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Opportunities from BT, Vodafone and IBM.

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"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time' was a play of many ideas and themes, ranging from abandonment to truth and the importance of trust. Whilst thought-provoking, these ideas often weren't particularly comfortable to think about.

At the beginning of the play, we meet 15-year-old Christopher who lives with his dad, in Swindon. He has just discovered his neighbour's dead dog (Wellington), and is obsessed with finding out who's killed the dog. However, as he attempts to solve the mystery, lots of other things are revealed, further complicating his life. Christopher is also taking Maths A-Level, which as a student was nice to see because it meant I could relate to Christopher, as school is a big part of my life. We discovered more and more things as the play went on, and by the end I felt empathy towards all the characters, and that made what happened to them even more important. The play was faithful to the book, but it might have been interesting to see them create a different path for Christopher to follow.

There were many themes in the play, one of the main ones being abandonment. The mum in the play abandons Christopher and it's difficult to decide whether she was in the wrong or whether she's justified in what she did. Another main theme is truth and how far trust goes. Although Christopher's mother is more upfront and truthful with him, and his father less so, it's harder to trust the mother because of her leaving Christopher. It's complicated for the audience to decide what's right and what's wrong, and in my opinion that's what makes the play so good, it makes the audience think and isn't that what theatre is for?"

Jemima Kerr 10P1

"We arrived at the theatre and got shown inside and to our seats, the staff were absolutely lovely and the inside of the theatre was gorgeous! The show was very loud to begin with but it really fit with the opening scene of the play. From the first moment the actors stepped on stage they were phenomenal, you could tell that every single one of them were enjoying themselves and had put a lot of work into their rehearsals. The main character, an autistic 15 year old boy called Christopher, was played really well and very accurately by the actor. I really like the maths question at the very end of the play where Christopher explains the question that's on his A-level exam paper, it just added some more humour and enjoyment.

The use of props was really cool as they didn't actually have many and it was very cleverly done. There was also the use of the other actors as props that was really nice, there was one particular part where the main character was using one of the other actors arm and somehow the two of them managed to make it look like he was opening a door and I have no idea how they did it but I could clearly see what was happening.

The play explores a few different themes that anyone in the world could relate to such as abandonment issues, learning difficulties, truth and trust. The use of lighting sound and projection really helped the performance and overall it was really lovely and it made my entire week. I would go back and watch the whole thing ten times over if I could."

Erin Lloyd 10P2

Calendar

Y13 Drama A-Level Performance Evening	Monday 28 February	Drama Studio - 5.30 -7pm
Y8CD Vocablics	Tuesday 1 March	
KS3, KS4 & KS5 Drama Performances	Tuesday 1 March	Hall - 6.30-8.30pm
A Level English Language Conference	Wednesday 2 March	London - all day
Y9 Subject Parents' Evening	Thursday 3 March	Remote - 4.30-7.00pm
Y8 Issue of Y9 Subject Choices booklet	Friday 4 March	
Primary Schools County Indoor Athletics Competition	Friday 4 March	Sportshall
CCF Sunday Walk 4	Sunday 6 March	
Y9 Deadline for return of KS4 Option Choices	Monday 7 March	
A Level Geography Field Trip	Monday 7 March	North Wales (return Friday 11 March)
Reports Issued Y8 & Y13	Tuesday 8 March	
Y8EP Vocablics	Tuesday 8 March	
Y8 Parents' Curriculum Information Meeting	Tuesday 8 March	Remote - 6.30pm

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

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CAREERS EVENTS

BT Apprenticeship Programme

[Find out more and apply here.](#)

Adviza Employer Webinar: Vodafone Group

5 April, 2022 at 6:00pm

[Sign up here.](#)

IBM Apprenticeships and Placements

[Find out more and apply 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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VACANCIES

SITE SUPERVISOR

We are searching for a part-time Site Supervisor to join us on 17 February 2022 or as soon as possible after, on a permanent basis.

Please note that this is not a term-time role.



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. 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: 16 hours and 15 minutes (16.25) pw, 52 weeks pa

You will work fixed shifts with an alternating Saturday shift between AM and PM:

Week 1 – Thursday 1.30pm – 5pm, Friday 11.30am – 6.30pm, Saturday 7.30am – 1.30pm

Week 2 – Thursday 1.30pm – 5pm, Friday 11.30am – 6.30pm, Saturday 12.30pm – 6.30pm.

