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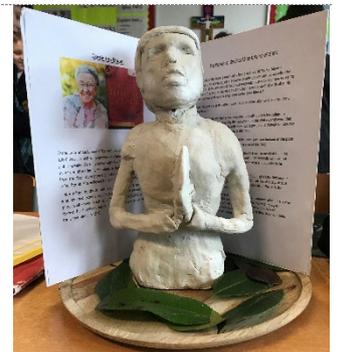


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Paige is raising funds inspired by her Mum's passion in for raising awareness of this charity.



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In these difficult times, it is perhaps useful to reflect on the words of WH Auden (1907-73) who, writing at a time of great uncertainty and fear in his poem 'September 1, 1939', called on 'the Just' to 'show an affirming flame', saying that:

'...dotted everywhere...

points of light

Flash out wherever the Just

Exchange their messages:'

By displaying the flag, and expressing our commitment to peace and democracy and our support for the plight of refugees throughout the world, we want to contribute a little flash of light in these dark times. How apt for a school whose motto is *Ad Lucem* ('Towards the light').

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Calendar

ITT School Experience Day	Wednesday 16 March	
Y13 Travel & Tourism Trip	Wednesday 16 March	Ideal Home Show, London - all day
Bart's Arts Evening - all day rehearsal	Wednesday 16 March	
Bart's Arts Performance Evening	Wednesday 16 March	Hall - 7pm
Y8 & Y9 HPV Immunisations	Thursday 17 March	WCC
Y7EP Vocablics	Thursday 17 March	
Y7 Author Visit	Thursday 17 March	Hall - 12.40-2.10pm
Non-Uniform Day for Comic Relief	Friday 18 March	See below
Y8 & Y9 HPV Immunisations	Friday 18 March	WCC
Y11, 12, 13 CCF Field Day	Friday 18 March	
Y11, 12, 13 CCF Army Night Ex	Friday 18 & Saturday 19 March	
Y9EP Vocablics	Monday 21 March	
Y10A Enterprise Visit	Monday 21 March	Hogan Music, Newbury - 8.30-10.10am
Y10C Enterprise Visit	Monday 21 March	Hogan Music, Newbury - 8.30-10.10am

Y10-13 Music Trip

Monday 21 March

Southbank Centre, London - 8.30am-3.10pm

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CAREERS EVENTS

Creative Futures Free Workshops

These free workshops will provide Y9-13 students an in-depth look into careers available within the creative industries. Commencing on Wednesday 30 March 2022, the sessions will run once a week at 5pm, outside of school hours. Please see more information on our [Creative Futures webpage](#).

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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NON-UNIFORM DAY: FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2022

We will have a non-uniform day on Friday 18 March to celebrate Red Nose Day. This national fundraiser is especially important this year, to have some fun and raise money to support people whose lives are incredibly difficult.

On Friday, we will be holding a series of events to fundraise whilst having some fun. There will be a **staff dodgeball competition** in the Sports Hall at Activity time. There will also be a **Cake Sale** by each House in the Hub at break, so please make sure your child has some money with them so they can buy a cake for this.

You can make your donations [here, through Parent Pay](#). To increase the impact of your donation, you can Gift Aid it.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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THE PA FAMILY; QUIZ AND CHIPS

Friday 25 March at 7pm

Join us for a fab evening of quizzing with fish and chip supper (veggie/sausage option available). This is a popular event for families and any age is welcome although questions suit 11+. Teams of 6-8.



Tickets can only be brought in advance so please book and make your food choices at www.stbartspa.co.uk

Tickets £12 adults, £10 staff, £8.00 students.

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VACANCIES



PREMISES MANAGER

We are searching for a full-time Premises Manager to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis. Please note that this is not a term-time role.

We are looking for someone to lead the operation and strategic development of the school site and facilities. You will manage our larger contracts along with managing our lettings portfolio, and be responsible for line managing our Site team, Maintenance team, Groundskeeper and Lettings Administrator.

HOURS: 37 hours per week, 52 weeks pa.

