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GOODBYE TO JOY AFTER MORE THAN 25 YEARS SERVICE

Joy Sparkes, a much loved member of staff, will retire at the end of this term after more than 25 years at St Bart's. Joy currently works in our Sixth Form canteen but has also worked in the old buildings, Luker and Wormestall. She remembers the days when students could have burgers and chips every day. She has seen much change in the menus served since then, with much more emphasis on healthy eating.



And sushi is now popular with students! When Joy first worked at St Bart's, students paid cash for their meals and now of course everything is biometric. She recalls how a run of power cuts in the old buildings sometimes meant resorting to good old mental arithmetic.

Joy says her fondest memories will be of the lovely people she has met, students and staff, and of joining one of several coach loads of St Bart's staff and students to see "our boys" (1st XV) play in the Daily Mail schools' Rugby competition, the National Vase final at Twickenham stadium in 2002. It was nice to see the students she looked after in the canteen every day in action!

Head of Faculty (PE & Careers), Mr McGall says "Joy was always an absolute star when it came to helping with all the Sport extracurricular refreshments. She use to come in especially to do match teas for us after fixtures and was really interested in how the teams got on."

Joy has seen visits from Sophie, Countess of Wessex, Sally Gunnell and the BBC Children in Need team, though she did miss the visit from the Queen in 1993.

Joy is touched that she has been the winner of the Year 13 "Kindest Person" award several times. She will be much missed at St Bart's.

SIXTH FORM INDUCTION DAY

On Friday 28 June the Sixth Form bunting was out 'en masse' as we held our 2019 Induction Day and welcomed students from 28 schools who will be joining us next year. The incoming Year 12 students had the opportunity to experience Sixth Form life and spent the day enjoying time with their Tutor Groups and Houses, learning about enrichment activities and attending lessons in the subjects they hope to study at A Level. Over 40 subjects are on offer at St Bart's Sixth Form and the sessions were designed with a fun take on what students can expect over the next 2 years.



This image of the famous St Bart's Hub was taken by students in the iMedia

taster session which looked at photographing architecture.

The day was supported by the current School Officer team and Subject Reps, resplendent in their purple and white t-shirts, and students enjoyed live music and ice creams (very popular in the hot weather) around the Sixth Form Common Room. Mr Robbins, Head of Sixth Form, said “It was great to see so many students taking full advantage of the day. There were a lot of smiling faces; it is a very exciting time for everyone.”

Calendar



Y9 House Tennis/Cricket	Weds 10 July	P1 – P3
Y7 & Y8 Rounders League Finals	Weds 10 July	4.00pm
St Bart’s Community Awards Evening	Weds 10 July	Hall, 6.30pm
Y8 House Tennis/Cricket	Thurs 11 Jul	P1 – P3
Y12 Reports issued	Fri 12 July	
Royal Navy Summer Camp	Sun 14 July	(return 19th July)
Y10 Reports issued	Weds 17 July	
House Dance Dress Rehearsal	Weds 17 July	all day
House Dance Performance	Weds 17 July	Hall, 7.00pm

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

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

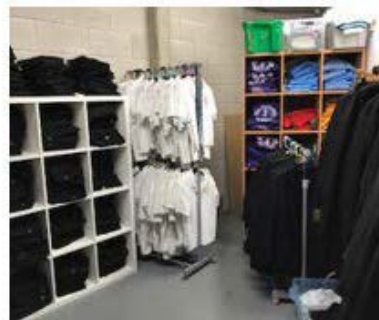
On Wednesday 24 July Students will be dismissed from 12:30pm.

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 old style skirts please!)

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

Help raise funds for your school!

**Summer holiday opening hours:
Friday 2 August 2019,
1.30pm – 3.30pm
Monday 2 September 2019,
3.00pm – 3.45pm**

STUDENT BELONGINGS



Please can parents encourage their children to take home all their belongings before the end of term. Those students missing items should check the list of lost property outside each House Office before going to reception to claim it. Any items left

after term ends will be disposed of.

CAMBRIDGE CHEMISTRY CHALLENGE COMPETITION

The following Year 12 students have achieved copper certificates for the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge competition: Emma James, Tom MacAulay and Ben Wells. Congratulations!



