

# BartholoNews



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## ST BART'S WINS THE BERKSHIRE ACTIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL AWARDS!

We are delighted to have won the award for the second year running. Students and staff at St Bartholomew's dedicate their time and efforts to attain sporting excellence and participation by all students in such a wide range of activities so it's wonderful to see this recognised in such a celebratory way.

The award was presented and announced at the ceremony hosted by Sport Presenter Tim Dellor at the Hilton Hotel, Reading on Friday 23rd February 2018.

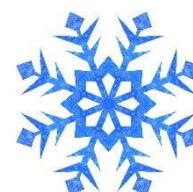


350 sport enthusiasts assembled at the ceremony which reflected on a fantastic year of sport and physical activity in Berkshire and local Olympic Skeet Shooter Amber Hill enthused guests with her inspirational after-dinner speech.

Student Sam Hart, from Year 12, shortlisted for the Junior Sports Personality of the Year Award, was also in the top 3 nominations across the whole of Berkshire. This was a tremendous achievement for Sam and we congratulate Sam on this.

## WINTER WEATHER

St Bart's expects to remain open throughout the year, given our modern buildings, site and equipment.



Care should always be taken when walking to and from school. In severe weather, individuals' decisions with regard to travel to school, must be based on their assessment of local road and transport conditions.

Should extreme conditions necessitate a closure on health and safety grounds, or a later start to the school day, information will be provided as quickly as possible via:

- The Schoolcomms email system
- St Bart's website [www.stbarts.co.uk](http://www.stbarts.co.uk) (homepage)
- St Bart's Twitter @St\_Barts\_School
- Facebook
- West Berkshire Council website [www.westberks.gov.uk](http://www.westberks.gov.uk) (click on Schools)
- BBC Radio Berkshire
- Heart Radio
- The Breeze

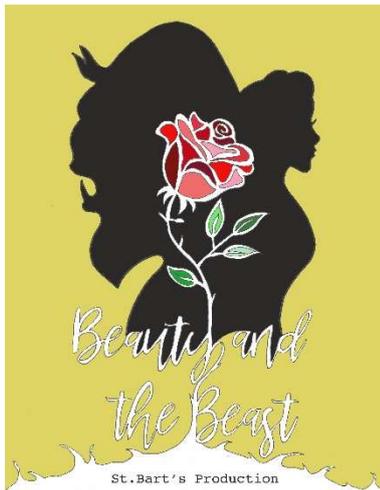
Should it be necessary to close the school part way through the school day, we will communicate this via:

- The Schoolcomms email system
- St Bart's website [www.stbarts.co.uk](http://www.stbarts.co.uk) (homepage)
- St Bart's Twitter @St\_Barts\_School
- Facebook

In the event of an early closure, we will assume that parents / carers give permission for their child to be released from school, earlier than the normal time of 3.20pm (or 3.00pm on a Friday), unless parents / carers let us know, preferably by email (or telephoning the House Office). In any circumstances we would be able to supervise students until such a time when parents could arrange collection.

If the school were to be closed, students should look on Show My Homework to find the work set. Any students unable to access the site would be well advised to contact friends to pick up the work set, by phone.

## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



In the last week before half term, students transported sell out audiences into the fantasy world of Beauty and the Beast. Stand out performances were given by Carla Pattenden as Belle, Jake Mavis as

Lumiere, Joel Douglas as Gaston and Henry Barker as Cogsworth. Of course, these performances were part of a huge ensemble of fantastic dancers and singers. All performances were aided by a great technical and backstage team headed up by Joe Pollard, Conor Babb, Scott Butler and Thomas Grant.

Well done to all involved in this spectacular show!

## WORK EXPERIENCE REPORT

*by Kieran Reeves Year 13*

During the week of the 5 February, I undertook work experience at Marks and Spencer in Newbury. I worked mostly on the food section. This involved putting out stock, date rotation, tidying selves and also

discounting products. I spent a day on the men's clothing department putting out stock and reorganising some of the section. I have gained valuable skills in problem solving, communication and business and customer awareness. The experience has been extremely valuable as I gained confidence in talking to new people and learned how work as a team whilst having fun in the process. This has reaffirmed to me that although I may not work in the food industry I do want to work around people and help customers as part of my job. Overall I have found the experience very valuable and it has helped with my BTEC Business course. I will miss all the lovely people I have met in the process.

*Feedback from Mrs Grant, Business teacher*

It was clear when I went to visit Kieran that he was fully involved in his placement. When I spoke to staff supervising him, they were full of praise for his attitude and his ability to grasp new concepts quickly. The section manager told me that she would not hesitate to offer Kieran a job as he had been an exceptional work experience student. Well done Kieran on being such a fantastic ambassador for the subject and the school!

## DIARY DATES

Parents' Association Meeting	Weds 28 Feb	7pm, R1
Y9 Deadline KS4 Option Choices	Thurs 1 Mar	
House Debating Week	Mon 5 Mar	
Y11 GCSE Drama Visit to Didcot	Tues 6 Mar	6:15 – 10pm
KS3 Music trip to Reading Hexagon	Weds 7 Mar	9:30am – 1:30pm
Y8 Parents' Curriculum Information Evening	Weds 7 Mar	6:30pm, Hall



COME ALONG TO

# PATTERSON HOUSE EVENING

DANCE ☆ MUSIC ☆ DRAMA

**9TH MARCH 2018**  
**7 PM**

£3 CONCESSIONS £5 ADULTS  
GET TICKETS FROM THE HOUSE OFFICE

## POLITICS PARLIAMENT TRIP

Last Tuesday, 70 6th formers who studied politics or Law went to London to visit Parliament. The rainy weather didn't dampen their enthusiasm or spirits. At Parliament, we had an hour tour round both



houses and we were able to stand in the houses and see where all the different MPs would sit. We were also able to see where MP's would go and vote and learnt about some of the traditions of Parliament, for example that The House of Commons will always slam the door on the Queens representative at the opening of Parliament. After our tour, we then had a seminar on how laws were made and this included going through the process of

introducing our own law. All students felt that the tour and seminar had been good for building on and consolidating knowledge.

