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HEADTEACHERS' MESSAGE

As we reach the end of this half term, may we thank you all for your support. We have been



really pleased with the way everyone has come together to make the reopening of the school so successful.

It has been fantastic to see the students engaging so positively with their learning, being brave and ambitious and making excellent progress as well as being respectful to each other and acting in a safe manner. We have to say, the importance of our BARTS Values has never been more appropriate, and has underpinned everything we have done this half term.

We continue to live in uncertain and challenging times, and therefore we have now fully put in place plans for students to be able to learn at home, should there be a future lockdown.

These were outlined in [Bartholonews two weeks ago](#), and further information can be found on the microsite that we have created for remote learning via the school's website:

<https://bit.ly/3d7F45o>. We would urge you please to become familiar with these plans.

At St Bart's, the enrichment and extra-curricular activities that we offer students have always been an important part of their curriculum and in the current climate, it is unfortunately impossible to offer the same wealth of opportunity. However, a number of clubs and events are now running, so please encourage your child to participate wherever possible. We are shortly looking forward to the House Music

Competition, are launching a school-wide Eco focus, and there are currently competitions in school surrounding Black History Month. After half term, we are also pleased that we will be celebrating the Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Awards in school with the students, rewarding those students currently in Years 10 and 12 for their success last year.

Lastly, may we wish you an enjoyable and safe half term.

*Ms J A Mortimore, Headteacher
Dr D Fitter, Co-Headteacher*

St Bartholomew's School



SIXTH FORM VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 5 November 2020



*Find out
everything
you want to
know about
St Bart's
Sixth Form.*

<http://bit.ly/6BARTS>

Click on the Sixth Form tab. More information on how to join us will be here nearer the time

**Friday 23 October 2020 is a
Staff Training and Development Day.
School will be closed to students**

Calendar 

Fri 23 Oct
Staff Training & Development Day

HALF TERM
Friday 23 October to Friday 30 October

GCSE Autumn Exam Series starts	Mon 2 Nov	ends Mon 23 Nov
Y10 Science Assessment Week	Mon 2 Nov	
Y12 & Y13 Senior Maths Challenge	Thurs 5 Nov	Year 12 am (p1 & 2) Year 13 pm (p4 & 5)
Sixth Form Open Evening for September 2021 entry	Thurs 5 Nov	See page one

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

HALLOWEEN

We are encouraged to think about Halloween differently this year and to adjust our activities to reflect the current situation whilst still having fun. [You can find more advice and information here.](#)

PARENTPAY ALERTS

It can be difficult to keep track of balances and payments. ParentPay gives payers the opportunity to set up email or text alerts. Text message alerts can only be received if you have credit in your text message balance. Charges for text alerts are deducted from the text message balance each time a text is sent. Texts are charged at 6p each. There is no charge for email alerts.

There is now a guide on how to set these alerts up on our Parent Portal, here: <https://www.stbarts.co.uk/portals/parents/>

GEOGRAPHY'S SUSTAINABLE SWAPS

There's a brilliant new display in the Geography corridor at St Bart's. Take a look to see easy swaps to become more environmentally friendly and sustainable. Keep reading BartholoNews for more ideas over the coming weeks.

Instead of...

Did you know: Many coffee shops will give you a discount if you use your own reusable cup instead of their plastic/paper cups.



You could use...

A reusable coffee cup! There are so many designs to choose from and you can take them with you wherever you go. They are designed to be leak proof and to keep your drink hot. Many also have a silicone band around them to protect your hands.



In the UK there are approximately 7 million disposable takeaway cups used every single day. The cups generally have an inner plastic liner tightly bonded to the paper so that they don't leak. These cups cannot be recycled in standard recycling plants.

Don't forget you can follow the Geography Department on Instagram @stbartsgeog

LIGHTBULB OCT 2020

Another issue of our new KS4 creative-writing magazine, Lightbulb, is ready and offers an enjoyable read for half term showcasing Y10's focus on developing descriptions based



on images. Many thanks to all the students involved.

[You can read the new edition of Lightbulb here.](#)

WELL DONE DAISY

Well done to Daisy (8C1) who was awarded the Coaches' U12s Player of the Season for Newbury Netball Club in July. She was only recently presented with the trophy, due to lockdown.



Daisy has been playing netball since primary school and was put forward for a 10 week coaching programme at Newbury Netball Club by her after school club teacher in Year 5. She trialled for the team at the end of the programme and was

picked for the U11s squad.

In announcing her award Daisy's club said she was *"constantly asking what she can do to make things better, a great team player with a lovely manner. 100% effort in both training and match play. Very proud to give this award to Daisy, very well deserved."*