**'AUF
WIEDERSEHEN'...**
...say three Sixth Form
Students from our

German Exchange School in Monheim

Janne, Noah and Lars, three German students, joined our Year 12 in September last year. They have been studying various AS level courses some of which are not an option choice at their own school, the Otto Hahn Gymnasium in Monheim. All three of them headed home at the end of June and are reuniting with their own class for the last two weeks of their summer term. After the summer holidays they will join their own Sixth Form to work towards their 'Abitur'. Below are a few reflections of how they found their time at St Bart's.

It was a great experience to meet so many new people and study subjects I have never heard of at my German school. Once we arrived time passed really quickly and it was an exciting experience I will always remember when looking back. Even though it can be challenging to go to a different school, speaking a foreign language while doing new subjects, I did not regret anything and thank everyone who made this year a great one!

Margot Burnett
Mentor for the OHG Students

I really enjoyed studying subjects at St Bart's I have not done before, such as Law and Business Studies. Especially Business Studies was really interesting as I was not quite sure what to expect and what the subject is like. The lessons were interesting, the learning atmosphere was good and we learned a lot during that short period of time. Applying all the knowledge to different case studies in the lessons, I feel much more confident about businesses and how they work. I really enjoyed doing it and the subject definitely helped me to decide what I want to do in the future.

Noah

I had an awesome time meeting so many new people and getting to know the British culture. Being grateful for having the chance to live a

year abroad, I will not forget this great experience, I feel much more independent and confident. Thank you to everyone who made this year amazing and as interesting as possible!

Janne

PE

Sports Day 2019

Well done to all competitors who picked up valuable points for their Houses and competed across the two days of Sports Day this year. A whopping 11 records were broken, including by two Year 8 boys, Jayden Scott and Thomas Henry, who picked up 3 records each! All records are listed below.

Y7 Girls Hurdles - Kirsten Fraser
Y8 Girls 1500m - Josie Robertson
Y8 Boys High jump - Jayden Scott
Y8 Boys Triple jump - Tom Henry
Y8 Boys Discus - Tom Wells
Y8 Boys 100m - Jayden Scott
Y8 Boys 300m - Tom Henry
Y8 Boys 4x100m relay - Jayden Scott, Sedem Hemenya, Louis Moore & Tom Henry
Y9 Girls - Triple jump - Annabel Gibson
Y9 Girls 1500m - Sophie Bhatt
Y10 Boys 4x100m relay - Patterson - Callum Maggs, Ben Newman, Scott Wilkinson, Alistair Jardine

Berkshire School Games

Bisham Abbey Friday 28th June

The Berkshire School Games at Bisham Abbey saw a number of our students involved in a variety of activities throughout the day.

Our new Year 9 Sports Leaders took on their first officiating role, having received training for the event the previous week to ensure they were fully prepared for the event.



The leaders took responsibility for the running and officiating of the Primary Schools Quad Kids event at the Marlow Athletics Track in Bisham. A very warm and successful morning saw our leaders receive many positive comments on how well they had conducted themselves and supported the younger students. It was a great opportunity to see the new cohort of leaders in action and was a very promising start to their new course.



Our mixed Year 10 Frisbee team were eager to repeat their superb performance from last year by winning the competition again and they did not disappoint! Victorious in all their matches, they were crowned Frisbee Champions for the second year running. Congratulations!



In the Year 9 Girls Touch Rugby competition the girls lost 2 matches and drew 1 match,

finishing in 3rd place and each receiving a bronze medal. Congratulations to the squad. Finally we had individual entries for the Laser Pentathlon, which was introduced in the School Games last year. The event involves the individuals running 400m and then having 20 shots on a target. This is repeated 3 times and points are scored for the best target shooting and the fastest 400m runs. Alfie Letman came in 1st place, Elliot Crouch in 2nd place, Scott Richards 3rd place and Nathan Delavere 4th place. It was a competition dominated by St Barts boys, well done, great achievements.

It was an excellent day at Bisham; our students were involved in a variety of activities, achieving success and acting as superb representatives of our school. Well done and Congratulations to you all.

Photography Competition



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

FULL or EMPTY

Deadline: **TODAY**
Wednesday 10 July 2019

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