



AD LUCEM

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Where can I find information regarding examination results?**
- A. Detailed exam results information from 2019 can be found on our [website](#), as these were the last set of published results before the pandemic.
- Q. Where can I find detailed information about the curriculum?**
- A. Detailed information can be found on the Y7-Y11 and Sixth Form pages of our website.
- Q. Are Year 7s taught in sets for all subjects?**
- A. Year 7 students are taught in tutor groups for most subjects to support transition from primary school. Students are grouped by ability in Mathematics and then in their modern foreign language later in the year.
- Q. How many students are there in a class?**
- A. Tutor groups contain just 27 students per class.
- Q. When will my child take their GCSEs?**
- A. All GCSE examinations are now linear and students will take their exams in Year 11.
- Q. How much homework should I expect my child to receive?**
- A. Independent Study will be set by teachers using the 'Satchel One' software. All Independent Study set can be seen via the school website and all parents have their own login to allow them to see the full details of the work set for their own child. Students have their own individual logins.
- Years 7–9: At least two subjects will be set per night, 30 minutes each.
Years 10–11: At least two subjects will be set per night, 40 minutes each.
- Q. What extra-curricular activities are on offer?**
- A. The [Activities booklet on our school website](#) gives a flavour of the huge range of opportunities on offer. We are proud of the huge range of activities available. There should be something for everyone.
- Q. How do you manage behaviour issues within school?**
- A. We aim to develop good relationships, based on mutual respect. Our staff model the behaviour we want to see and our students must allow teachers to teach by behaving appropriately at school so that all students can reach their full potential. Our expectations around behaviour and conduct are reflected in our BART'S Values, mainly that members of our school community should be Respectful and behave in a way that is Safe. The school community aims to improve behaviour through praise and rewards, however there are occasions when sanctions are implemented in order to reinforce the need for good behaviour.
- Q. How do you tackle incidents of bullying?**
- A. At St. Bart's we are committed to tackling bullying at all levels and encourage members of our community to be BRAVE (one of our BART'S Values) in reporting all incidents of bullying, either to a member of staff directly or by using the 'tell someone' button available on all school computers. We have a team of students who

have been trained by the Diana Award as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. The aim of the Anti-Bullying Ambassador training is to empower students and staff to change the attitudes, behaviours, and cultures of bullying by building skills and confidence to address different situations both on and offline. Throughout our PDP curriculum, we also teach our students about a range of issues linked to anti-bullying.

Q. Are students permitted to bring mobile phones into school?

A. *Students in Years 7-11 are not expected to use their mobile phones during the school day unless given permission to by a member of staff. Therefore, if parents have a need to contact their child during the school day, they are asked to ring the school directly. We have a well-established and efficient system for getting messages to students, and pastoral support if it is needed. If a child has a medical need and wants to contact home, this contact is made through their House Office, so their safety is ensured.*

A copy of the school's Mobile Phone Policy can be found on the website under Policies & Reports.

Q. What happens if a child becomes ill or needs medical attention?

A. *If a child becomes ill or needs medical attention, their House Office will contact home. The First Aiders nominated by the Headteacher are the only members of staff who may administer medicines. This should only occur following discussion with the parents, school agreement and the receipt of written parental permission.*

Q. We live outside of the catchment area. Will we get in?

A. *Every year we admit students from outside our catchment area. For the current academic year, 59 students out of catchment were awarded a place.*

Q. What transport options are available?

A. *We encourage healthy lifestyles and efforts to minimize carbon emissions. The majority of our students walk to school. Cycling is also encouraged and there are secure cycle racks on site. The only dedicated school bus service operates from Woolton Hill for eligible students living in Hampshire, which is run by Hampshire County Council.*

Q. How do we apply for a place at St Bartholomew's School?

A. *In line with the West Berkshire Co-ordinated Admission Scheme, when applying for a school place residents of West Berkshire must use the relevant application form available on the West Berkshire website: www.westberks.gov.uk. This website contains information and advice on making an application for a place at St Bartholomew's School.*

If joining directly from primary school and applying for a place in Year 7, the online application process can be used. This can be accessed via www.westberks.gov.uk. Alternatively, an application form can be completed and emailed or printed and sent by post to the local authority.

Applications for students who are not coming directly from primary school, should be made on the application form available as a download from www.westberks.gov.uk. This should be completed and emailed or printed and sent by post to the local authority. Contact details for the Admissions Office at West Berkshire Local Authority are as follows: Email: admissions@westberks.gov.uk Telephone: 01635 551111

If you are not a resident of West Berkshire, please contact West Berkshire at: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions>

A copy of the 2022-2023 Admission Policy is available on the 'Admissions & Apply' page of the school website at www.stbarts.co.uk.

For admissions relating to the current school year, please refer to the 2021-2022 Admission Policy.

Q. How can I see the school in action?

A. *Our Open Mornings/tours of the school to prospective families are on Monday 27 September and Tuesday 28 September.*

We appreciate you may have additional questions, so please do feel free to contact us by email at office@stbarts.co.uk

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