

BartholoNews



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WELL DONE SOPHIE!

Last July Sophie (10D1) won the Under 15's hammer throw at the Berkshire Championships. As a result she qualified for the South England Athletics inter counties competition on Saturday 11 September. She came 2nd for Berkshire helping the team to an overall 2nd place, a fantastic achievement.



A SAFE PLACE FOR EVERYONE.

This week is **RESPECTFUL Week**, which reflects one of our most important **BARTS Values**.

All students last year had an assembly on the importance of reporting any incidents of sexual harassment, inappropriate language or other harmful behaviours. We also launched our 'tell someone' button, which gave students the chance to report things to us without having to speak to an adult face-to-face.

This week in assemblies we will be reminding our students of the importance of doing their

bit to ensure that our school community is a safe place for everyone.

StopItNow provides a guide for parents, carers and professionals to help everyone do their part in keeping children safe, they also run a free confidential helpline.

We would encourage you to [read through the this guidance](#) and speak to your child about the importance of telling someone if something doesn't feel right.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING DAY

Friday 1 October

We're all getting excited about the different activities on the Health and Wellbeing Day next week. We're hoping to raise some significant funds for various student-led wellbeing projects in the school so please try your best to raise as much as possible. If everyone raises at least £12 we will reach our target of £25,000, enabling us to make a huge difference to students in the school. Please refer to the letter you received yesterday for details of how to pay in sponsorship.

In addition to the walk there will be many fun activities throughout the day, including the sessions on mental wellbeing and the importance of sleep and we think the external speakers will really enhance the student experience.



Calendar



Y7-11 Flu/Covid Vaccinations	Thurs 23 Sept	
Newbury Spring Festival Music Workshop,	Thurs 23 Sept	WCC – 9.00- 10.30am
Y10 Parents' Info Eve: How to support your child with KS4 courses.	Thurs 23 Sept	Remote - 6.30
CCF AT Weekend	Sat 25 & Sun 26 Sept	Dartmoor
Trustworthy Week	Mon 27 Sept	
Open Morning for New Entrants September 2022	Mon 27 Sept	9.00am - 10.45am
Open Morning for New Entrants September 2022	Tues 28 Sept	9.00am - 10.45am
UCAS grade deadline	Tues 28 Sept	
Y8EP Vocablics	Tues 28 Sept	
Y11A & B Geography Field Trip	Weds 29 Sept	Reading – all day
Y7 House / Tutor 'Settling-In' Evening	Weds 29 Sept	House blocks - 6.00pm
Parents' Association AGM	Weds 29 Sept	Dining Hall – 7.00pm

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

VIRTUAL CAREERS EVENTS

INVESTIN Autumn Term Career Experience Programmes

Including programmes for young doctor, engineer, lawyer, investment banker, software engineer and psychologist.

[Find out more here.](#)

Allied Health Profession's Forum, Virtual Careers event

Thursday 14 October 2021

Book a place, email

AHP.Careers@royalberkshire.nhs.uk by 8 October 2021.

IGD Employability Skills Webinar

Thursday 23 November to Thursday 18 November.

Click [here](#) to book now.

Visit our [Y7-11 Virtual Careers Events webpage](#) for more events. And a more comprehensive listing for older students is also available on the Sixth Form Hub: [Careers and Study Opportunities page.](#)

BARTS VALUES FOCUS WEEK

Last week, our school community worked hard to demonstrate that we are **AMBITIOUS** and Year 7 came up with individualised **AMBITIOUS Plans** with their tutors. Key Stage 3 students were recognised as being **AMBITIOUS** by collecting **AMBITIOUS Points** throughout the week. In total, over 2800 points were awarded! A huge well done to all of our students.

This week is **RESPECTFUL** Week. We believe that it is important to demonstrate this value by being

empathetic, patient and polite. Please do speak with your children about how important this



value is, not just within our school community but also the wider community, including any

online communities they may communicate through.