SALARY: £19312.00 - £19698.00 gross pa, pro rata for part-time (£10.01 - £10.21 p/h). Starting salary for 16.25 hours pw is £8481.62 gross pa.

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

Closing date: Sunday 27 February 2022

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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BEYOND BART'S

With the end of their A-levels and their time at St Bart's now clearly in sight our Year 13 students have their sights set on their future opportunities. Over the next few weeks we will speak to Year 13 students about their plans and their experiences so far.



"I hope to do an Art foundation year, progressing on to an Art degree. When I first started researching Art in further education, I was extremely sceptical of an Art Foundation year. Firstly, I wanted to have the 'classic' university experience and I had major FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) from all my friends going to Uni. Secondly, I thought I knew enough about the different fields in art (I do not! The A Level experience does not fully submerge you in the arts). But in retrospect I would encourage everyone pursuing any form of art to do a

foundation year. It gives you an expansion of knowledge, you can try many forms of art you'd never even thought of.

If you really want the University experience you can apply to a degree course combined with a foundation year through UCAS (although these courses are quite limited). For the separate foundation year, you have to apply to each place individually. You can also apply to degree programs that don't include a foundation year, then defer a year and do a foundation year in this time. The main perk of a foundation year is the fees are free if you start it when you are 18, although you cannot get a student loan.

The application process can be tedious, doing the usual UCAS application, as well as portfolios. But my main advice would be to apply to everything, apply to both degrees, separate foundation years and internships. Further education in a creative area can broaden your horizon and open up many job opportunities you had never considered before."

Emily Toplis (13P4)

If you are a younger student who has been inspired by what you've read here, and would like to talk to our Sixth Form students about their experiences, please email sixthform@stbarts.co.uk

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SPOTLIGHT ON..... DANCE

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Welcome to our new 'Spotlight On' feature. We have decided to focus on a different department each month and share with you just some of the learning, innovation and fun that is happening all the time here at St Bart's.

Dance at St Bart's is part of the vibrant Expressive Arts Faculty (Bart's Arts) and the department are passionate about inspiring students to develop their creative, physical, emotional and intellectual capacity through the power of dance.

Last week, Year 7s at the very start of their learning journey were to be found performing their own choreography inspired by the Syrian Refugee Crisis. Their excellent performances were filmed during lessons as part of their Unit 3 assessment, in which students learnt how to use Actions, Relationships, Dynamics and Space (RADS) to effectively portray different characters, narratives and emotions. [Click here to watch some of their dances.](#)

At the same time, and in the final stages of their journey with us here at St Bart's, we were able to capture A Level dance students, Bertie, Rhianne and Ruby, working extremely hard in the studio to perfect their final exam performances, an original piece of group choreography. [Click here to see their practice.](#)



Miss Warnes, Head of Dance, says: "Dance is such a rich subject, developing skills such as creativity, team working, communication and problem solving. Whether we are introducing the subject to our Year 7s, or working on critical appreciation skills and original performances at GCSE or A Level, we hope that the experiences we offer here at St Bart's inspire a lifelong joy and appreciation for dance."

The Dance department has a lively calendar including the annual Dance show, House Dance competitions, specialist workshops and co-curricular clubs. To find out more about these opportunities and the student journey visit the [Dance Department microsite](#) or keep informed with news and more examples of fantastic work by following the department on [Instagram](#).

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HOUSE ART & GRAPHICS RESULTS 2022

The overall winners this year are Evers, congratulations! 2nd: Patterson. 3rd: Curnock, 4th: Davis.

Special Award to 7P2 for the tutor group with the most entries this year! Check out the full results including runners up [on our website](#).