SALARY: £30095.00 - £34373.00 gross pa (£15.60 - £17.82 per hour). *A Recruitment and Retention Allowance of £2000 is available for a suitably experienced candidate for the first two years of employment.*

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

Closing date: Sunday 20 March 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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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS: RECRUITING A NEW HEADTEACHER

As you will have heard, Ms Mortimore will be retiring as Headteacher of St Bart's at the end of this academic year. The Governing Body would like to thank her for leading the school so successfully over the past 8+ years. Ms Mortimore has been single-minded in her dedicated running of the school in the best interests of our students and wider community, and we especially thank her for her huge commitment during the pandemic, which has been such a tough time all round. One very significant mark of success is the school's recent Outstanding judgment by Ofsted - the culmination of everyone's hard work, commitment and expertise under Ms Mortimore's leadership.

The Governing Body, supported by professional recruitment advisers, has put together a rigorous process for finding a new Headteacher to pick up the baton. You may already have seen the advertisement, and we will be beginning interviews over the next few weeks.

Of course, there is still plenty of time before Ms Mortimore's departure, and the Governing Body look forward to continuing to work with her for the rest of this academic year, whatever it may bring!

*Catie Colston
Chair of Governors*

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CAREERS WEEK FAIR

Last week, we opened our doors to local employers and further education providers as the school hosted a careers fair for our Y12 & 13 students. The event was supported by a wide range of sectors keen to speak in person to potential future applicants and employees.

Students were able to discuss a wide variety of courses with the University Centre Newbury, Oxford Brookes University and Winchester University. West Berkshire Training Consortium, AWE, Kerridge Commercial Systems and Ernst & Young were all on hand to provide valuable guidance to students who are considering apprenticeships as an option. Whilst Thames Valley Police and The British Army also sent representatives to share information on career paths with the students.



Jack, Year 12, said: *“The representatives of the Thames Valley Police gave me a lot of helpful information about the several apprenticeship opportunities provided by them and their first-hand knowledge of the process was hugely helpful.”*

St Bart’s Career Leader, Mrs Seward said: *“National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance and resources in education across the UK, helping to support young people leaving education. Whilst our careers programme runs throughout the year, NCW provides a particular focus at an important stage in the academic calendar. This year, we decided to concentrate on local provision, giving students the opportunity to discover all there is on offer in their own community. We are very grateful to all those who gave their time to speak with the students. Around 250 students participated and at least that amount of free pens and pencils were given out!”*

Whilst the Careers Fair was a particular highlight, the school also marked the occasion with KS3 and KS4 students. All around the school staff displayed ‘What Does Your Career Path Look Like?’ posters, outlining their previous jobs (sometimes unexpected!) and the skills they themselves have developed during their careers. Throughout the week, the school’s library also offered extra resources and a dedicated space to enable students to explore different types of careers, discover the tools on offer to support career decisions and to identify their own talents and passions.

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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 knew I’d wanted to go to drama school for the past few years, I had always heard how competitive and difficult the audition process was. Nonetheless I went into the process with optimism, I felt that my experience of 8 years acting in plays, and self-produced films and audio series would have prepared me for it.

The process involved learning one contemporary monologue and one classical monologue, most drama schools will request that the monologues are contrasting to allow you to show your best range.

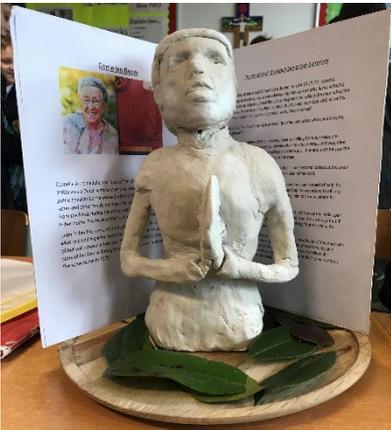
I have now completed 12 auditions and so far received 2 offers, one recall (for the National Youth Theatre) and am awaiting the result of my Guildford School of Acting audition. I would also say that whilst the rejection of this process is tough, it is all part of the industry I hope to enter. It has also allowed me to build on myself as each rejection has given me something new to think about and improve myself as an actor."

