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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all our readers, and as we enter the Spring Term we are looking forward to another positive year.

We also extend a warm welcome to new students and staff: Mr Barta, Teacher of MFL, Mrs Hopkins, Teaching Assistant Humanities, Miss Soltero Ibanez, Teacher of Spanish, Mrs Tapley, Teacher of Science and Mrs Taylor, Technician: Science

As we begin this term we have been thrilled to hear that St Bart's, for the second year running, has been shortlisted for the Berkshire Active Secondary School Awards. This is a tremendous achievement in itself and recognises all the activities available to our students and their participation in them. However, to win we have to get the most votes, and this year we are up against Park House and Edgbarrow schools, so we would really appreciate it if you could add your support and

**VOTE FOR US at: <http://bit.ly/2mcaX2J> and encourage others to do so. Voting will close at 5pm on Friday 19 January 2018**

and the winner will be announced at the Awards Evening on Friday 23 February 2018.

Also, Sam Hart, 12C1, has been shortlisted for the Junior Sports Personality of the Year

Award category which is well deserved recognition of his tremendous achievements in Triathlon and Cross Country,

Once again this term the calendar is very busy with a wide range of activities planned, in which we hope everyone will get involved and give their best so that we can continue the greatness and success of St Bart's in 2018.

In the coming months there are a number of important evenings for parents. For Year 11 there is a Parents' Evening on Thursday 25 January which is critical in supporting students to prepare for their final GCSE examinations in the summer. Then on Monday 29 January we look forward to meeting Year 9 parents to go through the Key Stage 4 curriculum with you and the choices your child has in terms of Options for September 2018.

Then on 6, 7 and 8 February we have our annual whole school production which this year is 'Beauty and the Beast' which we hope that many of you will come along and see, as it is promising to be an outstanding performance.

We are also pleased that many of our current sixth formers are receiving offers from their university applications, and acceptances have been secured. Year 11 have been busy placing applications for the Sixth Form next year and interviews for the Sixth Form will take place later this half term.

As the colder weather is now with us for a number of months, can I please ask that all students wear appropriate coats to school. Hoodies are not part of the school uniform and

only the official school jumpers are allowed to be worn.

Finally, over the next month we will again be asking all members of the school community to give their views on what St Bart's has to offer and the success of our students through completing our annual Kirkland Rowell questionnaire. We really value your opinions, as it helps us to promote the school and further improve upon our many strengths to ensure the best provision for all our students. I thank you in advance for your time in completing this questionnaire.

## **KS5 AWARDS EVENING CELEBRATES SUCCESSES**



Over 250 former Sixth Form students and their parents/carers returned to St Bartholomew's School last term for the annual Awards Evening.

With a rapidly expanding Sixth Form some exciting new aspects were introduced to the ceremony including greater emphasis on the Duke of Edinburgh Award. For the first time an award was given for exceptional contribution to the wider community and 4 accolades for outstanding involvement in Houses' activities. The evening culminated in an inspirational address from a former student, Matthew Hodgkin, who is forging a successful career in the film industry at Pinewood and Shepperton Studios.

This year group gained exceptional results. 80% of all grades were a C Grade or better and well over 50% of all grades were A\*, A or B. 25 students secured 3 Grades at A\* or A, and the overall progress of students was rated as

'Excellent'. So it's no surprise that this was a particularly positive and well-attended evening.



## **RAISING MONEY FOR HOUSE CHARITIES**



### **EVERS**

Well done to Ben, Alice, Jess, Sophia, Kitty, Elise, Lisa and Matthew (8E1) for raising a magnificent £90 between them by collecting 20 pence pieces in Smarties tubes.

### **PATTERSON**

Last term Patterson House raised £23.96 by holding a welly wanging competition. It was great fun, students from all year groups took part. Some teachers even joined in, the English department had an especially great turn out! The winner was Ollie Nethercot, 12C1 who won a gift voucher. Pictured above is Riley Seamons.



