

Welcome to the new format BartholoNews

We've redesigned our weekly newsletter to make it easier for you to read online. Use the [blue links](#) to jump to the stories that really matter to you and the purple buttons to hop back here and find something else to read.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



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WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL COVID NEWSLETTER LINK

West Berkshire Council have recently published a bulletin with new guidance on Covid-19, testing and Lateral Flow Tests. [Read it here.](#)

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Once again, this term the calendar is very busy with a wide range of activities planned, which we hope will all be able to take place, Covid permitting, so please encourage your child to get involved.

In the coming months, there are also a number of important evenings for parents. For Year 11, there is a Parents' Evening on Tuesday 25 January, which is critical in supporting students to prepare for their final GCSE examinations in the summer. Then on Monday 31 January, we look forward to meeting Year 9 parents to go through the Key Stage 4 curriculum with you and the choices your child has in terms of Options for September 2022.

We are pleased that many of our current sixth formers are receiving offers from their university applications and that acceptances have been secured. Year 11 students who have placed applications for the Sixth Form next year will also shortly be invited to an interview, which will take place later this half term.

May I also please ask that you ensure students wear the correct uniform to school. This includes students only wearing the official school jumpers, skirts and trousers and no alternatives, which are not acceptable.

Lastly as Covid rates continue to remain high, can I please again remind you that it is important that all students test themselves twice weekly so that we can all continue to be safe and keep the school open to ensure the best possible education and care for our students.

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Calendar

Covid Second Vaccinations, Hall	Wednesday 12 January	
A Level Music Conference	Friday 14 January	Am
Y9CD Vocablics	Monday 17 January	
Y8EP Vocablics	Tuesday 18 January	

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

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CAREERS EVENTS

Forresters Hair Salon (Thattham) Apprenticeship scheme opportunities.

Contact Sam Cornish s.l.cornish@hotmail.co.uk.

HSBC - 200 Work Experience opportunities nationwide from 20 June 2022

[More information.](#)

Diamond Light Source's annual schools Work Experience programme from 4 July 2022

For years 10-13. [More information.](#)

Adviza Parent/Carer and Student ASK Apprenticeship Awareness Talk – FREE

Wednesday 9 February 2022, 6 - 7pm. careersguidance@adviza.org.uk.

Experian's Annual Interactive Insight Event - Tuesday 11 January from 5:00 - 6:00pm

Showcasing all that the company does and the different career paths within the business.

[Register your interest here.](#)

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.](#)

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COMPETITION: DESIGN THE NEW BARTHOLONEWS' HEADER

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KS4 AWARDS EVENING

The annual KS4 Awards Evening was held on Thursday 25 November at which 122 prizes were awarded to Year 11 students from last year's cohort to celebrate their remarkable achievements. The ceremony was opened by our Co-Head Dr Fitter and our Co-Chair of Governors, Mrs Sadler.

Amongst the awards presented were an amazing 68 prizes given to students for achieving 8 or more grades at 7-9 (the equivalent of A* and A grades) at GCSE. Subject prizes were given as well as 18 major awards for contributions to many aspects of school life beyond the classroom.

It was wonderful to see the school hall full with prize winners and their parents, alongside staff and governors, and it was a very fitting occasion at which to celebrate a truly outstanding group of students.



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VACANCIES

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Permanent, required as soon as possible

You will 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: Up to a total of 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. *We would be happy to consider less hours, to fit in with individual and school requirements.*

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 29 hours and 40 minutes pw.

Closing date: Sunday 16 January 2022

ASSISTANT TEACHER (Cover Supervisor)

Permanent, required as soon as possible

Please note that you do not need Qualified Teacher Status to do this role.

We are looking for an individual to help sustain high standards of achievement by covering classes when teachers are absent, ensuring that students work at set tasks. You will also be required to work with teachers and students in a variety of settings.

HOURS: 31 hours and 20 minutes (31.33) per week, Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 3.20pm and Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm. *Consideration will be given to a different number of hours or working pattern within the above, to suit the school and individual.*

SALARY: £20092.00 to £22183.00 pro rata for part-time, term-time (£10.41 - £11.50 per hour). Equates to a starting salary of £14519.30 gross pa.

