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ST BART'S – OUTSTANDING IN ALL AREAS

We are delighted to announce that, following the recent inspection, **Ofsted have recognised that St Bart's is outstanding in every category**: Quality of education; Behaviour and attitude; Personal development; Leadership and management and Sixth form.



Within the new inspection framework, the benchmark to achieve outstanding has been raised considerably and, since the framework was introduced in September 2019, only eight non-selective secondary schools have achieved an outstanding judgement.

The Ofsted team recognised the many strengths of our school, including the ambitious and carefully planned curriculum embedded across the school. We were particularly delighted with the inspectors' praise for the students, which was of the highest level. St Bart's students were commended for their 'kindness and respect' for each other as well as their excellent

behaviour, which reflected 'a determination to help everyone achieve their best'.

Ms Mortimore, Headteacher: "This is an exceptional achievement, which I hope each one of us connected to St Bart's will be proud of. At St Bart's we always aspire to achieve the best in everything we do, and it is great to gain recognition of this."

You can read the full Ofsted Report here



Pictured above is the assembly in which students learned of our achievement

HOUSE ART 2021

All students are invited to create an Art piece to be entered based on the theme "Night at the Movies". Information about this event, how you can get involved this half term, timings and guidelines will be explained during your Art, Graphics and Textiles lessons this week. Winning work will be judged and displayed during the Expressive Arts showcase event at the end of the first Spring half term. Points awarded will contribute to the House Championship Competition. Turn to page 8 for more information. Happy Creating!

Calendar Y7EP Vocablics Thurs 2 Dec Y8 reports Mon 6 Dec issued Y11 Mon 6 Dec Hall PRACTICE **EXAMS** Continue Y7 House Mon 6 Dec 5.00pm-6.30pm Christmas **Parties** Y10 reports Tues 7 Dec issued Tues 7 Dec Y13 Subject Remote -Parents' 4.30-7.00pm Evening: Y12 reports Weds 8 Dec issued

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

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY & ST BART'S CHRISTMAS MENU

Next Friday, 10 December, St Bart's will take part in Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. Students come to school in normal uniform, except that their blazer is replaced by a Christmas Jumper. Donations should be made on ParentPay please.

On the same day, and on the following Wednesday (15 December) there will be a Christmas menu served in the canteen. Please see page 9 for details.

CAREERS EVENTS

AWE Apprenticeships. Applications are now open. Visit their website for more information.

Capgemini's Apprentice Programmes Information Evening

Monday 6 December 5-6pm

Apply here

INVESTIN Success Beyond School

Free of charge, live online evening seminars to help parents supercharge their children's career potential. <u>Parents can register now.</u>

Visit our <u>Y7-11 Virtual Careers Events</u> webpage for more events. And a more comprehensive listing for older students is also available on the Sixth Form Hub: <u>Careers and Study Opportunities page.</u>

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR STUDENT STALLS

A group of Y8 students led by Bella Fogg (8C1) ran a Curnock House Charity fundraising stall at the St Bart's Christmas Craft Fair. They had lovely items for sale, some friends joined them to help and together,



they raised over £160 for House Charity, Newbury Cancer Care!

Well done to Bella, Amelie, and to extra

helpers Eliz and Immie and Annabelle for contributing items. Curnock are proud of you!

An enterprising group of Y9 Patterson students were also at the Christmas Fair. They sold, amongst other things, homemade



cakes, masks and beautiful bath salts. There was also a lucky dip and a competition to name the guide dog puppy (who was called Lightning) to be won. Together Abi, Eloise and Millie (9P1) and their friends Annalise and Edith raised over £150 for the House Charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind. Thank you, you are true Patterson stars.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

We are BespOAK, the Young Enterprise student



business 2021. We are an organisation of 8 students that design, make and sell wooden coasters. We are still raising finance so are making our coasters out of plywood, and aim to make our coasters from 100% oak sourced from offcuts to make sure we are a minimal



waste business.
So far we have created a video that we used to propose our coasters to the Young Enterprise Dragons' Den event. 3 of us attended the Dragons' Den event online, and were able

to have a discussion with experienced business individuals and gain some useful advice. We have also attended the St Bart's Christmas Craft Fair and been able to sell some of our products to new customers. We enjoyed talking to potential customers and showing them our great coasters. We had many designs including some special ones for Christmas too for the festive buyers.



CONSIDERATE PARKING REMINDER

We would like to remind parents/carers about safe parking at the beginning and

end of the school day. Inconsiderate parking causes obstruction and a risk of accidents.

Please do not block the route through the site or wait in the drop off zone, this area must be kept clear for emergency vehicles and coaches. This area is very busy with pedestrians. There is an increased number of coaches arriving/departing from the site for trips and PE fixtures. If areas are coned off please do not stop/park in this area as they are to ensure the safety of all users of our site.

When dropping off/collecting students please keep road junctions and driveways clear, in particular in Bartlemy Road, Mayfair Drive, Buckingham Road, Wendan Road, Erleigh Dene and Fifth Road (including the area at Brown's Meadow) and do not park on grass verges.

