

# BartholoNews



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## MRS SIMS RETIRES AFTER 19 YEARS AT ST BARTS

Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Sims, retired at Christmas after 19 years at St Bart's. Mrs Sims has contributed much to the leadership of the school and the House system, which we celebrated 100 years of last year. She says this will be one of her fondest memories of a school which, like most educational establishments, has seen much change. Mrs Sims was teaching at St Bart's when we moved to our current building in 2010.

Mrs Sims was also instrumental in the success of the school's 2007 polo team being the first state school to win the Schools and Universities Polo Association Cup. The story of the team captured the imagination of the nation's press with much national coverage following thereafter and even a screenplay penned by Julian Fellowes.



Her other favourite memories include when we hosted Children in Need for South East BBC and, following the completion of the new school buildings, the introduction of flags depicting the birthplace of every student in the school in the Hub to show the acceptance and value of difference.

Mrs Sims says she has enjoyed meeting people: parents, professionals and most of all students, from all walks of life, each with their



different stories, many of whom, she says, are unsung heroes. She looks forward to hearing about the careers of students she has taught for years to come.

Mrs Sims has supported so many students and families over the years and she will be sorely missed. We thank Mrs Sims for her significant contribution to St Bart's during her time at the school and wish her well in her retirement.

**HOW TO BE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY**



**Tip of the week from the Eco Club:**

**Ensure your skincare products do not contain microbeads.** These tiny pieces of plastic, often added to cosmetics, are frequently ending up in the sea.

## Calendar



Y11 GCSE PE Handball	Weds 16 Jan	Fixture - 4.00pm (Home)
Y12/13 Drama Visit	Thurs 17 Jan	Piccadilly Theatre, London, depart 11.30am
Art, Graphics & Music Progress Evening	Thurs 17 Jan	3.30 - 4.15pm
Year 10 PDP Performance 'Risking It All',	Mon 21 Jan	Hall, 11.10am-12.40pm
Y7 Vocablics Quiz	Tues 22 Jan	
Parents Association Meeting,		Wormestall Meeting Room, 7.00pm

View all school events in our online calendar, [click here to go straight there](#)



## EXAM DATES – 2019

17 January	Results of November GCSE exams released
w/c 25 February	Individual Candidate Timetables released
13 May	First date of public examinations
20 June	Final public examination (GCSE)
25 June	Final public examination (GCE A Level)
15 August	Results of Summer GCE A Level exams released
22 August	Results of Summer GCSE released

## ST BART'S KS5 AWARDS EVENING

Over 200 former Sixth Form students and their parents/carers returned to be awarded with A Level certificates and prizes at the annual KS5 Awards Evening. Students were joined by parents, teachers and governors, as well as the Mayor of Newbury, Councillor Margo Payne, Chairman of West Berkshire Council, Councillor Carol Jackson-Doerge and Councillor Howard Bairstow, to celebrate their outstanding achievements.



30 students were awarded Special Prizes for Academic Achievement, having obtained 3 or more A\* and A's at A Level. In keeping with the Sixth Form's belief in recognising and investing in all students' potential, Special Prizes for Progress shown between KS4-KS5 were also given to a further 10 students.

In addition to subject awards, excellence in sport, leadership, public speaking and fortitude were recognised. The occasion also highlighted the importance of community, with awards given to students who made an outstanding contribution their Houses.

Joseph Seward, was also acknowledged for his contribution to the wider community including his sponsored cycle-ride for Guide Dogs UK, funding and organising a first aid training day, volunteering at West Berkshire community hospital and winning the British Wheelchair Basketball Association Young Volunteer of the Year Award in June 2017.

It is important to foster a sense of community, inclusiveness and belonging within our Houses, Sixth Form, the wider school and our local community. We are so proud of the key

role our Sixth Formers play in leading and inspiring the younger years.

The evening culminated in an inspirational and entertaining address from a former student, Holly Titford, who is forging a successful career in the Cabinet Office. Holly's best memories of St Bart's include energetic discussion in the debating society and "the joy of a jam doughnut" after a freezing cold lacrosse match. Holly adds "St Bart's gave me a real appetite for learning for learning's sake, this curiosity has stood me in good stead throughout my short career so far."

