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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



This term we have celebrated our success in the Get Berkshire Active Awards, winning the Active Secondary School Award, and Dan West winning the Volunteer of the Year Award. We have also been delighted for the second successive

year to receive recognition from the Department of Education through the letter from Nick Gibb, Minister of State for Schools, congratulating us on the high standard of achievement of our students in their GCSEs last year. The percentage of students achieving the EBacc put us amongst the top state funded schools in England. This was excellent news, and as a school we always encourage all of our students to achieve their best, and we will continue to build on this success.

There have been many highlights this term. Last week it was good to see so many students joining in on Red Nose Day to raise money for Comic Relief and the local Rosemary Appeal. As always, it has been good to see so many students and staff involved in many other activities across the school. Many of these have featured in BartholoNews and assemblies this term, including Science Week and World Book Day with an author visit and Pi Day. House competitions were also closely fought and the standard of performances has been extremely high. Curnock won House Drama, Patterson won the Junior House Debating and Evers won the Senior House Debating. It always makes me so proud to see the exceptional talent and achievements of our students that contribute to the great school we are.

Over the last two weeks it was also good to welcome back past students for the ONA lacrosse, netball and football matches, and to see that they have not lost their competitive edge!

This term, students' final applications to universities have been made and they have now received many offers. It has been particularly rewarding to see four of our students gain Oxbridge offers and three more gain places for medicine. We have also offered 264 places to Year 6 students to join us in September, and visits to primary schools to meet them and support their transition are already underway. We look forward to welcoming them to St Bart's.

As we move towards the main external examination season, may I ask that you encourage students in examination groups to make use of the Easter period to focus on their revision and attend the Easter revision sessions that we have put on, as appropriate, to ensure that they will achieve their true potential in the forthcoming examinations.

Sadly, as term ends we are saying goodbye to two members of staff. Mrs Humphreys, Davis School House Admin Assistant, is retiring, and Mrs Patterson, Art Teacher, is moving overseas. We wish them both well.

Lastly, may I wish everyone a happy and restful Easter break, and I look forward to seeing everyone back and ready for a successful and productive summer term.

Ms J Mortimore, Headteacher



TERM ENDS
Thursday 6 April
at 3.20pm

Friday 7 April is a
Staff Training & Development Day

The **summer term** begins on
Monday 24 April,
registration at 8.40am.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning in the lovely surroundings of the Town Hall Chamber on 25 March.

It was a great success and we raised just over £300 in a couple of hours. Special

thanks to everyone who donated such wonderful homemade cakes and also to the Town Crier who was very helpful in drawing people in.

Thanks also to the parent who offered to apply for matched funding following this event. As detailed in last week's BartholoNews, the Parents' Association would love to hear from you if you could help us in this way. Please contact stbartspa@gmail.com



SPRING CONCERT

Wednesday 5 April at 7.00pm

Come and join us for our annual Music Spring Concert, showcasing our talented young musicians from across the school.

Tickets are £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for concessions – available to purchase on the door.

SIXTH FORM SUPPORT REFUGEES

A group of Year 12 students went down to Vets for Pets to help the West Berkshire Action for Refugees with sorting donations.

They made up more than 60 outfit bags to send out to the refugees. It was good fun and will

make a great difference to those in northern France.



Izzy Sanderson 12E2



FIND US ON FACEBOOK

The new official St Bart's Facebook page is now live. Follow and 'like' us at <https://www.facebook.com/stbartsnewbury/> We'll be posting events, news and photographs. You can also see what we're up to on Twitter.



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MEDICINE OFFERS

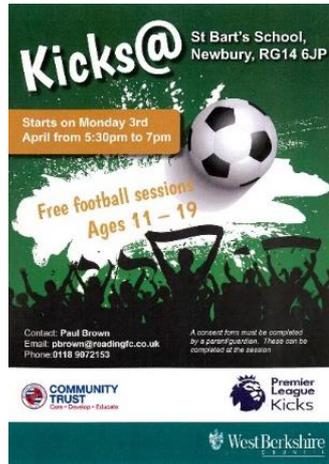
Applying to study Medicine is extremely competitive so we are delighted that all three of our Year 13 applicants this year have been successful in gaining offers. Maia Brown, Oliver Evans and Iona Samaraweera have succeeded in a long and rigorous application process, which included entrance examinations and some tough interviews. They now have to achieve exceptionally high A Level grades this summer to be accepted by their chosen university.



