

# BartholoNews



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## SCHOOL 'BUZZES' ON OPEN EVENING

Last Tuesday visitors to our annual Open Evening were able to see what a great school St Bart's is, the whole school was alive and buzzing. The efforts from staff were very much appreciated and the students involved were fantastic ambassadors.



Comments from all the visitors were full of praise, "*We all know it's an enormous decision filled with apprehension, and something we want to get right for our children. St Bart's has been the outright leader in my opinion, and thankfully my son thought the same.*"



There are now two Open Mornings for those who still wish to see the school.

### Open Mornings

Monday 30 September, 9am – 10.45am

Tuesday 1 October, 9am – 10.45am

No booking required

## CLAY CLUB

Last term staff and students alike enjoyed the after school Clay Club run by our Art Technician and Potter, Lizzy McCracken. Students and staff came along for the four week two hour sessions, learning to throw on the potter's wheel as well as slab building techniques, decorating with metal oxides and glazing. Everybody went home at the end of the course with a lovely slab built box and various wheel thrown creations.

Clay Club is £25 for the 4 week course, and can be fully funded for pupil premium students. This covers all materials, firing and tuition. There are 10 places available on

each course and we will be starting again after October half term so look out for notices about dates and times soon.



## Calendar



A Level Photography Trip	Weds 25 Sept	Lacock Abbey, all day
Y11B Geography Fieldwork Trip	Thurs 26 Sept	Rushall Farm, Reading, all day
KS3 Awards Evening (Y10)	Thurs 26 Sept	Hall - 7.00pm
Y11A & Y11C Geography Fieldwork Trip	Fri 27 Sept	Rushall Farm, Reading, all day
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition	Fri 27 Sept	depart 3pm
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition CCF WHT w/e.	Sat 28 & Sun 29 Sept	10.00am - 4.00pm
Y8 House Cross Country	Mon 30 Sept	P3 (E/P)
Y7 House Cross Country	Mon 30 Sept	P4 (E/P)
Y9 House Cross Country	Mon 30 Sept	P5 (K)
Open Morning for New Entrants September 2020	Mon 30 Sept & Tues 1 Oct	- 9.00am- 10.45am (see page 1)
Y11 House Cross Country	Tues 1 Oct	P5 (J)
Whole School Harvest Assembly	Weds 2 Oct	
Y7 House / Tutor 'Settling-In' Evening	Weds 2 Oct	6.00pm
Parents Association Welcome Meeting & AGM	Weds 2 Oct	Dining Hall - 7.00pm

**View all school events in our online calendar,  
click here to go straight there**

## PITT RIVERS AND NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUMS OXFORD.

Towards the end of the Summer Term a group of Year 7 students visited the Pitt Rivers and Natural History Museums in Oxford. As well as an object

handling workshop, students explored the many fascinating exhibits. They were later asked to reflect upon what they thought about the two museums.



'We went to the Pitt Rivers

Museum to learn about people and their culture using artifacts. My favourites were probably the shrunken heads, even though I'm squeamish. They were from Ecuador and Peru. They would heat the skin for up to 2 hours after removing the skull and brains. Boiling resulted in hair loss so that wasn't an option. The eyes and mouth were closed with cotton string and the skin dyed black with natural colourings.'

*Sasha Pender-Thaw (now 8P2)*

In the object handling workshop, students had the opportunity to learn about taxidermy as well as stroke a stuffed owl and then compare it to the skeleton of an owl. The highlight (for some) was handling a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach. The cockroaches were rather sleepy for the first group, but by the time it was turn of the second group they had well and truly woken up, as India Duly (now E2) described, 'it was a great experience when I held the large cockroach. It felt very weird on my hand as it was slimy and ticklish. However, I did not like it when it was crawling fast along my hand, it fell off my hand and landed on the floor. Oops!'

Another student reflected that the trip had opened her eyes to the different jobs that you could pursue in the archaeology and natural sciences sector. The students also loved taking photos of the amazing building that the museum is housed in as well as the exhibits.