Sebastian Brown

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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YEAR 7 RE: CORRIE TEN BOOM PROJECT



Recently in RE we have been learning about the life of Corrie Ten Boom and how her family helped Jews escape the Nazi Holocaust during World War II. They hid six Jewish people behind a false wall in Corrie's bedroom. As a family they had a strong belief in Christianity and believed that differences should be put aside to help those who are in need, like the story of the Good Samaritan, which was one of her favourite parables. During the last few lessons, we watched a film that focused on Corrie's life in greater detail; one quality we learnt from Corrie was to always forgive as it is always better to hold forgiveness and love in your heart than revenge and aggression.

For our final project, we were asked to creatively reflect and capture her life story, through writing a song, poem, making a model, baking, etc. For my project, I made a white clay model of Corrie Ten Boom praying, representing that she would pray often to relieve her of sadness. She is stood inside a Bible, signifying her belief in Christianity that protected her throughout her time as a Nazi prisoner. The Bible includes information about Corrie and the parable of the Good Samaritan. Both are standing on a bed of falling leaves that represent the German Concentration Camp.

Alex Cattanach (7P1)

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PAIGE WALKS 10K FOR TERENCE HIGGINS TRUST

My mum has fundraised for this cause since she was a teenager, in a way you could say it rubbed off on me, especially the passion in raising awareness to my peers and generation. I want them to understand the truth about the virus and squash the misinformation that is still lingering, even after all these years. I'm still astounded that some still believe such myths and that stigma about the virus continues to make the lives of HIV positive people sometimes hard to bear. If I could change just one person's perception of HIV and how it affects people that would give me a sense of achievement in what I'm trying to do.

My walk takes place on 24 April. My [justgiving page is here](#). All donations go to Terrence Higgins trust. Thank you for supporting me, it will make such a big difference to the charity and those living with HIV and AIDS.



Paige Ferreira (13E4)

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Good Luck Phoebe!

Phoebe (12C5) will be representing Great Britain at the Athens Junior European Cup 2022 later this month in her first Junior European Cup! We're extremely proud of her and wish her good luck!



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Q & A with female football players from Reading FC

On Wednesday 9 March two of our year 9 students, Mya Cahoon and Meg Archibald, attended a live Q and A zoom meeting with two female football players from Reading football club as part of a

Barclays initiative promoting girls football in schools.

As the girls had participated so well, by preparing and sending in questions which the Reading players answered brilliantly, they won tickets to watch a Women Super League, Reading V Manchester United at the John Madejski Stadium on Saturday 12 March. We look forward to hearing about their experience.



Year 7 Football



Year 7 Boys Football team beat the Downs School, 3-0, in the league. This was a very good performance by all of the boys, with some A team debuts and some players playing out of position to help the team.

Players of the match were Nick Nwokporo, James Higgs and Sidney Bloodworth.

Goals were scored by Finlay Letchford, Harry Strutt and Deacon Cullum.

Year 10 Football



The Y10s lost in the County Cup quarter final to Furze Platt in a disappointing 4-1 loss. Player of the match went to Diogo.

U16 Girls Football

Well done to the U16 girls' football team who drew, 1-1, against Kennet School in a county cup game. It was a really close and exciting game. Abi Hobbs was awarded player of the match.



Year 7 Netball

Congratulations to the Year 7 girls who played in the Netball Festival at Kennet on Tuesday 8 March.



The A team won, 9 – 0, against Park House, they beat Little Heath, 6-0, and lost to the Downs School A team, 1 – 5. In their last game against St Gabriel's B team the girls won, 12 – 1.

Well done to all players and congratulations to Hannah Bosley and Violet Hughes who were players of the festival.

In the B Team the girls worked really hard and never gave up hope, showing their determination and positivity. They lost to St Gabriel's A

Team 0-10, The Willink, 0-10, the Downs B team, 2-3, and Kennet School, 1-7.

Congratulations to Helena and Sofia who were players of the festival.



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