

## SPANISH EXCHANGE

At the end of January, 17 students accompanied by Mrs Wood and Laura Picornell, our Spanish assistant, went to Spain on the annual exchange with Elisabeth School in Salou. Although the weather was cold, it was mostly sunny and students made the most of the opportunity to learn more about Spanish culture and to practise the language which they had learnt in school. This is what they had to say at the end of the trip.

"The Spanish exchange was an amazing experience. My partner is great and I feel like I have made a fantastic new friend. I loved being so involved in Spanish culture and trying new foods." (Lottie Lee-Delisle Year 9)

"Our partner school, Elisabeth, was very welcoming. I enjoyed this trip and my Spanish improved greatly and I even learnt some Catalan." (Emily Rendell Year 10)



*Visit to Barcelona*

"I got the opportunity to experience a new culture through a family who lives in that culture. When I visited Sagrada Familia with Karla it was the most amazing place I had ever seen!" (Sophie Rabinowitz Year 9)



*Visit to Tarragona*

"I wanted to go because I wanted to improve my Spanish, which I did and I have understood loads more. My favourite trip was to Barcelona." (Charlotte Dobson Year 9)

"I stayed in a loving household who always made sure we felt welcome. I enjoyed the exchange very much and I would go again on the exchange next year; it was an amazing experience." (Hannah Brace, Year 10)

"To begin with it was scary but once you got used to the culture and the language it was fun. My favourite day was when we went into school. It was interesting to experience how another country lived and worked. It was upsetting to leave the family and surroundings but I'm looking forward to my partner coming back over to England. I would definitely recommend this trip to other students." (Gemma Loosen Year 9)

"The biggest highlight of the trip was on Saturday when me and my partner, Yogo, went to the Nou Camp for a tour in Barcelona." (John Steward, Year 10)

"The families we stayed with were all incredibly welcoming and staying there felt like a second home. It was good to explore and experience a new culture with new foods and new places to see." (Evie Chamings Year 10)

"It was good, and we all want to go back." (Alfie Bullock Year 9)



## THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

To mark the recent Chinese New Year, the after school Chinese groups got together and practised their chopsticks skills with a game, before tucking into food and enjoying a short film about how the festival is celebrated in China and Hong Kong.



All students are learning Mandarin, the official language of mainland China, and attend lessons every Thursday after school.

For more details about Chinese lessons please speak to Mrs Wood in the MFL department.



## Digital Photography Workshops

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

Why not sign up for this course of **four** digital photography workshops  
Monday evenings 5.45-7.00 pm  
starting **13 March**  
at a cost of £50 per person

Open to adults and students alike

**Get more information from  
Mr Turner in E130**

**or email [pturner@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:pturner@stbarts.co.uk)**

## SIXTH FORM INDUCTION DAY

**Thursday 6 July**

**This is an important date to help students prepare for Sixth Form life and study.**

Sixth Form interviews for Year 11 students who have applied for a place are underway. The outcome of the interviews will be given to students in March.



## DIARY DATES

- Fri 24 Feb Y7/8 Davis Charity Disco, Hall 7-9pm
- Wed 1 Mar Y9 Subject Parents' Evening 4.30-7.00pm, Curnock Block
- Fri 10 Mar Y7/8 PA Disco, Hall, 7-9pm
- Tues 14 Mar House Plays, Hall 6.30pm
- Wed 15 Mar Y12 Higher Education Visit Brunel University, all day

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Each half term there will be a photography competition to enter

There will be categories for staff, Y7-9 and Y10-11 and Y12+

The theme this half term is...