1st Emily Clinch 8D1



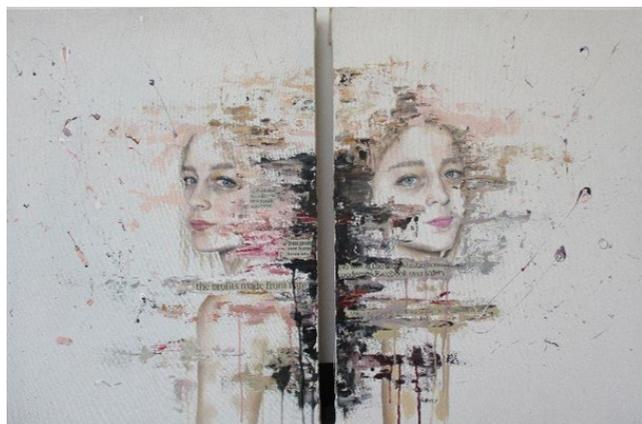
2nd Harvey Robinson 8P2



1st Elliot Rabinowitz 11C2



2nd Ruby Scarr 11E2



1st Amy Russell 13 E6



2nd Ellie Bampton 13 C1

500 WORDS SHORT-STORY COMPETITION

The BBC's famous 500 words short-story competition for children between 5 and 13 may be no more – it seems to have been cancelled last year – but we are running with the idea for World Book Day.

This voluntary competition is open to anyone in any year group. There will be prizes for each year group and an overall winner. The brief is simple: write a short story of about 500 words (20 words either way isn't an issue) about the theme of either "spring" or "a new start".

The deadline for submissions is 28 February – the Monday we get back from half term.

We aim to announce winners on World Book Day itself, March 3.

Please send your stories, ideally typed in a Word doc, to rclayton@stbarts.co.uk.

[Here are some highlights from the BBC's competition](#) to inspire you. [And some great openings to novels, too.](#)

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PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION RESULT

Following the recent Parent Governor Election, congratulations and welcome to Chris Mabbatt has been elected as a new Parent Governor. Thank you to the candidates for putting their names forward and to all those who voted.

Helen Sutherland, Returning Officer

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INVIGILATORS REQUIRED

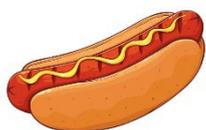
Calling all parents who may have some free time during May/June this summer to support our students. We are looking for more people to join our experienced invigilation team. Your main role is to assist in maintaining the integrity of the examination process within the prescribed rules and regulations. Training is provided and we are looking for good communication skills, flexibility and a confident and reassuring manner. £10.97 per hour

If you feel this is for you please email exams@stbarts.co.uk by Friday 25th February

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KIOSK TO SERVE HOT SNACKS

From Monday 28 February we will be reopening the second Kiosk at activity time and we will reintroduce our hot snacks in the main canteen at break time.



Monday	Hot Pasta Pot £1.49
Tuesday	Hot Dog £1.16
Wednesday	Chilli Nacho's £1.49
Friday	Hot Dog £1.16

This is with the exception of Tuesday the 1 March, when we shall be serving Pancakes with Golden Syrup for 70p!

These will all be served on a first come first served basis.

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PE



Year 8 A Team Netball

Congratulations to the Year 8 A team netball players with their league matches on Tuesday 8 February. There were some excellent results which are as follows.

The girls beat the following schools. The Downs School A Team, 11 – 0, Little Heath School, 19 – 0, Kennet School B team, 17 – 1 and St Gabriel’s School B team, 16 – 0.

Well done and congratulations to Eva Hewitson and Matilda Russell who were awarded players of the matches

Year 8 B Team Netball

Well done to the Year 8 B team netball players who took part in the league matches on Tuesday 8 February at Kennet School.

They played a very strong Kennet School A team and were beaten, 3 -15, and played Willink School A Team and lost, 1 -7. Players of the matches were awarded to Molly Wallis, Freya Fox and Amber Morrison. Well done to all girls involved.



Year 11 Netball



Congratulations to the Year 11 Netball team who performed superbly on Wednesday evening at Theale Green School.

They beat Theale Green School in their league match, 21 – 6, with Alex Royston named as player of the match.

They then played 2 friendly games against Willink School winning 14 – 9. Abi Doney was named as player of the match. Then they played Kennet School where St Bart’s won 17 – 11 with Alex Royston named as played of the match again!

Well done to you all for playing some excellent netball.



Key Stage 3 Badminton festival

Well done to the 16 students that represented the school at the West Berkshire Key Stage 3 badminton festival at John O'Gaunt School recently.

This event was all about fun and mass participation. All students played approximately 6 games in a friendly and fun environment. Well done to all.

Key Stage 4 Badminton Festival

Well done to the 16 students that played in the local Key Stage 4 badminton festival, all representing the school superbly well and winning the majority of their matches.



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