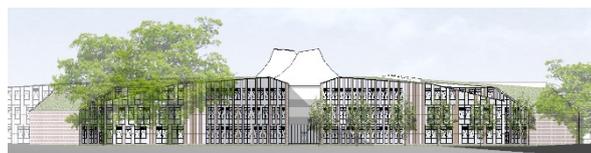
Closing date: Sunday 23 January 2022

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

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

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YEAR 10 DANCE LEADERS

Year 10 Dance Leaders have been working incredibly hard to refine their dance leading skills this term culminating in a fantastic first workshop leading our very own 7C3! Both year groups worked wonderfully together to create fun performances in a very short space of time. To see two great videos of their efforts [visit this page on our website](#). This was the Dance Leader's opportunity to try out a multitude of skills that they'll need to successfully lead before they embark on their first termly trips off site to Falklands Primary School this January. They led with energy and verve, and we feel the children of Falklands will love their relevant and inspiring workshops.



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YEAR 11 DANCE LEADERS

The Year 11 Dance Leaders weren't able to run sessions at Falkland Primary School last year. They did fantastically well to up-skill during the Autumn term, quickly learning how to engage and inspire Year 6, manage some challenging behaviour and also invent wonderfully creative workshops that change each month, and all this on top of their GCSE's! They deserve congratulations for their tenacity and energy.

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BARTS AMBASSADORS



47 Year 11 students who have been chosen to help drive change in our school, and to support younger year groups. They have officially begun their role this week. They will be very busy over the next few months and students will be seeing a lot more of them!

They have special purple ties so they can be easily identified. Our ambassadors will be supporting at break and lunch times and will

be in the different year group areas for students to say hello to. Students can speak to the member of staff on duty or the Ambassadors if they have any concerns or if they want to make suggestions of how to improve our school.

HOUSE ART 2021-22

A reminder that all students are invited to create an Art piece based on the theme "Night at the Movies" **The deadline for work submission is this Friday, 14 January.** The winning pieces will be displayed during the forthcoming Expressive Arts showcase event. Points awarded will contribute to the House Championship Competition. Happy Creating!



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ECO-COMMITTEE @ ST BART'S



I'm sure by now most people reading this would have heard about all the amazing new opportunities that the school has introduced to help the environment. One example is the Eco-Committee. However, some of you may not know that one of St Bart's aims is to achieve the Green Flag Status for the school. To earn this award, one of the things you must do is make sure the Eco-Committee is as student-led as possible.

Our Eco-Committee is made up of students and staff and it meets each half term. Everyone has the opportunity to be involved and there is a mix of age groups. There are other conditions necessary to work towards Green Flag status but that is not the main reason why we are writing this article.

Our school Eco-Committee has created a Green Calculator to see how Eco-friendly our school population really is. I know in the past some students have probably done carbon footprint calculators, but these are often designed for adults as the questions don't fully apply to younger people. We decided to create a student-friendly survey – the Green Calculator - and put together questions that will apply more to students.

All students will get the chance to see how sustainably they live their lives by doing the Green Calculator survey in school over the next couple of weeks. We will then be working hard to provide useful information about how we can all make small changes to our lifestyles to improve our personal Green Score.

The Eco-Committee is also developing a number of projects that students can get involved in over the rest of this year and beyond. More information will follow about these opportunities in a future issue of BartholoNews.

Gwen Wharry 9E3
(on behalf of the Eco-Committee)

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ST BART'S IS BERKSHIRE TENNIS SCHOOL OF THE YEAR!

We were delighted to hear that Berkshire County Tennis has awarded St Bart's their "Berkshire School of the Year" Award. This is in recognition of the year-round tennis coaching we offer students alongside many opportunities to play and compete. Congratulations to all those involved in tennis at St Bart's, particularly Mr Harmer.

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PE

Year 10 Football

Our Year 10 girls played their final West Berkshire League football fixtures on Wednesday 9 December. Our A team beat Park House School, 1-0, thanks to a goal by Abi Rutt, which meant they finished 3rd overall. Our B team also won, beating John O'Gaunt School, 2-1, in a fantastic game. Goal scorers were Izzy John and Lucy Bosley.



Year 10 Rugby County Cup Quarter Final



The Year 10 boys' rugby team played Pangbourne College in the County Cup Quarter Final at Newbury RFC. Pangbourne College scored 3 tries in the first half, but St Bart's dominated the second half, leading the second half by a try (scored by William Spain, converted by Charlie Cooper) until the last minute of the match. The final score was Pangbourne 20, St Bart's 7. Players of the match were Brayden Jackson and William Spain.