It is always a pleasure to reward our A Level students for their hard work and commitment, and this year is particularly special as so many of our students gained exceptional results. In the summer of 2018, at A Level 33% of all grades were A\*/A and 82% of all grades were C grade or better.



## Digital Photography Workshops for Beginners

Just got a new camera?  
Want to use it on more  
than just 'auto'?

Want to take more striking images?

Why not sign up for this course of **three** digital 'beginners' photography workshops?

Monday evenings 6.00-7.00 pm  
starting **28 January**  
at a cost of £30 per person

Open to adults and students alike

**Get more information**  
**from Mr Turner in E017**  
**or email [pturner@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:pturner@stbarts.co.uk)**

## PE

### Lacrosse

Last Saturday we travelled to St Mary's Calne with all 6 Lacrosse teams for fixtures against St Mary's Calne, Cheltenham Ladies' College and Rencomb.

Players of the matches are as follows:

Year 7, Imogen Moon and Kirsten Bulter

Year 8, Josie Robertson and Tally

Glendenning

Year 9, Gemma Moon, Izzy Duly, Polly

Hassell-Collins, Georgia Humphreys.

Year 10, Bianca Vicaria, Luci Robertson and

Zoe Quartley

2nds, Jess Raines

1sts, Davina Emetulu

## Photography Competition



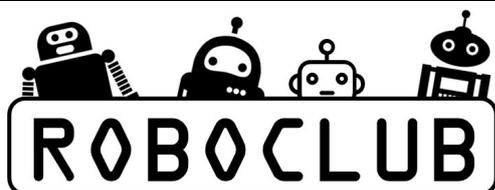
Each half term there will be a photography competition to enter and the theme this half term is...

**COLD**

Deadline: 13 February 2019

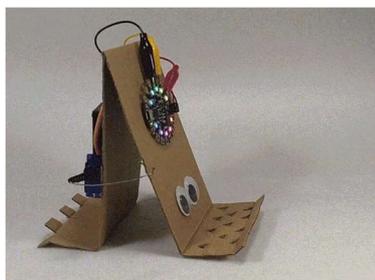
Email entries to [pturner@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:pturner@stbarts.co.uk)

\*with your name, your tutor group and a brief description



Monday activity time – W215  
Open to year 7

Hack together gadgets out of  
Microbits and servos



Our first project will be creating inchworms. Whose will be the fastest?!

First come, first served,  
see Mr Cope for more information

## Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Saba Williams who swims for Reading Swimming Club; she will be competing at the Berkshire & South Bucks County Swimming Championships this month.

Further Congratulations to Darcy Hunt, due to swim in several events on 2 & 3 February in the Hampshire County Swimming Championships.

## Boxercise Kicks Off New Term

The Cycle of Success Boxercise classes have started again! On Tuesday 8 January we began the New Year in style with an inspirational Boxercise session led by Damien Harfield. A fabulous number of students attended this session and we hope to encourage more to join us. The session runs every Tuesday morning 8 - 8.20 am in the Sports Hall.



Come and join the class of 2019 where you have the opportunity to earn Kudos points and win a bag of exciting goodies!



## PARENTS' DISCO

Parents and adults alike are invited to join us for an evening of music, dancing and fun on Friday 1 February from 8pm – 11pm in the Hall. A cash bar will be available and tickets, costing £5 each, can be purchased online in advance from [www.stbartspa.co.uk](http://www.stbartspa.co.uk). Bring your friends and come along to a great evening whilst supporting St Bart's.



## 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 are not going into your SPAM folder. Some email providers have a 'safe list' feature. To make

sure you receive emails, add [SC8695402a@schoolcomms.com](mailto:SC8695402a@schoolcomms.com) to this list. If after doing this you still do not receive emails, please let us know.

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### School Uniform and PE Kit

Outgrown it? Lost it? Torn it? Need a spare?

**Visit the Parents' Association  
Second-hand Uniform Shop**

just inside the Students' Entrance on the right.



Open on  
Fridays during  
term time from  
**3pm to  
3.45pm**

Prices range from  
**50p to £10**

**All donations welcome**

**(but no white shirts or skirts please!)**

either at the shop on Friday afternoons, or any time via the main reception desk in a clearly marked bag.

**Help raise funds for your school!**

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