**DOUBLE**

Deadline: Wednesday 5 April 2017

Email entries to [pturner@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:pturner@stbarts.co.uk) with your name, your tutor group and a brief description

## PICTURES ON THE THEME OF 'NEW' Photography Competition Winners

	<p>Megan Taylor 9P2 ... in her own words: View of the Brighton pier. This picture reflects on the construction and changes to Brighton throughout the years. This is a peaceful area where families and tourists come all the time. When I was in Brighton and took the photo it created a new memory; I made new friends and tried lots of new things. I used my camera and took a snapshot of a new picture of long lasting memory I never wanted to forget.</p>
	<p>Ben Breckenridge 7P3 A simple subject, but one that appeals to several of the senses: the colours are warm and the long shadow suggests an early morning with the low sun angle creating a dark shadow. Perhaps this day begins with a cup of aromatic black coffee?</p>
	<p>Ruby Poynter 7E1 ... in her own words: This is my photo - A NEW WAVE. Every wave is a NEW wave, they are unique. Each wave is different from the next one. I took this photograph on Sidmouth beach.</p>
	<p>Joe Garcia-Sierra 8P2 ... in his own words: My photo shows the evolution of cameras. From a box brownie to a compact camera, the size has changed significantly, as well as quality. The presence of the old camera highlights how new the compact camera is.</p>
	<p>Alistair Jardine 8P1 A photograph of buds on a tree showing us not only the new bud, but hinting at the new season and the start of warmer weather!</p>

All of the images are really good so well done to everyone; I assure you it has made judging difficult! I enjoyed Megan's image having been at college in Brighton (several years ago!) and Ben produced an interesting image with a simple subject. Ruby had a picture at the seaside (and who doesn't like the seaside) and Joe made a really nice juxtaposition of new with old. Alistair gave us a budding plant, but that hints of blossom and that hints at the fruit that it may form.

The particular congratulations this half term go to... Ruby Poynter of 7E1 as her photograph takes first place. Her image captures how briefly a new wave is actually 'new'. As each wave comes in, it replaces the previous one as the 'new' wave. The senses are excited by the image too: the light on the glistening pebbles, the sound of the bubbling sea foam and you can almost taste the salty seaside air. Well done Ruby.

**Mr P Turner**



## **GIRLS' PE**

### **Netball**

On 8 February the senior netball team played against Park House in the area league. The team played a confident first half but as Park House began stepping up their game the opposition began to pull away.

St Bart's came out with an impressive last quarter but it was not enough to overcome Park House's efficiency and resulted in a loss 17-29. The team all worked well together. Julia Hickelsberger was rightly awarded player of the match for yet another great game of amazing shots, despite only having been playing netball for just over a term.

### **Lacrosse**

#### **Y15/U14 Junior South West Lacrosse Rally**

The Year 9 and 10 teams travelled to Sherborne on 4 February to take part in the U14/U15 Junior South West Lacrosse Rally. Both teams performed very well.

The Year 10 team in the morning won three games and lost two. They finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group which led to them playing in Division 1 in the afternoon. They won two, drew one and lost two finishing the day 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 1 with an overall position of 9<sup>th</sup> out of 17 teams. This was a fantastic achievement.

The Year 9 team in the morning won two games and lost three. They finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group but because of goal difference they played in Division 2 in the afternoon. In this division they won all four of the games resulting in them being overall winners of Division 2 and were awarded medals. Their overall position was 13<sup>th</sup> out of 17 teams; another fantastic achievement.

### **Lacrosse v Rendcomb**

#### **Results and Players of the Match**

Y10 won 11-10 Sophie Stancombe

Y9 won 15-1 Maya Landhed

Y8 lost 4-3 Nisha Morton

Y7 won 15-0 Emily Tucker

## **St Bart's Parents' Association**



**Please join us for our next fundraiser**

**The Big PA Quiz!  
Saturday 18 March at 7pm  
Quiz with prizes!  
Fish and chip supper!  
Raffle!**

Bring your own drinks/nibbles

This is a popular event for families and all are welcome to attend. Please book your tickets and make your food choices in advance at [stbartspa.co.uk](http://stbartspa.co.uk).

Tickets £12 adults, £10 staff,  
£7.50 students

We hope you can join us

## **ATTENDANCE HOTLINE**



Remember to ring the attendance hotline if your child is absent from school. This is for all school years, including Sixth Form.

**01635 576372**

Leave a message with  
Your child's name  
Tutor Group  
Reason for absence