Year 8 Football



Our Year 8 girls' football teams played in their final fixtures of the term on Tuesday 14 December. The B team played fantastically against Park House, drawing 0-0 to take it to penalties where we unfortunately lost. A huge well done to the girls who took a penalty. They showed great bravery and courage!

The A team played Kennet School in the final and gave 100% throughout the entire match. Unfortunately coming out on the losing side. The girls have done brilliantly to reach the

final in their first year of fixtures and can be really proud of themselves for being the runners up! Well done to all involved.



Year 9 Girls Play Rugby for Newbury

Having only started playing Rugby in September, four Year 9 St Bart's girls, Claudia, Sophia, Katya and Beth, joined the Newbury under 15's team in a 'Friday Night Lights' game away at Reading Abbey this weekend. Newbury lost, 49-37, in what was a high scoring and very competitive match the St Bart's girls did very well, particularly as, for three of the girls, it was not only their first game for Newbury, but also their first ever competitive Rugby match. Well done girls!

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BARTHOLONNEWS 1000 ISSUES TITLE BANNER COMPETITION

Background

Wednesday 8 December marked the 1000th edition of BartholoNews. Our school newsletter has been in circulation since 1995 and, for over 25 years, it has been a showcase of school life and student achievement. The newsletter goes out weekly to staff, students and parents/carers, with a circulation of over 4600.

Competition Brief - BartholoNews Title Banner

We are looking for a new eye-catching title design that celebrates our school and the talents of our students. **If you are studying art, graphics, photography or you just love art and design, we want you to enter.** This is a great opportunity to have your work seen by our whole school community. **It would look great on personal statements, CVs or even House Colour applications! For those looking to study art and design in further education, it's a great project to add to your portfolio.**

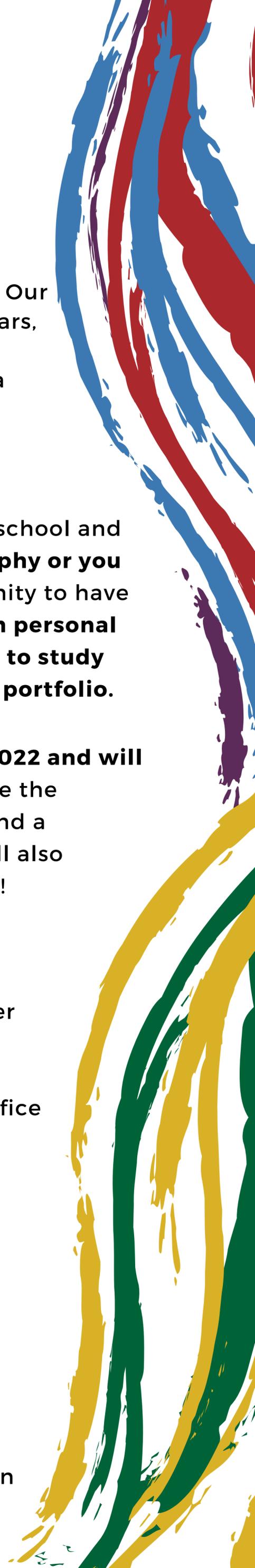
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Design Brief

- The design should be **bold and clear** and must feature the newsletter title **BartholoNews**
- The design can be in any style or media
- Please use the design template which can be collected at the art office (top floor Curnock). This will ensure your design has the correct dimensions. Please note you can size this template up on the photocopier if you want to work on a larger scale.

Competition Rules

- The competition is open to any current St Bart's student
- **The deadline is midday on Monday 17 January**
- Entries should be either sent (as a high resolution JPEG/PNG) to bartholonews@stbarts.co.uk or delivered to the art office (top floor Curnock) - remember to tell us your name and tutor group
- The winning entry will be announced and feature in BartholoNews in January and throughout 2022



Whose story will you inspire?

Train to Teach Career Information

Evening

Wednesday 26th January 2022



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:

itt@downlandalliance.org.uk

Website: www.downlandalliance.org.uk



When?

Wednesday

26th January 2022

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

Waterside

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Waterside Centre
Berkshire Youth

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A membership programme that provides:

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