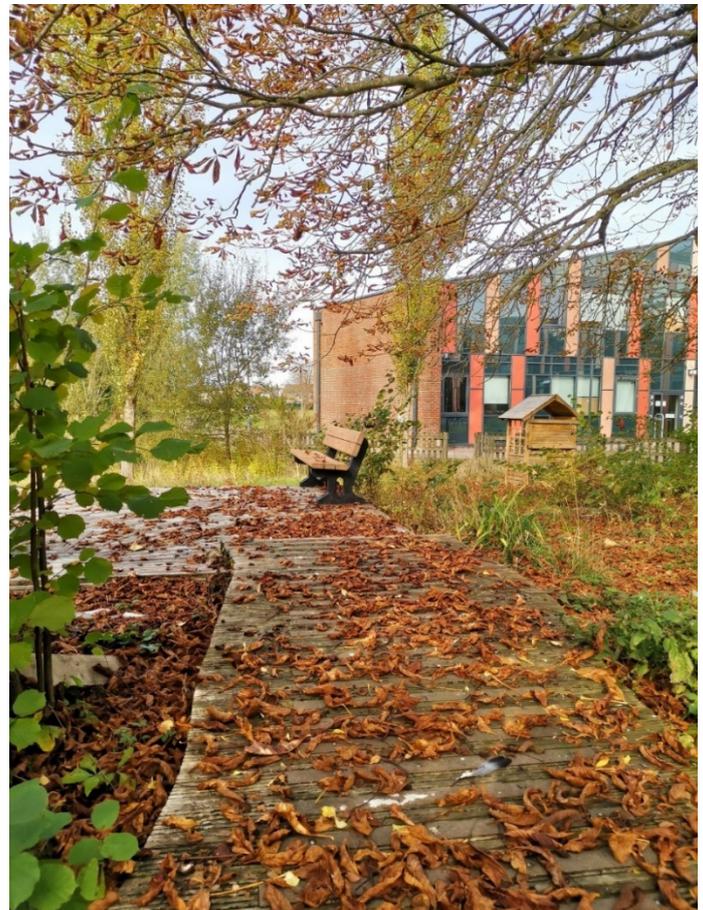
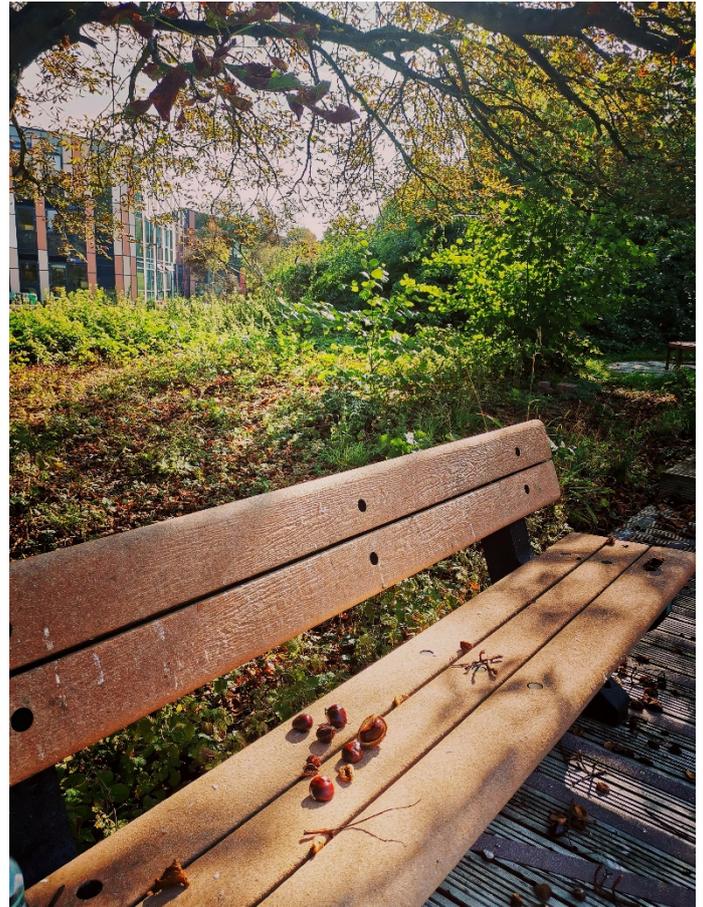
NEW DISTANCE RECORD FOR JAMES

On Sunday 11 October James (8C3) threw his javelin 37.5m, which not only beat his PB, but also proved to be the current leading distance thrown in the UK for his age category (U13).

He was representing Team Kennet at a competition in Portsmouth. James, his coach and parents were all over the moon.

Congratulations!

You can see the amazing throw [on our Facebook page.](#)



*Autumn at St Bart's
by one of our Teaching Assistants, Ms Zajdzik*

St Bart's PA

**Online
Christmas
Fair**

*Save the Date!
More information
coming soon*

28th and 29th November



**Support Your Local Businesses
Support Your School**

You can [read the PA's most recent newsletter here](#); it contains important dates, links to their fundraising site and information about preloved uniform purchasing.





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on
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CCF ARMY SECTION FIELD DAYS

For the first time for a year the CCF was able to run Field Days, both on Bramley Training Area.

On 9 October, Year 10 cadets undertook training which involved three main activities, patrolling/observation, camouflage/concealment, and cooking in the field/'basher' building.

On 16 October, Year 11 cadets were joined by the RN section to undertake ambush drills, harbour drills and section attack drills. 30 Army cadets stayed on until 1800hrs to further improve the latter.

Both were very well attended with the addition of Year 13 supporting Year 10 and Year 12 supporting Year 11 Field Days respectively, socially distanced.

I thank the staff for their support on both and in particular Capt. Edwards who organised the

training for both days which necessitated the production of a mountain of paperwork to satisfy the MOD.

Major Brooker, as always, ensured the staff were catered for; the sausage and bacon baps were particularly appreciated by the advance party on the Year 11 day.

*AJ Patrick (Major)
SSI, St.Bart's CCF*

St Bartholomew's School

Newbury

Year 7 in 2021?



**View our virtual
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videos on our
Open Evening
Microsite.**

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BRAVE
AMBITIOUS
RESPECTFUL
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SAFE

...SO THAT WE CAN ALL BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE.



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