Please also keep the entrance to the Sixth Form car park at Wormestall clear and not block cars parked in the area, to enable student drivers to exit safely. Please can we ask that parents do not park in the 6th form car park opposite the school exit gates at the end of the school day. It is a small car park and for the student's safety needs to be kept as clear as possible. Thank you.

VACANCIES



TEACHING ASSISTANT

We are searching for a Teaching Assistant to join us on 4 January 2022 or as soon as possible after, on a permanent basis. You will be working within our Personalised Learning team.

We are looking for someone to work with teachers in the delivery of differentiated high quality lessons, and to support students in their learning and development and encourage them to participate in all aspects of school life. We are seeking applicants with good educational qualifications and organisational ability, who have empathy with students, and are able to motivate and encourage them.

HOURS: 29 hours and 40 minutes per week (Monday to Thursday 8.40am to 3.10pm and Friday 8.40am to 2.50pm) term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata.

SALARY: £18198.00 - £18562.00 gross pa (£9.43 - £9.62 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £12453.85 gross pa.

For full details and to apply, please visit: www.stbarts.co.uk

Closing date: Sunday 5 December 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

INTERVIEW SKILLS DAY

On Wednesday 24 November we were delighted to be able to run our interview skills day for Year 11. Prior to the day, students spent time in their PDP sessions examining skills required for work, researching career choices, producing CVs and letters of application. On the day itself students were given a mock interview and then talked to their interviewers and received feedback on their performance.

The event was supported by the Education and Business Partnership West Berkshire and a team of 15 business volunteers. We are very grateful for the time these volunteers give up to provide such a valuable experience for our students. All our volunteers were extremely positive in their feedback about the students' preparation, engagement and response, to feedback. Well done to everyone involved!



Our volunteers were: Melanie Watt EBP, Lesley Stewart EBP, Lucy Aitchison EBP, Debbie Jones EBP, Michelle Smith EBP, Vicky Hanford EBP, Rachel Greaves EBP, Sam Brautigan EBP, Ian Hanson Independent, Mervyn Dunwoody STEM Ambassador, Jonathan Bright JFinances, Gabriel Mancini West Berkshire council, Shiraz Sheikh West Berkshire Council, Sarah Clarke West Berkshire Council, Paula Goodwin West Berkshire Council, Alison Hall Health Reach, Cass Capel Generate UK, Ian Hickling Transplan UK, Daryl Hood MOD, Jonathan Naylor Shoosmiths, Barbara Papenfus Shoosmiths, Nathan Rees Shoosmiths, Gareth Ward ESWM.

KS3 CAREERS FAIR

On November 17 800 students from Y7, Y8 and Y9 attended a Careers fair held in the school hall. It was exciting to see the event finally take place, having originally been

planned for July 2020! Forty-eight different job roles were represented and students were able to visit the tables to ask questions about jobs that were of interest to them. Students completed a booklet to record their conversations. Following the event a tutor session was spent discussing the students' experiences.



Thank you to all our volunteers for giving up their time on the day. It was great to see so many ex-students, and others with links to the school. We look forward to a bigger event next year!

Congratulations to Kenechi (8P2) for winning the competition run by Jemma from Elite Text Publishing. Students were asked to guess the number of synonyms and antonyms in the thesauras. The answer is 600,000! Kenechi was closest with 650,000.

Participants comments

"It was super to see such engaged students who are interested in all the different careers available."

Fiona (Vodafone)

"I loved engaging the Y7-9's and getting them to think about business ideas and opportunities. Helping some of them understand that with effort and enthusiasm they can take an idea and turn it into a business."

Russell (Premier Pressure Cleaning)

"I thought the careers fair was a great idea. I never had anything like that at school in my days. My voice was worn out at the end of it though. I was lucky enough to get inspired by a lecturer at college who was into F1 racing so

that is why I thought I should return the favour to today's kids. Although I work at AWE now rather than in formula 1, I wanted to show that similar exciting jobs in engineering are available. It was great to see a mixture of girls and boys interested as well."

Colin (AWE)



"It was great to see so many students engaged and asking really insightful questions about possible career options. It's really important that young people consider different paths in life - further education, apprenticeships, employment. Events like these allow students to find out what a career is really like day to day and how to access that career, rather than judge by what they see on TV or in the media even if they come away not having any idea what they want to do in the future, but knowing something they wouldn't want to work towards, that is incredibly valuable and an opportunity I wish I had been given earlier on at school!"

Rob (doctor)

"Brilliant event with lots of great questions from bright inquisitive students. My favourite part of the day was when a student recited a quote to me "...choose a job that makes you happy and you'll never have to work a day in your life again." I hope some of the students got just a little inspiration for that life goal." Craig (Director Geospatial AI)

"It was wonderful to see St Bart's inviting in such a hugely mixed range of businesses and business models. The students were so excited. They learned that you can start a business in lockdown, how to work internationally but from home, how diversely IT is used in companies, why you need problem solving for plumbing, what a chef's day looks like, how satellite data can be sold internationally to help agriculture, how Mind Training is an actual

business and how to become a professional sports person and more. The more they asked they more they went 'wow'. Really enjoyable for us too to pass on our excitement about our own business."

