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NEW CONFERENCE FACILITIES AT ST BART'S

A sustained increase in students taking up their A Level and other Key Stage 5 studies has necessitated recent remodelling and building work at St Bart's

The existing Robinson Rooms within the school have been adapted as quiet study rooms for Sixth Form students and consequently new conference rooms for school and community use have been built, boasting enhanced facilities for hirers. The



Modernised Sixth Form Area

work completes a project begun in 2017 to modernise key Sixth Form areas.



Wormestall Conference Room

focused areas, which students will benefit from, as the rooms are used for exams. The Wormestall Conference Room is a spacious room, benefiting from large windows and natural light; it has a capacity of up to 110

seated. The second room, a smaller break-out/board room, Wormestall Meeting Room, has a capacity of 20. These rooms are available to hire from £20 an hour and bookings are now being taken.



Wormestall Meeting Room

We are delighted with the new facilities. This will help St Bart's to continue to develop what we can offer to Key Stage 5 students, building on our reputation of excellence.

Additionally, the school continues to offer many facilities for community use during the evenings, weekends and school holidays. This includes an extensive range of indoor and outdoor sports facilities, dance and drama studios, a large school Hall and classrooms. Catering and refreshment provision is available by arrangement.

More details are available on the school website, www.stbarts.co.uk or by contacting the lettings team, lettings@stbarts.co.uk

HOW TO BE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY



Tip of the week from the Eco Club

Take shorter showers

Calendar



Parents Association Meeting,	Weds 13 Mar	Wormestall Conference Centre - 7pm
Y12 Higher Education Event	Thurs 14 Mar	Brunel University – all day
Y11 Drama visit ‘Bouncers’,	Thurs 14 Mar	Corn Exchange – 7.30pm
PA Quiz	Sat 16 Mar	Hall – 7pm
CCF Sunday Walk 5	Sun 17 Mar	8.30am – 4.00pm
Y9 Boys and Girls Td/IPV and ACWY Immunisations	Mon 18 Mar	
Drama rehearsal	Tues 18 Mar	all day
House Drama Performance –	House Drama Performance – 7pm	7pm

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

FUN ON RED NOSE DAY



Friday 15 March is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Students and staff will be able to wear non-

uniform for the day in exchange for £1 which will be split between Comic Relief and the House Charities. Here are some brief details about the charities that our Houses are supporting this year.

Curnock has supported the local charity **Newbury and District Cancer Care** for many years. Curnock are one of the key benefactors and have raised over £85,000 for the cause in this time.

The House Charity for **Davis** is **Bloodwise**- a blood cancer charity. The students voted to support this charity last year. This year so far we have raised £1,150.

Evers House have supported Mencap for in excess of 20 years. Last year we raised over £2,500 through various fundraising activities. We also have a number of students who volunteer at Mencap on a regular basis.

Patterson House have been supporting **Guide Dogs for the Blind** for a number of years. We have recently started the process of sponsoring our 7th dog which is unprecedented in the UK, no other school has supported more than 3 dogs. Each dog we sponsor as a House means our wonderful students and staff have managed to raise £2,500.

Staff have agreed to take part in a Dodgeball Competition on Friday at Activity Time. They will be playing for their House Teams and the competition is already getting intense! The costumes might also raise a few chuckles.

Tickets to watch the staff dodgeball are on sale in House Offices, but places are limited so students should bring in 50p soon to be in with a chance to witness this extravaganza of sporting prowess.

SCIENCE WEEK

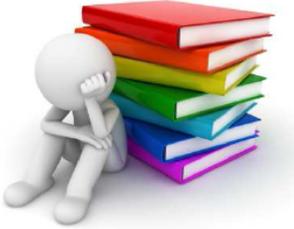


As part of Science Week, E011 was turned into a giant ‘pinhole camera’. Firstly the room had all

of the blinds pulled down and the central window was covered with black paper. The paper had a small hole cut in it and then the students had to wait a short while, until their eyes adjusted to the limited light, and then they saw the ‘camera’ at work! The picture (taken with a digital camera) shows the viewing screen hanging in the middle of the lab and you can see that the image on it is upside down, clearly shows the sky and trees and is in full colour!



