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Lots of opportunities for National Apprenticeship Week

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PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

A reminder that voting is underway in the Parent Governor Election. Please remember to return your completed ballots by 9 am on Friday.

PE:

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Mrs Lane, Deputy Head of Sixth Form said: *"The interview sessions are an important opportunity for those considering joining us in September, particularly those from other schools. Students need to feel comfortable that they are choosing the right Sixth Form, one that offers the subjects and activities about which they are most passionate and which will support their future plans. Students should feel confident that they will receive the academic and pastoral support here to thrive. I would like thank the many Year 12's who gave their time to meet and support those visiting us. As we have come to expect from our Sixth Formers, they were excellent ambassadors for our school, demonstrating what a fantastically warm and inclusive environment we have here. We simply couldn't deliver these sessions so successfully without their involvement."*

St Bart's Sixth Form would like to thank all those applicants who joined us, or will join us in the coming weeks, for their interest and time. We hope you are excited about studying at our outstanding Sixth Form and remember you can contact us at any time with your questions via sixthform@stbarts.co.uk or call 01635 576368.

If you are interested in joining St Bart's Sixth Form, or know someone who might be, it is not too late! Sixth Form Applications for September 2022 are still open. To apply please visit our [Application Portal](#). We have also created an [Applying to St Bart's Sixth Form Microsite](#).

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Calendar

Y9 House Football, P3 (J released from lessons)	Wednesday 9 February	
Parents' Association Meeting	Wednesday 9 February	WMR - 7pm
Anti-Bullying Ambassador training	Thursday 10 February	WCC - 8.30am-12pm
Y8 House Football, P2 (EP released from lessons)	Thursday 10 February	
Y10 House Football, P5 (K released from lessons)	Thursday 10 February	
Y10 CCF WHT Weekend	Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 February	

Y10 Science Assessment Week	Monday 14 February	
Y13 BTEC Work Experience Week	Monday 14 February	
Y9 Reports Issued	Tuesday 15 February	
Curnock & Patterson House Evening Find more information here.	Tuesday 15 February	Hall - 6.30- 8.30pm

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

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CAREERS EVENTS

Google apprenticeships parents' insight webinar

Wednesday 9 March at 6.30pm. [Register here.](#)

National Apprenticeships Week AllAboutSchoolLeavers virtual apprenticeship event

Throughout this week. [Find out more here.](#)

Building the workforce of the future

Wednesday 9 February, 9am, online.

Join NCFE and special guests to explore how to become part of the workforce of the future. [Find out more.](#)

UCAS Discover Apprenticeships

Wednesday 9 February, 10am-6pm, online.

A chance to meet big name employers, discover popular apprenticeships, join live interview clinics and CV workshops, and hear direct from current apprentices. [Find out more.](#)

Q&A with civil engineering apprentices

Friday 11 February, 3.30pm, online.

The Institute of Civil Engineers bring together a panel of civil engineering apprentices to explain how they got started and answer any questions. [Find out more.](#)

Education and Skills Funding Agency, How to stand out in an interview and get the job you want

A series of workshops beginning 14 February

[Find out more.](#)

Half Term Healthreach

If you are curious about a career in Healthcare join in online for some insight into roles and requirements.

21 and 22 February. Contact HealthReach@reading.ac.uk for more information.

Apprenticeship Opportunities at AWE

Applications are still open for September 2022 but will be closing in 5 weeks' time: [Find out more](#)

INVESTIN Law, Finance & Politics Career Opportunities Weekend Masterclasses

[Find out more 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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ENGLISH AND CLASSICS WALL ART



Studies have shown that we don't remember the things we hear nearly as well as things that we see and so we love the highly visual new wall art now on display as you enter the English and Classics Faculty.

Mr Randall, who led on the Faculty's project to fund, source and purchase the art, says: *"English, Classics and Latin are exciting subjects; they are about communication and expression across generations. We*

wanted to capture imaginations and to give students that 'wow' factor. We are passionate about language and literature and this was an opportunity to bring to life some of the writers and speakers that we teach, as well as to draw attention to the breadth of people and texts that students will encounter throughout their 7 years studying in our Faculty at St Bart's."

