

# Barthole News



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## SPOTLIGHT ON.....MATHEMATICS

The next in our 'Spotlight On' feature, which focuses on a different department each month. This month we hear from mathematics.



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Earlier this year, St Bart’s were delighted to learn that they had been awarded ‘School of the Year’ and this week the school was visited by Lesley Cundy, Chair of Berkshire LTA, and Denise Walker, Secretary of Berkshire LTA, who presented the trophy and certificate to Mr Harmer, KS4 PE Leader, and Year 10

students India, Arthur and Francesca. Those nominating the school to the panel were asked to put forward three words that best described St Bart’s tennis contribution and those words were ‘opportunity’, ‘supportive’ and ‘encouragement’. Mr Harmer said: *“We are incredibly proud to be recognised in this way by Berkshire LTA. This was awarded to us for our continuation of tennis during the pandemic; our year-round offer of tennis clubs; our many years of involvement in LTA school tennis competitions and our own in-house competition. We feel it is very important to give all students an opportunity to be involved with this fantastic sport”*.

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### Calendar

Y12 Reports issued	Wednesday 30 March	
Y9 & 10 Songwriting Masterclass	Wednesday 30 March	School Hall, all day
Y10 & Y12 Drama Trip ‘A Monster Calls’	Thursday 31 March	Rose Theatre, London, 2-6.30pm approx
St Bart’s Interfaith Week	Monday 4 April	
Y8 Deadline for return of Y9 Curriculum Choices	Monday 4 April	
Y9H Geography Trip to Kew Gardens	Monday 4 April	Kew Gardens, London, all day
Y9F Geography Trip to Kew Gardens	Tuesday 5 April	Kew Gardens, London, all day

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## ECO COMMITTEE NEWS

The Eco Committee is comprised of students and staff. We meet every half term to develop our plans for how we can promote Eco matters and make St Bart's more sustainable. So far, we have created a Green Survey for students so that young people can get an idea of their carbon footprint. Tutor groups did this in January and we followed this up with a presentation on meat consumption, which was the area of the survey that came out with the lowest Eco scores. We have also been developing a series of projects for students to get involved with:



### Y7 tree planting project

Following an assembly for Year 7 by Dr Fitter and Ollie Monahan (Year 8) on the important role played by trees, students in Year 7 have been taking the opportunity to plant their own tree in an area of the school grounds to create a new woodland.

Other projects coming soon include:

**Improving air pollution from cars** - how bad is it and how can we improve it?

**Recycling and waste** - what happens to the waste we produce?

**Making more sustainable food choices** - how green is our food?

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## SPOTLIGHT ON.....MATHEMATICS



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Mathematics is one of the largest departments at St Bart's. Not only do we have a lot of staff, we have a lot of experience. Our total age is 880 years, with a mean age of 44, median age of 49, and modal age of 55. So plenty of experience of being alive. We also have 240 years of teaching experience between us.

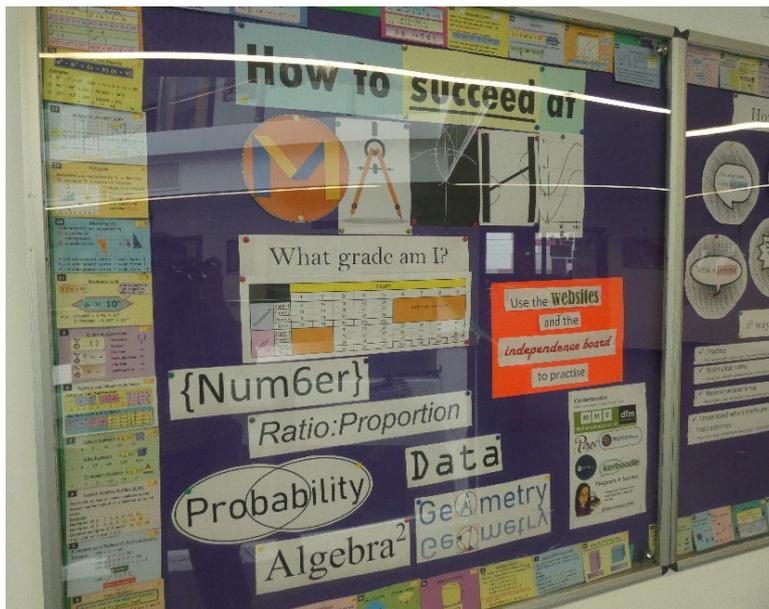
#### We know a thing or two about exams.

