

# BartholoNews



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## ST BART'S 2018 OFSTED REPORT



As recently detailed in a letter to parents, we are really pleased to report that throughout our latest short inspection the Ofsted team

consistently saw strong practice and evidence that the school has continued to improve towards potentially now being outstanding. This is the best outcome that could possibly have been achieved from this inspection.

It is very pleasing that the Ofsted team recognised what a great school St Bartholomew's is and how we strive for excellence and ensure that students make excellent progress. The inspectors' praise for the students was of the highest level and they stated that students were proud of their school. As a school, we always look to improve and ensure we move to being outstanding in every respect and this will continue to be the case.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their continued support and to all of you who completed Parent View. 329 responses were received to the online questionnaire, which was excellent. [A copy of the Ofsted report can also be found here](#) or via a link on our website at [www.stbarts.co.uk](http://www.stbarts.co.uk).

## BRITISH COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD FOR ST BART'S

St Bart's has been awarded foundation level of the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.



The Award celebrates schools that do exceptional work in international education, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life and work in today's world.



The award was given to St. Bart's in view of the commitment to Modern Foreign Languages through the employment of three foreign language assistants (FLAs) for German, French and Spanish.

St. Bart's has been employing FLAs for over 20 years. They work with the 6th form students individually or in small groups to support their skills and boost their confidence in achieving the best possible outcome for their exams. They also support KS4 classes to prepare for GCSE exams under teachers' guidance.

St Bart's have been running school exchanges with partner schools overseas including China for Y9 - Y13 students for many years.

We are extremely proud to win this award and credit for this achievement goes to the hard work and commitment of our entire MFL team.

## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

### VACANCY FOR COMMUNITY TRUSTEE

St Bartholomew's School Charitable Foundation, has a vacancy for a Community Trustee.



The Foundation owns the majority of the land and buildings of the school, is custodian of many prize funds,

other funds relating to the upkeep of the school and has responsibility for a permanent endowment of funds and assets, including property. The principal object of the Foundation is to provide educational benefits to the students of St Bartholomew's School.

There are 12 Foundation Trustees who meet once a term. Half of the Trustees are nominated by West Berkshire Council, Newbury Town Council and Newbury Almshouse Trust. There are six Community Trustees who are usually drawn from the local community and are valued because they are able to enhance the Foundation with their skills and knowledge. The term of office for Community Trustees is four years.

Appointments are usually made based on the skills needed for the Foundation to continue to function effectively. On this occasion, we are looking for someone with local knowledge and past or present connection with the school. Some experience of property/land management and some understanding of committee work would be helpful.

It is hoped to be able to appoint a new Community Trustee in June. The closing date for applications is noon on 23 May, 2018.

If you have the skills noted above and would like to apply, or have any questions about the role, please contact Helen Sutherland, Clerk to the Foundation at [foundation@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:foundation@stbarts.co.uk).

## DIARY DATES

Y7-Y13 English Schools Athletics, Boys,	Weds 9 May	All day
Y12 Scholars trip	Weds 9 May	Keble College, Oxford
Y9 English trip, Romeo and Juliet	Thurs 10 May	Stratford 10.45am – 6pm
Ten Tors Event 2018	Thurs 10 May	depart 11am (ret. Sun 13 May approx. 8pm)
Y13 English Literature trip	Thurs 10 May	Oxford Playhouse 5.30pm
Graduation Day for Y11	Fri 11 May	
U15/U17 District Track and Field Athletics	Fri 11 May	Palmer Park all day
GCSE/AS&A LEVEL EXAMS START	Mon 14 May	

## Photography Competition



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

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Deadline: Wed 23-5-18

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

## CULTIVATE COMPETITION

Cultivate is a business ideas competition for schools in West Berkshire. Having had a 90 minute workshop from Vodafone in professional presentation skills, students from St Bart's had 3 days to develop a business idea for submission.

Four Teams were put through to take part in the next round of this competition at Bayer International in Reading where they pitched their business ideas to industry executives. St Bart's performed fantastically with all teams getting excellent feedback from the judges. Three teams made it to the finals where they will compete for a cash prize and receive mentoring from industry experts.

The students who made it through were Abbie Holland, Kunal Agarwal and Amit Manna (Y8) Sam Dean and Hasan Edaan (Y9), Special mention must however go to our Y7 Entrants Sophia Mason and Emily Jardine, who whilst they didn't make it through to the final, took on a huge challenge and did St Bart's proud.

## TENNIS SEASON GETS UNDERWAY IN STYLE!




The Y7/ 8 boys' first tennis game of the 2018 season ended in a thumping win against Thorngrove. With 9 wins to Thorngroves 1, both A and B teams impressed with some excellent tennis in windy conditions. With one more group game to play, this places St Bart's in pole position to advance through to the next round. A big well done to the following players involved: George Shakespeare, Haaris Begg, Callum Tang, Tom Pritchard, Edan Forrester, Michael Dann, Tom Froud and Henry Malone.


## PLEASE DONTATE OUTGROWN UNIFORM TO THE PA SHOP

Have you finished with items of your uniform or PE kit? All donations welcome (but no white shirts or skirts please) blazers, trousers, ties, skorts, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, purple sweatshirts, rugby shirts, polo shirts, PE socks, rugby/football/lacrosse boots, CCF boots and uniform either at the shop on Friday afternoons or any time via the main reception desk in a clearly marked bag.

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