We have included information on cyberbullying and online harassment from Thames Valley Police at the end of this newsletter. We hope this is helpful. We have also received this message from PC Tim Emery, Safeguarding Officer, West Berkshire Police...

“I think few can deny that the last 18 months or so have been amongst the most challenging in our lifetimes. Throughout the pandemic, I have been grateful that I am a Police Officer and my childhood was back when it was. I am sure for many children social media must have been a real lifeline during these difficult times. This month has seen them return to school which I am sure was with treated with mixed blessings. Here in the police we have noticed a small spike in low-level reports, especially amongst Key Stage 3 students. The age one can get in trouble with the police is 10yrs old. That’s the age limit, not a target and thankfully most young people are able to wobble growing up, away from the strong arm of the law. In 20yrs of policing, I can honestly say I have never arrested a 10 or 11 year old, and I can count on one hand the number of under 14s I have had to take to the police station. However, even without police involvement, such incidents can be upsetting which add to the pressures of what are difficult times. Keep that open dialogue with your children. Take time to check out websites like getsafeonline.org and generally keep the advice consistent. I would be retiring if I could charge a £1 for every time I said, “Think very carefully before you post”. Just a second to think, “Would I be comfortable with my Grandma seeing this post” can make a difference. If they don’t have a Grandma, substitute it for Head teacher or Police Officer! The small handful of silly incidents colleagues have been picking up have all too often started with a group chat or comment on social media. These are difficult times but let’s all work together to make sure that every child has the best start into the new term.”

VACANCIES

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: LETTINGS

We are searching for a part-time Administrative Assistant: Lettings to join us as soon as possible after 18 October 2021 on a permanent basis.

We are looking for someone to manage the school lettings, internal and external on a daily basis and to provide administrative, clerical and general support to the Facilities Team.

HOURS: 20 hours per week (Monday to Friday, 20 hours to be worked flexibly over 5 days) term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata. Additionally you will be required to work 32 hours over eight additional days in the school holidays flexibly in agreement with your line manager each academic year.

SALARY: £18562.00 - £18933.00 gross pa (£9.62 - £9.81 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £8909.18 gross pa.

CASUAL SITE SUPERVISOR

We are searching for a Casual Site Supervisor (Caretaker) to join us as soon as possible to provide absence cover for the Site team as and when required.

We are looking for someone to become a member of our Site team, assisting in the day to day smooth running of the School and evening lettings to external hirers, as and when required. You will be involved in a wide range of activities, which ensure the site is a safe environment for our extended School community.

A flexible team member who is a good communicator, helpful, well organised and able to work on their own with minimal supervision.

HOURS: This is a zero hours contract and although appropriate work may be offered to you if it is available, there is no obligation for the school to do so and you are under no obligation to accept any work offered.

Any shift offered would be between the opening hours of the school which are: Monday to Friday: 6:30am – 22:15pm. Saturday: 8:00am – 18:00pm

RATE OF PAY: £11.41 - £11.64 per hour (inclusive of 13.99% holiday pay)

For full details of both roles or to apply please visit:
www.stbarts.co.uk

Closing date for both roles: Sunday 3 October 2021

Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks.
Tel: 01635 521255 E-mail: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

TRAIN TO TEACH CAREER INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 29 September 2021, 6-7pm

If you are considering a career in teaching, come and find out about our primary and secondary training programmes with places available from September 2022.

Join our virtual event by registering to attend through our website. Meeting details will be emailed to you. www.downlandalliance.org.uk

See the flyer on page 6 for more details

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



The Modern Foreign Languages faculty are celebrating Languages Week this week, in addition to the Bunting competition, there is a treasure hunt and some tutor time quizzes. Why not have a go?

1. Which languages can Mrs Hamblin (Curnock House Manager) speak?
2. How do you say hello in Shona (Tip: Ask Ms Thomson in physics!).
3. Name a teacher who can speak Welsh
4. What's Mr Evans' favourite French TV series?
5. Where in Spain did Mrs Hewetson in the library spend her year abroad?
6. Which country (aside from the UK) did Mr Brennan live and work in?
7. Ask Mrs Hersh how to say 'friend' in Swahili. You might recognise the word from the film The Lion King.
8. Which city in Chile was Señor Jara born in?
9. Which city in Greece was Miss Jeropolous born in?