## DIARY DATES

Sixth Form Theatre Visit	Wed 10 Jan	3:30 – 11:30pm London
Y7/8 PA Disco	Fri 12 Jan	6:30 – 8:30pm, Hall
CCF Sunday Walk 2	Sun 14 Jan	8:30am – 4:00pm
German Exchange Information Eve	Mon 15 Jan	6:00pm, Hall

## CALENDAR UPDATES

Please note the following **amendment** to the calendar:

### **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Y8 Dance Day *has now been re-scheduled to:*

### **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Please note the following **additions** to the calendar:

### **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Y11 GCSE Drama assessment – students will be involved all day and a list of students taking part will be emailed in advance.

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*Due to a printing error, please note the following **amendment** to the calendar:*

Y12 Visit to UCAS Exhibition, Brunel University all day - calendared for Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March

*should read:*

### **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Y12 Visit to UCAS Exhibition, Brunel University all day

## SCIENCE “TOP UP TUESDAY” REVISION SESSIONS

Students in Y9 to Y11 are invited to “Top up Tuesday” revision sessions. There is a focus for each week, as detailed below. Students are welcome to attend as many or as few sessions as they wish. Students in Y9 and Y10 will not have studied every topic. If a student is unsure if it would be appropriate to attend a particular session their Science teachers will be able to advise.

Date	Teacher	ROOM	TOPIC
09/01	CLS	E116	Reactions of group 1&7 elements (Y 9 Chemistry/Recap for Y10&11)
16/01	DMS	E010	Particle model of matter; density (Recap for 9, 10 & 11)
23/01	CRE	E110	Sexual and Asexual reproduction.
30/01	CLS	E116	Bonding- Covalent, ionic and metallic (Y 10 Chemistry/Recap for Y11)
06/02	DMS	E010	Waves including transverse, longitudinal, electromagnetic (uses and dangers), reflection, refraction (Y9 to 11)
<b>HALF TERM</b>			
20/02	CRE	E110	Evolution.
27/02	CLS	E116	Properties of differently bonded substances- including giant covalent structures and polymers (Y 10 Chemistry/Recap for Y11)
06/03	DMS	E010	Newton’s Ist, 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Laws (Y10 and 11)
13/03	CRE	E110	Genetic engineering and GM organisms.
20/03	CLS	E116	Chromatography (Y 9 Chemistry/Recap for Y10&11)
27/03	DMS	E010	Magnetism and Electromagnetism (Y11)

## PHOTO COMPETITION

Pictures on the theme of 'OPENINGS'

There has been a number of very different interpretations for this half-term's competition. There is another competition next half-term and given that we could have some more snow soon ... the theme will be 'WHITE'.

Mrs Spillane (a parent) has sent in a well exposed shot with a rich blue sky almost silhouetting the trees. The houses are well lit but contrasted with the far darker alley. The image gives us just enough light in the alley so the overall image is uplifting rather than frightening!



Emily Ayling (12C2) has an interesting image taken from inside an object (a submarine), looking out. You can feel the claustrophobic nature of the submarine and even though there are clear ladder rungs to the outside it remains a dark and fear filled image. It is the lack of context in the sky that makes this feel that you could be leaving a dark but known space to enter a pale, but unknown one!



Mrs Brown (a parent) has shown the power of colour and balance in her image. The red doors immediately draw the eye and then you begin to notice the details; the doors themselves are largely symmetrical, but look again at the slightly off centre door lock, the sole letter box and the different fanlights. It all adds to the fascination of a seemingly simple image!



Sam White (10E1) has sent in a very peaceful image of Durdle Door in Dorset. The serenity is seen in all areas: there are no people, there is a 'millpond' sea and the sky has a gentle gradation from blue to white. There are only the rugged rocks that offer any contrast!



This term's winner is, once again, a difficult choice. Each image is very different and each one has a certain something about it! I have gone for the one from ... Emily. Her image obviously shows an opening, but it also leaves us wondering ... it is an opening leading to a better place, or not!?

### Photography Competition



Each half term there will be a photography competition to enter and the theme this half term is...

**WHITE**

Deadline: Wed 7-2-18

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

## **STUDENTS' BELONGINGS**

It is important that students' belongings are labelled and that they learn to be responsible for these.