Debbie (Active Heating Services)

"My colleague and I were really impressed with the students who attended - they were a credit to the school. It was also great to see a very diverse representation across many different job opportunities from corporate to entrepreneur and I do believe this has given the students a good overview of the kind of jobs that they can consider for their future careers. We very much hope to attend next year."

Kate (Active Heating Services)

"It was wonderful to be invited to participate in the Careers Fair at St Barts and have the chance to talk to KS3 students in person about their interests and passions. They asked brilliant questions about the world of publishing and work in general."

Jemma (Elite Text Publishing)

Student and teacher comments

"My group were buzzing after the session! They were really inspired."

Miss Richardson (tutor)

"I really enjoyed it and it gave me lots of inspiration about what I want to do in the future."

Eli M

"I liked how there were a big range of careers."

Ellie B

"I found it really fun to talk to different people and find out what they do."

Immie

"It was interesting to learn about all the careers and jobs there are and I really enjoyed talking to people."

Louisa

Y11 PHOTOGRAPHY

The task the group were set was to look more carefully at their subject and to try different angles, different lighting and to consider the overall composition to make sure they get the very best shot of their subject. This is preparation for January 2022 when they start to work on a project of their own.



Marcie has, clearly, looked carefully having seen an eye shape in wood and then, imaginatively, used a friend's eye to make the pair!

AT ST BART'S WE EXPECT ALL MEMBERS OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO BE... BRAVE **AMBITIOUS** RESPECTFUL TRUSTWORTHY SAFE

PE

1st XV Rugby

The Rugby 1st XV played Lord Williams School in a friendly match and lost 38-28. Player of the match was Josh who scored a hat trick.

Year 9 Rugby

The Year 9 boys' rugby team lost a tough

encounter against a strong Reading Blue Coat School side, unfortunately ending their County

THAT WE CAN BE.

Cup hopes for this year. Players of the match were Ellis Farris, George Buckett and Rhys Kemp. A top effort from all the boys though.



KS4 Hockey

Well done to the KS4 mixed hockey team who played in the West Berkshire Hockey festival finishing in 2nd place overall. St Bart's were unbeaten throughout the tournament,



winning 2 games and drawing 2, only to be pipped to 1st place on goals scored. Players of the match were Tom McCarthy and Lucy Nicoll. Special mention though to Charlotte McDonald, for her excellent captaincy and organisation, and to Thomas Dair who finished top goal scorer.

Year 10 Rugby

The year 10 rugby team travelled to Ascot Charters School in the County Cup. At half time the scores were tied at 7-7, both teams playing some good rugby and tackling brilliantly.

In the second half Charters went ahead after scoring from a charged down clearance kick, but missed the conversion. St Bart's then played some excellent rugby, scoring two well worked team tries, one by the forwards and one from the backs.

With a few minutes to go St Bart's were awarded a penalty just between the opposition's 10 and 22. Captain Charlie Cooper elected to kick for the posts, and kicked the ball straight through the uprights, giving St Bart's an 8 point cushion.

Tries were scored by Charlie Cooper, Henry Moors and Daniel Gonzalez. Charlie also kicked a conversion and a penalty.

The final score finished Charters School 12, St Bart's 20. The boys now go through to the quarter finals.



Players of the match were Yuvaa Narayanan, Nikhil Kopparapu, Josh Cole and Daniel Gonzalez. Yuvaa for his superb ground making runs, Nikhil and Josh for their selfless rucking, and Daniel for his tackling and evasive running.

KEY CONTACTS REMINDER

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(Reception open 8:30am -5:00pm)

Email: office@stbarts.co.uk

Attendance Hotline (Y7-Y11): 01635 576372

Attendance Hotline (Y12/13): 01635 576366

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subjecthotline@stbarts.co.uk

Sixth form email: sixthform@stbarts.co.uk

Sixth form enquiries: 01635 576368

Parents' Association: stbartspa@gmail.com

Address: St Bartholomew's School Andover Road, Newbury, Berkshire. RG14 6JP



Y10 students investigate photosynthesis in Mr Edwards lesson. Photo by Ms Zajdzik

Visit the Parents' Association

Second-hand Uniform Shop



Just inside the Students' Entrance on the right

Open on Fridays during term time from 2:45pm to 3.30pm

Have you finished with your uniform or PE kit?

Donations welcome - no white shirts please either at the shop on Friday afternoons or anytime via the main reception desk

Volunteers are needed to help in the shop, for one hour on a Friday afternoon (term time). Once a month or once a term it's up to you.

Please contact us at stbartspa@gmail.com

Help raise funds for your school!

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Introducing

House Art Competition 2021



Taking place this half term and next!
Ask your Art, Graphics, Textile teachers for information on how to enter.

Deadline Friday 14th January 2022



FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER From 12.10 To 12.50

It's Christmas Jumper Day!
The canteen and Sixth Form servery will be offering:
Brie & Cranberry Panini

Turkey & Stuffing Panini

Baked potatoes with beans and pigs in blankets/vegetarian cocktail sausages



WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER From 12.30 To 13.10

Join us in the main canteen to celebrate Christmas with festive music and a special menu of roast turkey & all the trimmings.

