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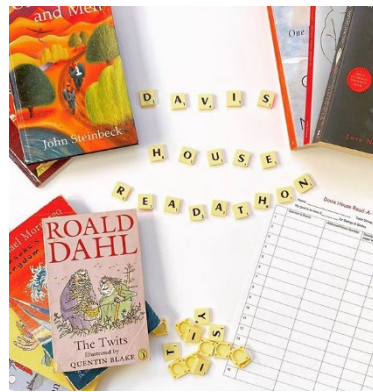
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DAVIS HOUSE READATHON FOR SWINGS AND SMILES

As you will have some time to do some reading we thought it was a good opportunity to launch the Davis House Readathon.

You can be sponsored per page or per book. Aim to read as much as you can to raise money for Swings & Smiles. Sponsor forms can be found on Satchel One. There will be prizes for those who raise the most.



We will keep you updated via Satchel One and the Davis Instagram ([davis_barts](https://www.instagram.com/davis_barts)).

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2021

This week is National



Apprenticeship week, an annual celebration of apprenticeships, bringing the whole apprenticeship community together to celebrate the impact of apprenticeships on individuals, employers and the economy.

Amanda Gill, Adviza Careers Adviser for St Bart's has put together some key information that answers some of the most frequently asked questions that students ask about

apprenticeships. [You can read this information here.](#)

Additionally there is lots more information about apprenticeship opportunities on our [Sixth Form Hub here.](#)

POEM WRITING CHALLENGE

Open to all years

Last month, much of the world was moved by the eloquent poem and exceptional delivery of the 22 year old Amanda Gorman at the inauguration of President Biden. The poem, called The Hill We Climb, reflected upon recent political and social events in America. However, all of us, whatever our background or situation in life, have our own "hills to climb", whether actual or metaphorical.



We are launching a competition for students to write their own poem called The Hill I Climb. The title is open to interpretation, it can be about actual hillwalking or offer a metaphor for a challenge faced and it should be a minimum of 10 lines. The rest is up to the poet themselves! Alternatively, if students don't have any personal goals in mind, they could use the same title as Gorman's poem, The Hill We Climb, and make it more about a collective vision or aspiration. There will be prizes for the best per year group and an overall winner.

Deadline for submissions to rclayton@stbarts.co.uk is **Friday 5 March.**

ROBERT (BOB) BYNOTH

We are sad to report that former teacher and Davis House Head, Robert Bynoth, died last week following a short illness. Mr Bynoth, who was 91, began teaching languages at St Bart's in the early 70's and although he left St Bart's towards the end of the 80's he never stopped French and German tutoring, a sign of his "absolute passion for teaching and helping young people," his son says.

Amongst former students, Mr Bynoth is remembered as bringing an element of fun so that they looked forward to his lessons.

He was heavily involved in The Newbury Twin Town Association and made some lifelong friends amongst his opposite numbers in Bagnols-sur-Ceze. He took great efforts to find students their best exchange partner match, leading to many happy exchange visits. He was a great friend, teacher and support to many. We would like to offer our condolences to Mr Bynoth's family and friends.



*More signs of spring at St Bart's
from Ms Zajdzik*

BIENNIAL PARENTAL SURVEY

As many parents will be aware, for many years we have been asking all our stakeholders – students, parents and staff – to complete a survey in the spring term to give us their thoughts about the school. We took the decision last year to make this a biennial approach, making use of more focussed surveys in the year between the full ones. We

are again working in conjunction with a company called Kirkland Rowell who work with over 2,000 schools up and down the country. The results of the survey can therefore be benchmarked against those from many other schools as well as against previous surveys conducted at St Bart's.

As in 2019, the survey is completed on-line as this was successful two years ago in prompting a higher number of responses than we had from the paper version. We are very much hoping for similar numbers this year, as the more returns we have the more reliable the findings are.

We would be very grateful, therefore, if parents could take 15 minutes or so to complete the survey. If you have more than one child at the school, please do complete a separate survey for each child as the results are analysed by year group.

An email has been sent which contains the link to the survey and details of how to log-in. Our deadline for the completion of the surveys is Friday 26 February. Once we have received the analysis from Kirkland Rowell, key findings will be reported back to you in a future copy of BartholoNews.

We are constantly seeking feedback from all stakeholders within our school community and students will be completing their own survey in the week after half term. This will also be online this year. The views of parents are extremely important to us and we would like to thank you in advance for your support in completing the survey.

*Mr J Sharpe
Deputy Headteacher,
Curriculum and Achievement*

NEWBURY TOWN CIVIC AWARDS 2021

Nominations Now Open!

The Civic Awards celebrate achievements, honour volunteers and recognise those who make a difference in our community. This year Newbury Town Council have launched a new award category of Community Champions Awards to honour those who have given back to the community where their actions have been in direct response to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Criteria for all the awards, and the form to nominate is available on their [website](#). Nominations close on **Sunday 28 February 2021**, and the awards will be held in a virtual capacity on the 17 March 2021.

VIRTUAL CAREERS EVENTS

Nuffield Research Placements Y12 Summer Holidays

A 4-6 week opportunity for supervised but independent research project in a STEM subject. Free, travel costs will be reimbursed and there is a possible £200 bursary. Various locations. [Apply here](#).

Operation Wallacea Online Work Experience Placements

Opportunities in Medical, Science & Geography, Project Management, Business & Marketing and Photography. [Visit their website for details about online talks from this week](#).

Opwall Biology, Geography and Environmental Science Opportunities

UK based field course for individual students - perfect for UCAS applications, CV and experience building while also offering Duke of Edinburgh opportunities. Opwall has put together some wildlife training courses at the Knepp Estate in West Sussex. [Visit their website for details about online talks from this week](#).

PE

St Bart's Challenge

This week the PE Department have been setting Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 a St Bart's challenge as part of their PE menu on SMHW. Please [click here](#) to see the top 3 girls and top 3 boys in each group last week.

Cross Country

Every year we enter two Cross Country school events. The Area Cross Country, normally on a Wednesday afternoon with local schools, and the Berkshire Schools Cross Country, normally on a Saturday at Newbury Showground.

This year they have managed to organise Berkshire Schools Virtual Cross Country Championships! Athletes will be allowed one

entry so only submit your fastest run. The competition window is Saturday 6 February to Sunday 28 February.

The information is also on SMHW for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 core PE groups as part of their PE work menu for this week and the week after half term. Sixth Form tutors also have this information.

We will get student/age groups results to celebrate. Please email Miss Ostinelli - nostinelli@stbarts.co.uk if you have any questions. Let's try and have lots of students taking part!

HIIT Training Continues

The PE Department ran their third weekly breakfast HIIT training workout on Friday 5 February at 8am. This week 26 students and staff took part in the session.

Mr Quarterman took the session and he did a brilliant job. Please spread the word about this opportunity and encourage others to take part.



The link will be available to all PE groups on SMHW. Well done to the students who emailed us pictures of them taking part in the session, including Laurence

(8C2) pictured here. Please email Miss Ostinelli: nostinelli@stbarts.co.uk some pictures of yourself taking part.

SUPPORT DURING THE SCHOOL CLOSURE

Don't forget that we have compiled a list of useful services for those in need during this difficult time. [You can view it here](#).

We're also maintaining an archive of communications. You may find it useful to [refer to these documents here](#) and to [back issues of Bartholonews, here](#).

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