**Exam Stress & Anxiety
Information Session
for Parents & Carers**



**6.30pm
Monday 1st April 2019,
Wormestall Conference Centre
St. Bartholomew's School**



Clubs & Societies Spotlight

DEBATING

When: Monday, 12.45-1.15

Where: C017

Who for: All years



We start with Just a Minute! Enjoy arguing, public speaking and fun! We talk about current affairs and a range of different controversial topics.

How to join in: Contact Mrs Lane in W132
Or just turn up!

ST BART'S SKI TRIP 2019

On 15 February 32 St Bart's students embarked on their 26 hour coach journey to Austria. We drove through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, and then finally arrived in Alpendorf, Austria, on the 16 February. That day we explored the town we were staying in, and found our hotel which was ski-in ski-out, near the slopes and gondola.



Our room, had 2 beds downstairs plus the toilet and bathroom, then 5 beds upstairs with a cool spiral staircase.

Advanced group:

As we arrived at the slopes for the first day of skiing, we met our ski instructors. Our first day skiing was amazing, we managed to do quite a few runs, including exercises such as lifting one ski up when we turned and carving.

Beginner group:

This trip was my first time skiing and it was amazing. I loved it and made so many memories that I'm going to always look back on and laugh and smile about. On the ski trip you talk to everyone, even if you don't normally at school. Our instructors were amazing and the teachers were so funny and kind.

The rest of the week flew by, and our evening activities included a shopping trip, skittles, quiz night, and a pizza night, and lots of games of Dobble. Then on the last day all the groups came together and did a slalom and we had an awards evening before having an early night ready for the long journey back home, after having the best week skiing. The trip was amazing.

Elizabeth Dann and Lily Humphrey (10E1)



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-session workshop to be held at St Bartholomew's School **Starting on Monday 18 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 E017 or email pturner@stbarts.co.uk

A LEVEL ENGLISH VISIT TO EMC ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONFERENCE IN LONDON

Recently the A Level English Language students had the opportunity to visit an enriching conference with talks from experts, all of which were relevant to our course and extremely interesting.

The day was started off by Professor Devyani Sharm who spoke to us about how dialect differences can help us to communicate with each other. This was then followed by Professor Tim Grant who delved into what Forensic linguistics are and how English is used to provide evidence at court and solve crimes. As Forensic linguistics isn't already part of the A level course, hearing about it at the conference was a new experience for all of us. It was beneficial to know that future careers in English language extend beyond the classroom into other sectors like crime investigation.

We were then introduced to Dr Claire Hardaker who showed us how English language is relevant to the online world. She explained how an online environment can facilitate abusive online behaviour (AOB) and cause harm to other online users. Being given detailed information on what AOB actually is and how to respond/avoid it was extremely useful as we can apply this to real life in our increasingly online society.

After lunch we had the highlight of the entire conference, a talk from famous linguist, David Crystal, concerning the fascinating first year of child language acquisition. Even though those of us in Year 12 haven't yet begun the topic of language acquisition, it was intriguing to listen to and has given us a taste of what to look forward to in the next year of our studies.

Finally, to close the day, we were given an amusing performance by the poet Luke Wright. It was a nice end to the day, leaving us laughing, with smiles on our faces. Overall, it was an extremely informative day, equipping us with an important information we wouldn't have otherwise received and I very much hope to return next year and do it again.

Eleanor Davey, 12C1

YEAR 9 SCHOLARS GRADUATE AT SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY



Wow! What a great day. 24 Year 9 students celebrated their academic success at Southampton University

on 12 February. They took part in a 6 week workshop and wrote an extended essay, gaining either First Class or Second Class honours. Here's what one Year 9 had to say:

What did you learn in the 6 week workshop?