Therefore, in an effort to encourage students to become responsible for their own belongings and maintain a pleasant school environment, we would ask that you remind your child to bring their belongings home with them every day or leave them in a locker.

A limited number of lockers are available in school, and should your child need one they can obtain an application form from their House Office (a £10 deposit is required).

The procedure for students to recover lost property can be summarised as follows:

- Students should check the list of lost property that their House Office holds.
- If they believe that the lost item is on the list, a visit to Reception will be arranged. (Reception is where lost property, other than PE kit is handed in).
- Every effort will be made to return named items to their owner.
- Items which are not named and not collected in 4 weeks, will be donated to the Parents' Association, who sell items of second hand uniform in the Community corridor every Friday between 3.00pm and 3.45pm. Non-school items will be given to charity.

Thank you for discussing this matter with your child.

## **CCF AT WEEKEND**

In November 12 cadets accompanied by staff travelled to Dolygaer in the Brecon Beacons to experience two days of walking. Well-nourished after a stop at Trefechan Fish Bar, all arrived at base in good time to settle in and produce route cards for the Saturday walk in the southern Brecons.

Saturday dawned wet and both groups departed base in full waterproofs undertaking a circular walk in opposite directions. Although the rain ceased late morning, the cloud base was always low thus limiting the views of this impressive landscape. Both groups finished within ten minutes of each other very much in line with their route cards.

After drying off the cadets were introduced to their 24 hour ration packs. Heavy rain had again set in so cooking was done indoors for all by staff before cadets once again got down to the task of preparing Sunday's route cards.

Sunday dawned fine but showers quickly developed, very heavy at times, but fortunately the last had gone by late morning. Visibility was then superb and all were able to appreciate the spectacular nature of not only the Brecons but the Black Mountains to the east as well as the more subdued landscape stretching north into mid-Wales. The real challenge on this day was the very strong wind which created a high wind chill factor. Notwithstanding, all completed their respective walks and can feel proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the weekend.

## **PE**

### **Y7 Martial Arts Experience**

On Friday 15th December the Y7s had a morning of Martial Arts with Damien Harfield and his team from Matt Fiddes Martial Arts. Each half year group gathered in the sportshall and were inspired by Damien and his team who gave our students the opportunity to try out some of the basic skills involved in Martial Arts. For anyone that is wanting to pursue their skills further there will be an opportunity for them to join a club at St Bart's early next term.

### **Boys**

Newbury Schools Rugby Floodlit League Results

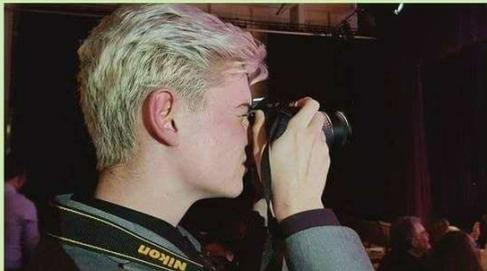
Y7A	5th
Y7B	2nd
Y8A	1st
Y8B	undefeated (although no official league)
Y9	1st
Y10	2nd
Y11	2nd
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	1 <sup>st</sup>

## Girls

### Lacrosse

Fantastic news to be proud of, we have had 3 senior lacrosse girls selected for the South West Junior Regional Squad 2017-2018. They are Millie Pope, Annabel Mangan and Izzy Sanderson. They were selected by Alex Carnegie-Brown, England Lacrosse U23 Coach, and Nikki Murphy, who is an American college coach who is on sabbatical in Salisbury. 180 girls were interested in being selected.

## Marc Jenner is Shaving His Hair!



### WHY?

To raise money for Newbury & District Cancer Care Trust, the Curnock house charity

### WHEN?

13<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### How can I donate?

Go to [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marcjennerhair](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marcjennerhair)

or

Give a cash donation to Curnock House Office or directly to Marc at Break or Activity Time in the Sixth Form Area

## GET BERKSHIRE ACTIVE



We need YOU to vote for us! St Bart's is once again shortlisted for Get Berkshire Active - Active Secondary School Award. Vote here: <http://bit.ly/2mcaX2J> The closing date 19th January!



## PLEASE NOTE



From now on BartholoNews will be published on a Wednesday.