The stunning wall art was produced and installed by [promoteyourschool](#) and has already been a great conversation point between students and staff. Our younger students can see what they will read and learn about in the future, whilst older students have already been reflecting on all they have been fortunate to study in the past. Misqal, in Year 8, commented that she was impressed with the wall art and how it highlighted "inspirational people and pictures", while Wojciech, also in Year 8, recognised John Agard and remembered how he learnt about his poems and how they "portray his identity". St Bart's hopes that the wall continues to inspire students for many years to come.

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UNIFORM REVIEW 2022

Parents/carers are being asked to complete a questionnaire about St Bart's school uniform, focussing on our four principles of quality, affordability, equality and sustainability. Full details have been provided in the letter emailed this week to parents/carers of students in Years 7 to 11.

The link to the survey is in the letter.

As part of the uniform review, the school is also seeking feedback from students. Students have been emailed a survey focussing on all elements of the uniform.

We will review all the responses and inform our school community of the outcome later this academic year.

The closing date for the surveys is Monday 14 February 2022.

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SAFER INTERNET DAY - 8 FEBRUARY 2022

Yesterday marked Safer Internet Day, focusing this year on 'Exploring Respect and Relationships Online'. Students will have an opportunity to reflect on some of the key messages from this year's campaign, and to consider how they can keep themselves safe online, through year group assemblies this week.



More information about this year's focus can be found at on the UK Safer Internet Centre's [website](#).

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CURNOCK & PATTERSON HOUSE EVENING

The Curnock and Patterson House Evening takes place on Tuesday 15 February at 6.30pm. Tickets available from House Offices: £5 adults, £3 concessions. Come along for an evening of first class entertainment to raise funds for Newbury Cancer Care and Guide Dogs for the Blind. Turn to page 7 to see the full poster designed by Erin Clark (10C2).

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DISABLED PARKING

Please only park in the disabled bays if you have a genuine need. We have a number of parents who need to be able to park in these bays at the beginning and end of the day. If you do require a disabled parking space and are having difficulty parking, please call Reception on 521255 before you arrive and we will endeavour to reserve a space.

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NEW TABLE TENNIS TABLES



This week saw the arrival of 4 new table tennis tables for student use during break and activity time. The tables were purchased at the suggestion of our student councils and funded by the sponsorship raised last term through our Health & Wellbeing Day walk. The all-weather tables are situated in the KS3 activity time areas and students can request bats and balls from their House office. We love this inclusive sport, which is open to all ages and abilities and develops the key core skills of hand-eye co-ordination, concentration and body positioning. Table tennis is also just a huge amount of mindful fun, as evidenced by the popularity of the tables this week!

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



Organisations and individuals across the UK will take part in Children's Mental Health Week this week. This year's theme is Growing Together. Resources that may be useful for parents can be found on the accompanying website [here](#).

To support the week local company called My Mighty Mind is offering pupils at St Barts 2 free online sessions to help understand their mental health. Contact trina@mymightymind.com for more information.

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PE

Year 8 Football Tournament

The Year 8 B and C team had a great evening last Wednesday at Trinity School, competing in the 7-a-side West Berkshire football tournament. The B team finished 4th / 8 and the C team finished 5th / 8.

Players of the tournament were Francisco Vidal Da Gama and Eric Lecky

Year 11 County Cup Football

The Year 11 football team lost 5-2 in the second round of the County Cup vs Windsor.

Player of the match was Jake Cooper for scoring both goals.



Sixth Form Football

The 2nd team lost a close encounter against a strong Mary Hare team, 2-1. Players of the match were Jonah, for filling in as keeper and making an incredible save. Also Jamie for his goal and performance at centre-back.

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CURNOCK^{AND} PATTERSON



HOUSE
evening

Tuesday 15th February
at 6:30pm

Tickets available from Curnock
and Patterson house offices:

Adults- £5

Concession/Child- £3

Refreshments and raffle

All in aid of:

Newbury Cancer Care
and Guide Dogs

BoxWise --- Sessions

Wednesday 19 January 2022
4.45 – 6.00pm
For young people aged 12 - 16

FREE 6-week non-contact boxing course.

Classes consist of a warm up and cool down, technique and teamwork drills, plus bag and one to one pad work.

Each student will be provided with a free BoxWise T-shirt, water bottle, hand wraps and hot meal after every session.

To book your places, please contact:
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