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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



This has been another unusual term in which we have seen students learn both at home remotely and in school. We have been particularly pleased to have all the students back in school over the last four weeks and see them make excellent progress.

Despite the most recent lockdown, there have still been many highlights this term. We have had fun in celebrating events like World Book Day and Red Nose Day and many students have got involved in opportunities/competitions like taking a spring photograph, the whole school poetry competition and the West Berkshire PE 'Around the World Challenge'. The students' winning photographs are now proudly displayed in the canteen, showcasing the talent of our students.

We would also like to thank everyone who returned their Kirkland Rowell survey to us, from which we will now use the findings to further improve the school.

As much as the last few months have been challenging for us all in different ways, I am grateful for everyone doing their utmost to make it work, from the teachers preparing and delivering lessons in different ways and to the students engaging actively in their learning, to all the staff involved in the testing set up and operation and the parents, carers, friends and families who supported this work. The

positive strides taken forward again this term are remarkable.

Lastly, I wish everyone a happy and safe Easter break and would ask that we all continue to follow the Government guidelines to ensure that we see everyone back and ready for a successful and productive Summer Term.

Five Oxbridge University Offers

Five offers to study at either Cambridge or Oxford University, have been made to current Year 13 students. Students have succeeded in a rigorous entry process during an obviously difficult year in which the usual demanding tests and interviews of their College or University of choice had to take place entirely online.



From Oxford: Sophie Barrett has been offered a place to study Maths, Harry Clarkson, Medicine, Siena Hickmore, History and

Matthew Morecroft plans to read Biology. Finally Tobias Allen has a place on the Engineering course at Cambridge.

Details of offers to study medicine will follow in a subsequent issue.

We are very proud of all these students, in what has been an exceptionally challenging

year it is heartening to have good news like this. We offer them specialised support but mostly these offers are down to the hard work and attitude of the students. We look forward to hearing about their future successes.

As in previous years we will be holding a virtual Early Entrants' Evening on Wednesday 28 April from 6-8pm for Y11 and Y12 students from any school who is considering an application to Oxbridge or for Medicine. Current offer-holders, and others already studying medicine and at Oxbridge, will be available to answer questions about the process and their experiences in making a successful application. More information is available on our website: <https://bit.ly/2QPuDfM>

The majority of Year 13 students at St Bart's have been applying to a range of universities and higher education courses through the UCAS system for entry later this year. Over 200 applications for university have been made by students. Others are planning for gap years and have been successful in obtaining apprenticeships including in accountancy and engineering.

RUNNING FOR ROMANIAN



ROXY
Ella (8E1) set herself a challenge to run 113k for her 13th birthday with her Romanian rescue dog Roxy.

They had 4 weeks to cover the distance which meant squeezing in short runs after school and longer 10k runs at the weekends.

Ella has raised over £350.00 which will go to the charity, Saving Romanian Strays, which saved her dogs life.

SOCIALISING IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

From 29 March, outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households is allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside. **Sleepovers and different household mixing indoors is still not allowed.** Please stick to these rules over the Easter break and remember hands + face + space + fresh air. Please turn to page 5 for more information.

ONLINE DEVELOPMENTS

Thank you to all parents who have completed the [survey about our website and digital communications](#). This remains open until 23 April and parents are encouraged to share their experiences and suggestions as we make plans to continue to improve our website and associated processes.

During lockdown, departments developed 'stretch and challenge' resources and posted these online. [These are accessible here](#) and can also be accessed, along with some subject microsites via tiles on the rmunify.com page that students use to log in to their accounts.

ROAD SAFETY

Please could you discuss with your child the importance of remaining vigilant and aware around traffic at all times, whilst on their way to school and leaving at the end of their day. We have been contacted by members of the public who are concerned about the perceived lack of road safety awareness despite reminders about road safety being given in school to all students. Students should also keep socially distanced from other pedestrians/members of the public to avoid anxiety amongst members of the wider community.

BERKSHIRE MAESTROS NEWS

Berkshire Maestros website is now live at www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk. They have also just published a newsletter with special offers for instrument lessons and more which you can read [here](#).