Between us, the Mathematics department hold 86 O Levels, 6 CSEs, 111 GCSEs, 60.5 A Levels, and 23 Degrees. We understand about the pressure of exams and the importance of helping all students prepare. Alongside lessons, the team offer Activity Time Maths Support for all years and year 11 'Booster'

Sessions after school. Those students looking for a challenge also get the opportunity to test their learning through 'Maths Challenge' papers, Olympiads and Kangaroo papers. At Sixth Form additional support is provided through Exam Question Sessions, focussed preparation for university entrance exams (MAT) and interview practice.

## We know a thing or two about students.

The Mathematics department are parents to 26 children, and we can confirm that each and every one of us was a child once upon a time (although we are not absolutely sure about Mr Gregory). We asked the students what they enjoyed most in mathematics and they particularly like applying their skills with Murder Mysteries, Treasure Hunts, team-based tasks, Bingo, and Blooket. If you have a student in KS3 who you want to support with maths, we strongly recommend using resources such as MyMaths, Hegarty Maths, and Corbett Maths, which you will find on the [Maths Extra Curricular page](#). Also, do not undervalue the benefit of students being able to chant their times tables at high speed. If this is a skill that they didn't master at primary school then keep working with them at home and in the car!



## We know a thing or two about fun.

The department offers a whole host of activity time clubs, from the well-attended daily Chess Club (Mr Bell), to the Hanjie club (Mrs Reader), and Origami Club (Mrs Dowle), and we turn our hand to other disciplines too! You'll see Mr Gregory running a model train club on a Wednesday after school for year 7 (spaces are very limited), Mr Cooper runs a cricket club, Mrs Godfrey a badminton club, and Mr Seal helps with the girls football team. You can find all the details [on the school club list](#).

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## MOTH CLUB SPECIAL



Moth Club normally runs between May and October, but we had a Special Meeting last week to look at some Emperor moths. These beautiful, native moths hatch in March and the smaller males fly great distances to locate the larger females. We have supplies of Emperor moth eggs and some students are keen to breed their own generation of these magnificent insects.



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## BART'S ARTS

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March students from across the school came together to celebrate the Arts at Bart's in a wonderful showcase event. The foyer became an art exhibition space, for students to display their work from fine art, graphic design, photography and textiles, whilst the hall hosted outstanding performances from the School Orchestra, the Senior Band, the Senior Strings ensemble, and the Senior Choir. These were further enhanced by vibrant and energetic presentations from our amazing drama and dance students throughout the evening, and the event concluded with a whole company gathering for the finale, "I'm Still Standing". Students and parents alike commented upon how fantastic it was to not only perform to a full house, but to be able to return to live events after the turmoil of the past two years. We look forward to many more in the future.



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## PE



### National Schools Lacrosse Success

The Senior Lacrosse Team travelled to Aldershot to take part in the National Schools Lacrosse Tournament. Saturday saw the team take on some of the strongest teams in the country. Despite it being a really tough day the girls performed fantastically and qualified for Division Three on the Sunday. Sunday morning saw the team totally fired up and ready to take on the day. The determined attitude and the amazing team work meant that we were undefeated and dominated the final winning 4-0. The girls were an absolute pleasure to accompany and a total credit to St Bart's.

### Luci Selected for England!

Luci Robertson (13C4), has been selected to play for the England U19 Lacrosse team in the forthcoming Home Internationals Tournament due to take place in Edinburgh between the 8 – 10 April. What an achievement, well done and good luck Luci!



**Good Luck Luci!**



### Year 8 Football

The Year 8 boy's football time recently had a big win, beating Trinity 3-1. There was plenty of great team work with lots of students having their best performance in a St Bart's jersey. However, player of the match went to captain Connor Bucknell with a dominant display at the back.



### Year 7 Netball

Year 7 A and B team played netball in two very close games.

The A team won, 13-12, against The Willink School which meant they were awarded 3rd in league. Player of the match was awarded to Kitty Hutchinson.

The B team unfortunately lost, 7-6, to Trinity School but played amazingly! They finished 10th in the league. Player of the match was awarded to Hazel Cook.

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