Hand your completed treasure hunt answers into the MFL office before Friday 24 September, complete with your name and tutor group to be in with the chance of winning a prize.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Welcome Meeting and AGM

St Bartholomew's Parents' Association invites you to our welcome meeting and AGM on 29 September in the Canteen at 7pm. Come and find out how the PA supports both school and students and meet other parents over wine and nibbles. All welcome.

PA Committee meeting

Our first fundraising planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 October in the Wormestall Meeting Room at 7pm. All parents are welcome to have an input no matter how small.

Christmas Gift and Craft Fair

Sunday 21 November, 11am – 3pm

We are so excited to announce that our ever popular Christmas Gift and Craft Fair will finally be back in school on the 21 November. Both students and stall holders stalls will be on sale soon. Keep an eye out in the BartholoNews or on our Facebook page for more details.

For more information on any of the above, please contact us via our facebook page @stbartspa or vie email on stbartspa@gmail.com.

MARTIAL ARTS CLUB

Martial Arts Club for Years 7 – 9 has started!

Anyone interested in joining the club which is run by external instructor Damien Harfield should see Mrs Leach.



The club is open to boys and girls and runs on a Thursday 3.20 -4.20pm in the gym

YEAR 10 GIRLS FOOTBALL

We had the second round of the new look West Berkshire extra-curricular provision girls' football fixtures on Thursday night, with Year 10 girls playing competitive fixtures at Park House.

7 different schools attended with 8 different teams taking part. Approximately 80 girls in total took part including 17 from St Bart's.

The A team drew with Park House 1-1 (Olivia Fletcher scored). They beat St Bart's B team 4-0 (Elsa Farrow scored and Olivia Fletcher scored twice). They also beat St Gabriel's 3-0 Elsa Farrow, Izzy John and India Duly all scored. Player of the matches was India Duly



The B team lost to The Downs 1-0 and to Park House 1-0. Player of the matches was Nina Matthews



RUGBY CLUB

The Monday after school girls' rugby club is up and running and the girls are enjoying the opportunity to receive some expert coaching from external rugby coaches. A big thank you to Kev Weekes, Chris Fitch and Niki Paton

Newbury Rugby coaches who are very kindly delivering the coaching sessions.



The club is open to any girl who would like to come along and have a go!

ALL YEARS MIXED HOCKEY CLUB

The mixed Hockey club run by external coach Jim Ross on a Monday after school is proving popular. Boys and girls across all year groups are very welcome to attend this club which runs on a Monday 3.20 – 4.20pm on the Astro.



Thank you to Jim for coaching our students and giving them the opportunity to learn and develop their hockey skills.

Find us:



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Whose story will you inspire?

Train to Teach Career Information
Evening

Wednesday 29th September 2021



Every Lesson Shapes a Life

If you are considering a career in teaching, come and find out about our primary and secondary training programmes with places available from September 2022.

The Downland Alliance is a school-led training partnership with secondary trainees based at The Downs, St. Bartholomew's, Park House and Kennet School. Primary trainees are based at one of our partnership primary schools in the local area.

So whether you are a teaching assistant, a career changer or you graduate in the summer of 2022 why not join our virtual Train to Teach Career Information Evening!



Downland Alliance

Telephone: 01635 270096 Email:

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Website: www.downlandalliance.org.uk



When?

Wednesday

29th September

6pm-7pm

How?

Join our virtual event by registering to attend through our website.

Meeting details will be emailed to you.

www.downlandalliance.org.uk

Cyberbullying and online harassment

Cyberbullying and online harassment can be extremely distressing. They can be classed as criminal offences but there is lots of help available to support you.