We wrote an essay on 'Power and patronage in the Roman world' or 'Everything is an

equation; we just need to find out the best one'. I particularly enjoyed the discussions on conspiracy theories.

What skills did you develop?

We got to refine our critical thinking skills and learned how to write and reference extended essays: so important for when we start our GCSEs in Year 10. I've also learned some resilience; I know to keep going even when it gets difficult. No one likes writing essays but it feels really good to know that you finished it. Oh, and the university has a zebra in the horticultural park.

How have your ambitions changed after taking part in this workshop?

We learned that we should always do the best we can. We can use our experience to help us secure a highly selective place at one of the top universities. Taking part in the Scholar's Programme was the bicycle pump to my ego; I feel like I have more confidence and it's helped me to believe in myself more.

Photography Competition



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

EGGS

Deadline: Tue 2-4-19

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

PE

Netball

Last week we played Kennet School in friendly fixtures. Results and players of the matches were as follows:

Year 7, lost 11-7, Alice Johnston

Year 8, won 9-8, Nya Tank

Year 9, won 17-7, Georgia Humphreys

We also recently played Little Heath School in Netball league fixtures.

Results and players of the matches were as follows:

Sixth Form, drew 13-13, Katherine Wadge-Berrospi

Year 10, won 21-1, Imogen Pemberton

We also played league matches against Kennet School. Results and players of the matches were as follows:

Year 10, lost 16-11, Maddy Ettridge

Year 11, won 4-13, Maya Landhed

Lacrosse

National Schools Lacrosse Tournament

This tournament took place in Aldershot over four days, 2-5 March, in very challenging weather conditions.

We had six teams participating from U13 to Sixth Form. All teams played extremely well against tough competition.

The Firsts qualified for the division one tournament on the second day, following their group games which they drew one, won one and lost three games. The Seconds qualified for division three after their group games. They played exceptionally well, winning their division and bringing home the trophy!

The U15 team played on Monday, they played 5 games and did exceptionally well winning all their games to finish top of their group and qualifying for the quarter finals where they narrowly lost to Bedford. A brilliant performance meant they finished in the top 36 schools in the Country.



The U14s played 5 games but were in a tough group, losing 4 games and winning 1.

The U13s played 5 games, winning 2 and losing 3. They finished 5th out of 6 in their group.



Congratulations to all our teams who were a credit to the school and should be immensely proud of their achievements.

Eton Fives U12 match report

James Holland and Willem Vrolijk played brilliantly and got to the quarter finals without losing a game. They were of a noticeably higher standard compared to many other players. They received lots of compliments on their play, some great support from other team's coaches and were made to feel really welcome. They had some great playing experience and really enjoyed themselves. They were a credit to St Bart's. They now have a place in the competition on 18 March. James and Willem might have been our only pair but they certainly made up for it in enthusiasm and commitment.

BROWN'S MEADOW - BUILDING FOR FUTURE ATHLETES

We are appealing for donations towards building a new sports' pavilion at Brown's Meadow to ensure the development of future young athletes and sports players for generations to come.



Plans have been approved for the construction of a modern pavilion boasting improved facilities.

To date over £250,000 has been raised including donations from Sport England, Greenham Trust, Newbury Town Council, Englefield Charitable Trust and Newbury Athletic Club.

We are at 78% of our target, a further £36,000, which will be match funded by Greenham Trust is required.

**Click here to donate at
The Good exchange**

We will be grateful for any donations so that this project can be quickly realised.

Thank you. Link to donate:
<https://bit.ly/2E1eRG4>

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 to this list. If after doing this you still do not receive emails, please let us know.

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Note change of date

**The PA Family Quiz and Chips
Saturday 16th March at 7pm**

We provide fish, sausage or spring roll and chips. This year there the PA is also running a Bar.

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

Quiz Master – the one and only Peter Bell

Tickets can only be bought in advance so please book and make your food choices in advance at stbartspa.co.uk.

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