Maia, Iona and Oliver pictured with Mrs Lane, Deputy Head of Sixth Form (left) and Ms Mortimore, Headteacher (right).

KICKS @ ST BART'S

Free football sessions for ages 11-19 starts on Monday 3 April from 5.30pm-7.00pm. A consent form must be completed by a parent/guardian. These can be completed at the session.



Contact Paul Brown, pbrown@readingfc.co.uk or ring 01189072153.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The European Youth Parliament UK Thames Valley Regional Session held at the prestigious Oxford Union saw a team from Year 12 compete in the event.

The team worked incredibly hard to prepare for the day, carrying out extensive research. This was evident throughout their participation in the majority of the debates.

The day comprised six debates and the St Bart's team was asked to open the opposition for the debate on Foreign Policy. A fantastic opening speech was given by Louisa and the session was competently closed by Rhian.

The one on proposed Sugar Tax had an open opposition, so congratulations to Jacob and Chloe for stepping up to make speeches.

The team unfortunately was not selected for the nationals, but are pleased with the organisers' comments who were impressed with the quality of the debating and observed that the St Bart's students were well-prepared, enthusiastic and confident.

The EYP was something very beneficial to the students to help them become more confident in speaking in front of an audience and develop their presentation and teamwork skills.



The team – Rhian Bevan, Jacob Carden, Chloe Leftley, Louisa Mattinson, Matt Smith, Claire Smithson, Oliver Smithson and Tosin Sonubi

Thank you to Ms French and Mr Castel for organising the trip. This was a great experience and the students recommend this event to next year's Year 12.

Matt Smith, Rhian Bevan and Tosin Sonubi

DIARY DATES



Wed 5 Apr	Spring Concert, Hall, 7pm
Thurs 6 Apr	Term Ends, 3.20pm
Fri 7 Apr	Staff Training Day
Mon 24 Apr	Summer Term Begins, 8.40am
Wed 26 Apr	Y11/Sixth Form Year Photographs, 12.10pm
Mon 1 May	May Bank Holiday
Fri 5 May	Y7/8 PA Disco, Hall, 7-9pm

ONA LACROSSE AND NETBALL

The traditional netball and lacrosse fixtures against the ONA were played on 25 March. This is always a great occasion which has been held annually for many years. A massive thank you to Janet and Millie Calloway who continue to support the school in doing a great job in organising the ONA teams. It was great to see so many former St Bart's students playing and also so many spectators at the MUGA and at Brown's Meadow.

Results and players of the match were

Netball 1st team

ONA won 23-8 Tosin Sonubi

Netball 2nd team

ONA won 27-8 Niamh Watson



Lacrosse 1st team

ONA won 23-8 Millie Pope

Lacrosse 2nd team

ONA won 11-4 Cait Prendergast



BOYS' PE

Y8 Football v The Downs, 9 March

St Bart's had the perfect start with Will Oxley scoring within the first minute. We had the majority of the possession in the first half and were unlucky to have a second goal disallowed for offside.

The second half again saw St Bart's playing the better football, however a free kick was given against us from just outside the box from which The Downs scored the equaliser. The Downs scored their second goal from a high looping shot which won them the match.

Man of the match Cameron Dunbar.

GIRLS' PE

Netball

Well done to the Year 10 netball team who got to the semi-finals of the Area Netball Tournament. They beat The Downs, drew against St Gabriel's B team, drew against Willink and beat John O'Gaunt. They narrowly lost to St Gabriel's A team in the semi-finals.

Netball League v Little Heath

Y10 lost 14-12 Sophie Stancombe

Y11 won 14-7 Alex Earle

Y11 Area Tournament

Well done to the Y11 netball team who finished third from six teams in their Area Tournament held at St Bart's.

HOUSE SPORT CHAMPIONSHIP

TOTAL SCORES TO DATE

Curnock	282 points	3 rd
Davis	254 points	4 th
Evers	318 points	1 st
Patterson	298 points	2 nd

