important role in our local community and this was demonstrated so well in last week's 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, as well as through the Old Newburians' Association and the strong links that are forged with other schools.

Our students have maintained their participation beyond the classroom, with their contributions including mentoring, the Brilliant Club, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and the many and varied House activities such as the House Dance, Drama and Music competitions, to name just a few, as well as a wide range of clubs and activities such as chess, Fives, CCF and Cine Club. Sporting opportunities abound, and depending on the season, sports including lacrosse, rugby and cricket continued to be enjoyed this year within School and competitively.

If you have any questions about Governor matters or any suggestions, please get in touch through the School email ([office@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:office@stbarts.co.uk)). If you'd like to read our Governor profiles and see more details of the Committee meetings, take a look at the website <http://www.stbarts.co.uk/about-2/governors/>.

Wishing you a good summer,

**Ian Peddie**

**Chair of Governors**



## DAVIS DIARY

As we come to the end of the academic year we would like to thank all students, parents and carers for their support and involvement in Davis House over the past academic year. We are extremely proud of the achievements of Davis students and wish them all a safe and relaxed summer break.

Sadly we say farewell to Miss Bruin tutor of 7D1 who is leaving us to teach in Thailand and also Mrs Peacock who has been a member of the Davis and is retiring. Davis House sends them both best wishes.

Fundraising – 8D1 raised £16 at their recent cookie sale for Davis House charity. Davis students will continue to raise money for Alopecia UK next year.

Congratulations to Andrew Mead 10D2 who recently competed in the English Schools' National Golf Championships at Belton Park Golf Club Lincolnshire with an incredible performance against Year 12s and 13s.

Well done to Ffion Godwin and Bethany Siriani won a prize at the Carnegie Conference for excellent contributions. Congratulations also to Charlie Shakespeare who came 2<sup>nd</sup> place in West Berkshire Area Athletics recently.

In our 100% attendance draw this term, Jack Robbins 7D1 won the prize.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved House Awards:

Bronze Awards – Jessica Head, Mohammed Hussain, Jack Dibley, Kain Coleman

Silver Awards – Millie Edwards, Maddison Stockwell, Bethany Scarrett

Gold Awards – Evelyn Bino, Ellie Dixon, Thea Jacques

Vivo Prize – Laura Dziva

Wishing you all a lovely summer break!

**Mrs Hodgkin, Miss Miles, Mrs Humphreys,  
Mrs Palmer  
Davis House Office**

## TasteMedicine

### For Years 7 - 12

TasteMedicine runs medicine-themed summer schools for secondary school students. Organised by a team of junior doctors who have recently graduated from Imperial College London, the courses introduce basic medical concepts and give students the opportunity to try their hands at practical skills such as suturing.

Future Physicians is on 30 July and 27 August and Budding Surgeons is on 31 July and 28 August. They take place at Imperial College and cost £79 for one course or £145 for both courses.

Further information [www.tastemedicine.com](http://www.tastemedicine.com) or ring 07878476725.

## ROUNDERS

### Year 7

The Year 7 team played in the league semi final against Kennet winning in the later stages of the innings by half a rounder. The girls fielded well but knew they had to step up and bat with more conviction in the final.

Opponents for the final saw a close competition against Park House. Park House had some impressive batters but only managed a score of 3 ½ rounders as superb fielding saw their strongest player stumped out by Bianca Vicaria second base. St Bart's felt confident and hit some brilliant balls deep into Park House fielding line up, with particular strikes from Zoe Quartley, Maddy Ettridge and Luci Robertson to draw the scores level.

A 3 ½ each the St Bart's girls relaxed and the rounders soon started to add up. The final score was 8 ½ - 3 ½.

The Year 7 girls have bags of potential and we hope to see them in more league finals in years to come. Congratulations.

Players of the tournament were Bianca Vicaria and Luci Robertson.