7P1 THEATRE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to 7P1 for winning the World Theatre Day competition this year!!!

10/10 correct answers with the most exciting answers from their teachers, including finding out that Miss Suggitt was once a pink lady in Grease when she was younger!

Thanks to all those involved in asking/answering the questions and your prize will be winging its way to you this week!



EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES for students aged 15+ studying German!

Although we cannot

offer a German Exchange this year, you can register and take part in one of these opportunities run by the UK-German Connection.

Café Connect is an opportunity to join discussion online with other teenagers after Easter. Registration now open and it is free!

If interested, [please explore this link](#) or speak to Mrs Tucker.

WORLD POETRY DAY IN MFL

To celebrate World Poetry Day the MFL department launched a poetry recital competition. We had an impressive number of entries across all languages. The top three recitals from each language were:

Spanish	French	German
Mohammad Andagi	Maxime Gore	Joel Douglas
Amelia Crouch	James Alder	Callum Tang
Armand Graham	Laurence Cook	Aayush Joshi

The choice of poems can be found on the MFL stretch and challenge website. [A sample of the poems can be found here.](#)

Well done to all students who participated, we were so impressed with the pronunciation, enthusiasm and effort students put into their speaking work.

For more ideas to stretch and challenge yourself in languages visit the St Bart's languages website: <https://bit.ly/2PwmoEC>

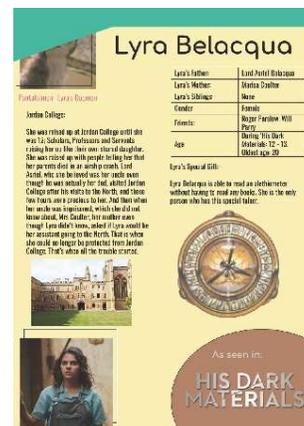
WORLD BOOK DAY WORLD

Winners & Prizes!

The bookmark contest, adjudicated by the Library team, has a 1st, 2nd and 3rd, the other

competitions, judged after much head-scratching and agonising by Mr Clayton, have just a single prize for each winner, but

everyone who entered the Masked Reader competition or whose work for World Book Day was shortlisted by their teachers will receive a Kudos point.



Thank you to all who took part, it was great to see your creativity and bookish passions brought to life, and cake.

Winners should go to the Library during their year-group's allotted time to collect their book vouchers!

Bookmark design:

1st Megan Purcell, 8P2

2nd Vicky Cornall, 11P2

3rd Antoine Tallon, C3

Masked Reader: Lucy Goodwin, 11D3

Meal: Alexander Pessuto, 9E1

Written reimaging: Martha Fitch, 8P1

Map: Abi Hamblin, 8P1

Profile of place: Harry Stacey, 9D1

Advert: Maia John, 7E1

Profile of character: Luca Forrester, 7E1

Board game: Rory Shore, 8E3

Graphics: Harriet Neave, 8P2

Architectural design: George Berry, 8E1

Book blurb: Ellie Wiltshire, 7C1

Book trailer: Sid Karra, 9P3

VIRTUAL CAREERS EVENTS

InvestIN Easter Careers Hunt

The [Easter Careers Hunt](#), a bespoke quiz created by InvestIN to help students determine their ideal career type. Once completed, students will be given a host of exclusive career-coaching content based on their results.

NHS

Two virtual events for years 11-13.

Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Psychological professions.

15 April, 10am-3pm. [Book here.](#)

Primary and Community care.

20 April, 5-6 pm. [Book here.](#)

IGD/EVERFI Work Experience 2021

Monday 24 May - Friday 29 May 2021
(10.30am - 12pm Daily) [Register here.](#)

FOLLOW YOUR HOUSE ON INSTAGRAM



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PE

Around the World Challenge

Week 5, Final Week

St Bart's staff and students results:

52 student participants who travelled 1183.75 miles. 18 staff participants who travelled 705.61 miles. Overall, in week 5, we had 70 participants who travelled a total of 1889.36 miles altogether.

