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EXCITING MOTOR RACING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS



St Bart's are close to being able to launch a very exciting project in September which will

give students the opportunity to design, build and race an electric car. The initiative is organised by the Greenpower Education Trust (<https://www.greenpower.co.uk/about>).

This is a fantastic opportunity for students in Years 7-10 to get involved, whether as a driver, designer, engineer or one of the many support roles that combine to make a great racing team. In order to be able to launch in September, we are looking for some further sponsorship, having already secured some very generous donations from St Bart's PA and the James Ballantyne Memorial Fund.

Do you own a business or work for a business that would be interested in supporting us? Or maybe you know someone or an organisation that would be able to help?

We need to raise a further £500 for September and beyond the initial launch we will be looking for further support in purchasing equipment, such as parts, crash helmets and overalls.

To get involved please contact Jane Goldie: jgoldie@stbarts.co.uk



The school orchard, planted in 2014 looks set to bear some good fruit this year. We had good blossom on the apple, pear, quince, plum and damson trees. The under-planting of the orchard with purple Camassias, completed by the Horticulture team in 2015, also looks great at this time of year.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE TRIP FOR GOLD DofE STUDENTS

Two former students from St Bart's, Howard Drury and Alexander Forsyth, will attend a presentation in the gardens of Buckingham Palace on the 24 May 2018, where they will receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award from HRH Princess Eugenie of York, HRH The Earl of Wessex and HRH The Countess of Wessex. They will congratulate the students on their successes and hear about their DofE journeys, taking each student 12-18 months of hard work and dedication.

Those who achieve a Gold DofE Award volunteer, learn a skill, get fit, take part in a week long residential and plan and undertake an expedition in Wild Country. DofE programmes enable any young person, aged 14-24, to develop key skills for life and work, such as confidence, commitment and team working.

Linnhe Lay, who is the DofE Manager at St Bart's will also be attending the presentation to see her students receive their Gold Awards.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is the world's leading youth achievement award that develops young people for life and work, there are currently around 420,000 young people taking part in a DofE programme across the UK through a variety of centres including both state and independent schools, special schools, businesses, prisons, young offender institutions and youth groups.

St Bart's support the; Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE Award's and students can start participating in the Award from Y9. To find out more about the DofE and how it enables young people to succeed, please visit www.DofE.org

GDPR AND CHANGES TO DATA PROTECTION

On 25 May 2018 the UK will see the biggest change to data privacy laws for 20 years as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) begins.

St Bartholomew's has worked hard to ensure that we are compliant with GDPR; part of this exercise has involved us publishing a new privacy notice, to make it easier for you to find out how we use and protect your information, as well as the Rights you have relating to your personal data. You'll find this Privacy Policy on our website from 25 May. Or you can get in touch to ask us for a copy.

You don't need to do anything, as we are not doing anything new or different with personal information.

You can view our Privacy Policy online <https://www.stbarts.co.uk/contact-apply/privacy-policy/> and contact our Data Protection Officer at DPO@stbarts.co.uk with any queries.

ROMEO AND JULIET AT STRATFORD UPON AVON.

On Thursday 10 May the English Department took some lucky Year 9 students to see Romeo and Juliet at the Royal Shakespeare Company Theatre in Stratford Upon Avon. The students are currently studying this play in class and we felt experiencing a production by this well established and talented theatre production company would really help to improve their understanding of the play.

We arrived in good time and the students eagerly took their seats. The production used modern and exciting costume and interesting sets to bring the play to life. They made some interesting cast choices, Mercutio and the Prince were played by women which cast new light on these roles and they employed the use of ghosts to remind the audience of the deaths of Mercutio, Tybalt and Paris during the final scenes of Romeo and Juliet.



photographer – Topher McGrillis

The students enjoyed the chance to experience the thrill and dynamism of real life actors exploring this interesting and thought provoking play.

ACCELERATOR PHYSICS TRIP TO RUTHERFORD APPLETON LABORATORY

In March Year 12 and 13 students took part in an Accelerator Day at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. The ISIS Neutron and Muon Source is located in Harwell, near the River Thames. Its name comes from the colloquial term for the river as it runs through Oxford.

This large particle accelerator does precisely as the name suggests – in speeding up particles. The fast moving neutrons are fired at materials and the patterns produced can be analysed to reveal the structure of those materials. The accelerator supplies neutrons to over 30 instruments, which can be thought of as 30 individual microscopes.

Projects which these microscopes are used for include understanding the human immune response, developing the next generation of battery technology, testing the robustness of instruments destined to be launched into space, or studying the structure of items recovered from Egyptian tombs.

Whilst we were there we had a tour of the facility and were shown all parts of the process while potentially ground-breaking experiments were taking place. We also heard about the inner working of the accelerator and were given an understanding of how much maintenance is required to keep a particle accelerator running.



A particular highlight was a talk delivered by Dr Emmanuel Olaiya, an engaging speaker who discussed the Standard Model (the

foundation of modern quantum physics) in depth.

The last section of the day was devoted to solving some really challenging problems. Which highlighted how many of the topics we study as part of the A level Physics course have to be understood for this technology to work. We really learnt a lot from the day, and enjoyed it immensely.



You Are Invited!

Ofsted & CQC Participation Meeting

**Wednesday 16th May
11.45—1.00pm**

The Chequers Hotel, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 1JB

If you have any queries, please contact Fiona Worby on 077860 942280 or email fionaworby@roseroad.org.uk

Your views on SEND in West Berkshire are being sought by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC)

These views are critical to the inspection process, and the inspectors are keen to speak to as many parent and carers as possible. So to ensure your voice is heard, please come along.

Open to all parents and carers in West Berkshire. No need to book! Free Parking and refreshments.



This event has been hosted and run by West Berkshire Parent Carer Forum

www.wbpcf.org.uk

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION: VACANCIES FOR COMMUNITY TRUSTEES

St Bartholomew's School Charitable Foundation has two vacancies for Community Trustees.

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 candidates who have local knowledge and past or present connections with the school. Some experience of property/land management and/or a finance background, as well as some understanding of committee work would be helpful.

It is hoped to be able to appoint one new Community Trustee in June and one in September. The closing date for applications is extended to noon on 25th 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.

Photography Competition



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

OLD

Deadline: Wed 23-5-18

Email entries to pturner@stbarts.co.uk with your name, your tutor group and a brief description

PE

Tennis

St Bart's Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 boys tennis players had resounding wins against Denefield School. Both A and B teams were involved with 14 boys in total all experiencing convincing wins. The Year 7 and 8 boys team have now won their division and will advance through to the knockouts! Well done to all involved.

ST BART'S ALUMNI

St Bart's has a new Alumni Association!



Are you in touch with past students? Have they signed up to our alumni network through Future First?

Please point them in the right direction so that they can receive our forthcoming newsletter and reconnect with old friends!

[Click here to go to the Alumni Portal](#)

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