Tips to stay safe online

Think before you post - when posting or commenting on the internet, consider what you say and what effect this may have. Never post comments that are abusive or may cause offence to others.

Keep personal information personal - do not say anything or publish pictures that might later cause you or someone else embarrassment. Be aware of what friends post about you, or reply to your posts, particularly about your personal details and activities.

Make the most of privacy settings - keep your profiles closed, allowing access only to your chosen friends and family.

Report cyberbullying to internet service providers - lots of content on social media that is offensive or upsetting is not necessarily a criminal offence. However, cyberbullying often violates the terms and conditions established by social media sites and internet service providers. Report cyberbullying to the social media site so they can take action against users abusing the terms of service.



Social media help sections can show you how to block users and change settings to control who can contact you. You can get advice and support on using the following social media sites including the ability to report content to them.

-  Facebook - [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)
-  Twitter - [twitter.com](https://www.twitter.com)
-  Instagram - [instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com)
-  LinkedIn - [linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com)
-  Google+ [google.com](https://www.google.com)
-  YouTube - [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)
-  Pinterest - [pinterest.com](https://www.pinterest.com)
-  Tumblr - [tumblr.com](https://www.tumblr.com)
-  Snapchat - [snapchat.com](https://www.snapchat.com)

If you believe that you are the victim of an offence, always keep a record of the content, by taking a screenshot, for example. If you are worried that your child or a loved one might be the victim of cyberbullying here are some signs to look out for:

- Low self-esteem.
- Withdrawal from family and spending a lot of time alone.
- Reluctance to let parents or other family members anywhere near their mobiles, laptops etc.
- Finding excuses to stay away from school or work including school refusal.

For further signs and advice visit [bullying.co.uk](https://www.bullying.co.uk)



Advice for parents and guardians

The internet can be a valuable resource for children, allowing them to connect with friends and learn new things. But there are also risks when going online, and children can be particularly vulnerable. Talking to your child is one of the best ways to keep them safe online.

By understanding the risks and keeping yourself up-to-date on the latest technology, websites and social networks you can help your child enjoy the internet safely and securely.

For further help and advice, please click on the links to our partners websites, where you will find additional help and support. We are proud to be working alongside a range of charities on this important subject.



NSPCC
nspcc.org.uk



Cyberbullying UK
bullying.co.uk



Mumsnet
mumsnet.com



Kooth
kooth.com



Internet Matters
internetmatters.org



Kidscape
kidscape.org

Help protect your children online

- Keep computers and games consoles in family rooms where you can monitor activity. Also make sure the games your child plays online are age appropriate.
- Install parental control software or activate parental controls through your internet to prevent access to inappropriate content.
- 'Friend' or 'follow' your child on social networking sites, so you can see how they are using them.
- Check they are old enough to join any websites or social networks with age restrictions.
- Advise your child not to post personal information or any images they wouldn't want everyone to see.
- Avoid using webcams unless talking to close friends or family. Consider covering your webcam when it's not in use.
- Monitor your children's internet usage, and be watchful for any secretive behaviour.
- Encourage your child to be open about what they do online and who they talk to.



Further advice is available for parents and carers of children at gov.uk

Advice for schools

Advice by the Department for Education:

Preventing and tackling bullying

Advice for headteachers, staff and governing bodies can be viewed at gov.uk

Cyberbullying Advice for headteachers and school staff gov.uk

What can the police do?

If we consider a message or post to be potentially criminal, we will take appropriate action. This could involve arresting the person responsible or interviewing them under caution. Cases involving sustained abuse or where someone's life is threatened will be treated seriously.

We will look at all of the circumstances when considering the best response to a report of cyber bullying. We will assess how vulnerable the victim is and what resources are required to trace the offender via social networking sites, which often operate abroad and to different legislation. In certain cases it may be difficult to take action if the offender isn't in the UK.

We will work with the victim to bring about the most suitable and proportionate conclusion. This could include alternative options that include the officer in the case using their discretion and working with the offender to record an apology to the victim.