## EXAMS INFORMATION



Please note that information on Exam Procedures and Regulations can be found on our website, [here](#).

## FREE COURSES AT NEWBURY COLLEGE

### MATHS

Brush-up on your basic Maths skills and gain a better understanding of mathematical techniques and concepts. These 10 week courses are completely free of charge and contain a short nationally recognised qualification. Open to all West Berkshire residents aged 19+.

The following topics will be covered:

- Using Addition and Subtraction
- Dividing Whole Numbers
- Multiplying Whole Numbers
- Money: Adding and Subtracting
- Understanding and Using Decimals

### ENGLISH

The course is designed for native/fluent speakers of English to improve their reading and writing skills. These 10 week courses are completely free of charge and contain a short nationally recognised qualification. Open to all West Berkshire residents aged 19+.

The following topics will be covered:

- Developing Reading Skills
- Using Punctuation
- Grammar and Punctuation in Practical Use
- Reading Comprehension
- Writing Composition Skills

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## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Welcome Meeting & AGM

St Bartholomew's Parents' Association invites you to find out how we support the school & how you could help. Enjoy a glass of wine & nibbles in the Canteen at 7pm. **Wednesday 2nd October**. After the Y7 House / Tutor 'Settling-In' Evening

### Bingo Revival and Furry Pig Racing Saturday 12 October, 7-9pm

This is a family event to raise funds for the enrichment activities at the school which are largely supported by volunteer teacher time and PA funds.

Bet on Elvis v Britney and others in the furry pig race! Enjoy our version of Bingo! Bring your own nibbles and pen. A bar is available

£10pp, £18 per couple and £5 for students. Entrance fee includes Bingo cards. Please book on [www.stbartspa.co.uk](http://www.stbartspa.co.uk)

Run by the Parents' Association

### Christmas Gift and Craft Fair Sunday 17 November, 11am-4pm



Students can now book a stall on the Parents' Association website [www.stbartspa.co.uk](http://www.stbartspa.co.uk)

As space is limited, these stalls are for students in a Y11 Enterprise project and students raising money for charity or for a school trip.



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## PE

### Lacrosse

Last week we had home games against Marlborough College. Results and players of the matches were as follows:

1sts, lost 12-7, Luci Robertson  
2nds, won 9-7, Mia Eldridge  
Year 10, won 13-2, Gemma Moon and  
Lottie Langley  
Year 9, won 9-0, Amber Shore and  
Sofia Hickmore

We all travelled to Downe House for Lacrosse fixtures. Scores and players of the matches were as follows:

1sts, lost 14-4, Fran Smith and Daisy  
Dijksman  
2nds, 18-0 Mia Eldridge and Imogen  
Pemberton  
Year 10, lost 12-6, Georgia Humphreys and  
Izzy Duly  
Year 9, lost 17-3, Sofia Mason and Emily  
Jardine  
Year 8, drew 5-5, Pippa Faithful and Emily  
Cox

### Netball

We recently played league matches against St Gabriel's School. Results and players of the matches were as follows:

Year 8, 14-5 Annabel Maclean  
Year 9, won 10-5, Abi Doney

### Year 10 Meet Olympic Athlete Toby Garbett

The Year 10 Living for Sport group had the opportunity to work with Olympic Rower and Tri Athlete Toby Garbett at our recent Open Evening.

Toby worked with the group introducing them to a variety of team building skills and activities which the group then shared with the visiting Year 5 and 6 students who were attending the Open Evening. It was a great opportunity for the group to chat to Toby

about his achievements and successes and to learn the values of team building.

At the end of the evening Toby presented a member of the Living for Sport group with a vest which he had worn at the Olympics in Athens. It was presented to Shyam Taank for his superb involvement throughout the evening and for his work encouraging the visiting students to get involved.



### British Show Horse Association National Championship

A huge congratulations to Georgia Johnson (11C3), who recently participated in the British Show Horse Association National Championship. Although she had not competed against competition of such a high calibre previously, she still managed to rank 6th and 4th in her events. A magnificent achievement; well done, Georgia!



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