Overall, as a school, we travelled a huge 10,571.28 miles over the last 5 weeks!

Top 3 staff: 1st: Mr Adams - 107.53 miles,
2nd: Mrs Marchetti - 58.7 miles

Top 3 students for each year group:

Year 7: 1st: Victor Read - 180 miles, 2nd: Joseph Hill - 40.2 miles, 3rd: Gabriela Lungu - 35 miles

Year 8: 1st: Carys Pritchard - 51.18 miles,
2nd: Immy Duly - 46 miles, 3rd: Aaron Miranda-Hickey - 40.5 miles

Year 9: 1st: India Duly - 46 miles, 2nd: Adam Dibley - 13.8 miles, 3rd: Ashton Charlton and Presley Dalby-Smith - 10 miles

Year 10: 1st: Charlotte Parker - 19 miles, 2nd: Rowan Chester - 10 miles

Year 11: 1st: Sophie Bhatt - 38 miles, 2nd: Emily Tucker - 24 miles, 3rd: Baijal Kumar - 19.1 miles

Final Results for the House Championship:

1st: Evers - 2341.06 miles
2nd: Davis - 2231.33 miles
3rd: Patterson - 946.37 miles
4th: Curnock - 918.17 miles

West Berkshire Results

Around the World
West Berkshire School Sport Network

Final Results!
109,249 Miles completed
6372 participants
Congratulations to you all!

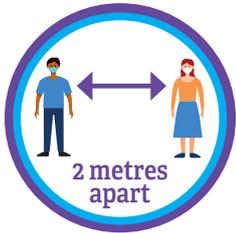
1st Theale Green School
2nd St Barts
3rd Mary Hare
4th Kennet
5th Willink
6th Trinity
7th Denefield
8th Castle
9th Brookfields
10th Downs
11th Park House
12th Little Heath

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Reduce the chances of catching and spreading COVID



Remember to keep your distance. This means keeping 2 metres apart from those not in your household or support/childcare bubble on your way to and from school and while waiting at the school gates. Also remember to wear a face covering, where you are required to, unless you are exempt.



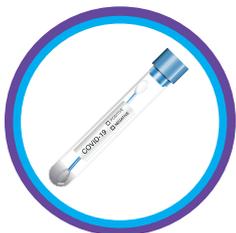
Minimise contact with others by heading straight home after school drop off and pick up. This is the best thing we can all do to help stop the spread of COVID.



If your child uses **public transport** to get to and from school, they must wear a face covering, unless exempt.



Car sharing with people not in your household is not recommended.



Get a regular rapid COVID test if you don't have symptoms. You can have rapid testing twice a week if you:

- Still have to leave home for work or to care for others.
- Are a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of school staff or a pupil.
- Are a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a child at nursery or pre-school.
- Are in an occupation associated with schools such as out of school clubs or you have to visit a school or pre-school setting for your work.



COVID advice



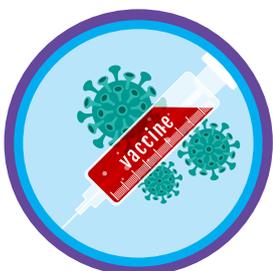
When someone at home has COVID symptoms, stay at home and get tested via the national booking system for a full PCR test:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

Everyone in the household has to self-isolate until you get the test results back. This means you must stay at home and NOT go to work, to the shops, the park or be around any other people as you risk spreading the virus to someone else. If you have to self-isolate we have information on financial support available on our Covid-19 financial support page.



Keep your children at home if you have been told to. If your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID, they have to stay at home to self-isolate for 10 days – even if they get a test and get a negative result because the virus can still appear. By opening a window or door and letting fresh air into your home you can help prevent the spread of the virus.



Get vaccinated. You will be invited by your GP when it's your turn to get vaccinated. The NHS has been doing a great job rolling out and administering the vaccine to each priority group. Don't delay in getting your vaccine when it's offered to you. Remember, even if you have been vaccinated, continue to follow the steps above to minimise the spread of the virus.