## TEN TORS TRAINING UPDATE

On Sunday 25 February Y10 students completed their 4th Sunday Walk as part of the training for the Ten Tors event this year. It was a cold start, meeting at 8.30am in Leckhampstead, but a gloriously sunny day for a walk in the Berkshire countryside.



The students involved are improving their navigation skills with every walk and learning to work effectively as a team, in preparation for the challenge on Dartmoor in May. Having started crunching over icy paths the ground thawed as the day progressed, although there was still a bitterly cold wind to contend with at the higher peaks. After covering a total of 18 miles, through Whatmore and Great Shefford all 10 (tired) students successfully completed the day's challenge finishing at Snelsmore Common by 4pm. The next walk is in 3 weeks time, when full expedition rucksacks will be carried. After the Easter holidays the students will go for a weekend to Dartmoor for their final training and selection of the final 6 for the 35 mile Ten Tors team.

## EVERS CHARITY FUND RAISING

Well done to Evers, who have recently held several successful activities for their charities.

10E3 cake sale - £58.61

7E3 cake sale - £79.69

8E2 chocolate tombola - £42.25



## RE GCSE EXAM PREPARATION SESSIONS

What	When	Time & Where
Islam practices. How to answer questions.	Thursday 1 March	3:30-4:00 D111
Islam beliefs. Learn key quotes and how to apply to 5 and 12 mark questions	Thursday 8 March	3:30-4:00 D117
Christianity. Learn key quotes and how to apply to 5 and 12 mark questions	Thursday 15 March	3:30-4:00 D117
Matters of life	Thursday 22 March	3:30-4:00 D111
Paper 1: Beliefs – How to answer 'Influences' questions	Wednesday 28 March	3:30-4:00 D117
Paper 1: Practices – How to answer 'Contrasts' questions themes – similarities or contrasts with the 'main religious tradition in Great Britain'.		

Drop in sessions with Mrs Evans every Tuesday & Thursday after school in D110.

## PE

### Volleyball

Congratulations to Saul Marinez, Gabriel Martinez and Lucas Veta, who on 17th February were involved in U15 Regional Training at Ashcombe. This is a tremendous achievement and reflects the hard work of

these students both at the St Bart's and the Newbury volleyball clubs.

Gabriel was also selected to play in an adult mixed team at Aldershot where he was awarded Most Valuable player! Also huge congratulations to Alistair Swain who was selected to attend England Cadet Trials. After a very successful first trial Alistair has been asked back to attend further trials, we wish him the very best of luck.

**St Bart's Parents' Association**



**Please join us for our next fundraiser**

**The Big PA Family Quiz**  
**Big prizes. Big raffle**  
**The biggest fish and chips supper in Town**

**Quizmaster Peter Bell back by popular demand**  
**Saturday 17 March at 7pm**

Bring your own drinks & nibbles  
We provide fish, sausage or spring roll and chips

This is a popular event for families and any age is welcome  
although questions suit 11+.

**Please book your tickets and make your food choices in  
advance at [stbartspa.co.uk](http://stbartspa.co.uk).**

Tickets £12 adults, £10 staff, £8.00 students  
We hope you can join us!

### Netball

This week we played John O'Gaunt in league netball fixtures.

Results and players of the match were as follows:

Y10, Maddie Barnes

Y11, won 19-9, Lucianna Browne

## Lacrosse

This week we played Heathfields.  
Results and players of the match were as follows:

1sts, won 9-6, Izzie Lainsbury and Millie Pop  
2nds, won 11-1, Emma Greenslade and Amber Layton

Y10, Lola Callaghan and Fran Smith

Y9, won 8-1, Luci Robertson and Beth Charton

Y8, won 13-0, Polly Hassel-Collins and Anna Colston

Y7, 1-1, Sophie Barr and Izzy Tucker



### Advanced Photography Workshop: Mastering Manual Mode

Are you interested in learning how to take more control of your images using manual mode?

You can, with this three-week workshop to be held at St Bartholomew's School

**Starting on Monday 12 March 2018**  
**6pm to 7pm**

Suitable for adults and older students  
£45 per person

For further information and a registration form see Mr Turner in E130 or email [pturner@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:pturner@stbarts.co.uk)

## RECEIVING SCHOOL EMAILS



If you have not been or you stop receiving emails from St Bart's we would advise you to check that they aren't going into your SPAM folder. Some email providers have a

'safe list' feature. To make sure you receive emails add SC8695402a@schoolcomms.com to this list. If after doing this you still don't receive emails please let us know.

## CALL FOR HOST FAMILIES FOR GERMAN STUDENTS



The Sixth Form has received 7 applications to study at St Bart's from September 2018 From our partner school in Germany

**They will need a host family willing to host them for the year.**

**Payment for this is current £125 a week**

**Students live as part of your family during term time, returning home for Christmas and Easter**

Please contact  
Mrs Burnett [mburnett@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:mburnett@stbarts.co.uk) or  
Mrs Wood [mwood@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:mwood@stbarts.co.uk)  
for more information

## SCHOOL ABC

A reminder that our School ABC was created by Year Councils and sets out clear guidelines which help to ensure success for all students:

Always listen  
Be polite  
Cooperate



Neil Cook  
Assistant Headteacher

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