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The last few years have been a challenge for everyone, but the resilience and dedication of the staff and students at St Bart's has meant that we have successfully moved out of the pandemic and are now operating as in pre-Covid days with so many events like our Celebration Day, Sports Days and Curriculum Days over the last two weeks. Schools should be a happy place, and at St Bart's we fully embrace that.

It is now a pleasure for me to hand over the Headship to Dr Fitter, who I know will lead the school to even greater heights.

I wish everyone a successful future.

*Ms Mortimore
Headteacher*

FAREWELLS

We are sadly saying farewell to several members of staff at the end of term.

Mr Armitstead, Teacher of Classical Civilisation & Latin, Mrs Dunmore, School MIS Manager, Mr Forde, Science Technician, Miss Goldie, Maths Teacher, Ms Miller, Head of Sociology, Mrs Shepherd, Business Manager, are all retiring. We thank them for the many collective years that they have served the school and all their hard work and commitment.

Mr Cleary, Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Perkins, School Counsellor, Miss Pope, House Achievement/Progress Leader: Curnock and Mrs Williams, Teacher of Dance, Miss Exelby, Teaching Assistant, are all taking up new opportunities. Miss Brown, Head of Spanish and Mrs Reader, Teacher of Mathematics, are moving from the area and Mr O'Sullivan, Head of Department: French, is moving on to ventures new.

We thank them all for everything they have contributed in their time at St Bartholomew's School and wish them well for the future.

PREPARATION FOR SEPTEMBER

Can we ask that whilst students are on their summer break, that your son/daughter has the required equipment for school and correct uniform ready to be worn appropriately in September, so that high standards can be set from the beginning of term and we can focus all our energy on learning. Please follow the links to the: [Equipment list](#) and [Uniform list](#).

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Calendar

END OF TERM	Wednesday 20 July	school day finishes 12.30pm
Summer School	Monday 25 – Friday 29 July	
A level Results	Thursday 18 August	
GCSE Results	Thursday 25 August	

SEPTEMBER 2022 Start of Term Arrangements

Y7 tutor groups to meet tutors in Hall	Monday 5 September	8.40am
Y8-11 report to tutor rooms	Monday 5 September	9.50am
Y12 students new to St Bart's to meet in Hall	Monday 5 September	9.15am
All Y12 students to meet in Hall	Monday 5 September	9.55am
Start of lessons for Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12	Monday 5 September	11.10am
End of school day	End of school day,	3.10pm
Y13 students report to tutor rooms	Tuesday 6 September	8.30am
Registration and normal lessons for all	Tuesday 6 September	8.40am

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Y9 STUDENTS VISIT SLOUGH CENTRAL MOSQUE



As part of the GCSE Religious Studies course, students are encouraged to explore how faith makes an active difference in the lives of religious believers. During the recent Curriculum Day trips, Year 9 travelled to Slough Central Mosque to experience the lives of Muslims in contemporary British society. Students had the chance to ask their big questions to a very welcoming team from the mosque as well as take part in a variety of activities which included learning Arabic, seeing wudu demonstrated, trying Shifa foods (health foods mentioned in the Qur'an) and making Eid lanterns. Students also got the opportunity to observe the lunchtime prayers, which was a very special

experience. The students excelled in demonstrating our Bart's values of respect and were a real credit to the school.

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A BUSY END OF TERM FOR CAREERS

A number of students have been involved in careers related activities over the past few days, the aim of which has been to support students with 'Next Steps'.

On 12 July, Year 12 students took part in a 'Champions of Enterprise' activity in school, supported by the West Berkshire Education and Business Partnership. They watched a video clip with information from three local companies GIST, Waitrose and Westcoast who had each provided a challenge for students to work on. These ranged from recruitment issues to diversity and inclusion. Employees from all three organisations were on hand to support students in the activity. In the afternoon students, gave a presentation to the business volunteers and a winning team was chosen.

On 14 and 19 July, our Year 10 students took part in a work-shadowing day. This day gives students the opportunity to experience a workplace, investigate different job roles available and speak to employees about their working life. In preparation for this event, an employee from the careers service, Adviza, gave an assembly talk about 'what to expect at work'.

Students unable to take part in work shadowing were involved in their own mini 'Champions of Enterprise' activity in school. They watched the video clips from the same local companies GIST, Waitrose and Westcoast and worked on the same challenge as the Year 12 students. In the afternoon students gave a presentation to volunteers from Vodafone and a winning team was chosen. Thank you to our volunteers – Sara Johnson, Warren Engall, Joana Lemaire, Elizabeth Sloan and Hesham Shaker.

On 14 July, Year 12 students started the process of completing their UCAS applications. There was also a session for students who are considering the apprenticeship route. This was supported by West Berkshire Training Consortium and an ex-student Eleanor Rollison, with a colleague Charles Matthews. Students were given the opportunity to investigate their preferred option following A levels.

On 15 July, Business and Economics students took part in the Business and Economics conference. They were able to listen to a range of speakers who had studied A level Business, L3 BTEC Business and Economics at school and who had followed apprenticeship, university and self-employment routes to their career. Thank you very much to our participants below.

Amber Rawlings – Nationally selected as one of Marketing Week's top 50 marketers under the age of 30. I'm a CIM qualified professional with eight years' experience in marketing. I currently work within the training industry as the Marketing and Programme Manager for the School of Marketing. Outside of work I am an Army Reservist medic and Air Cadet volunteer instructor, and have just finished studying for my Level 7 with CIM.



Ben Willsher - After completing my A levels at St. Barts, I went on to study Business Economics at the University of Exeter. During my time at university, I took on an internship at a financial technology company. I began working in the Product department and have since moved into Data Analysis. I have just graduated and am about to take up a full-time position as a Revenue Execution Analyst

Faith Pitchford - I studied Business, Geography and Art at St Bartholomew's for my A levels. As a result of the work experience section of my A level course in business, I was offered an apprenticeship at a MedTech company known as Stryker. Since then, I have progressed from working within compliance and HR, to

overseeing all of Stryker's facial reconstruction cases and dealing with customer and a distributor correspondence's. Alongside working full-time at Stryker, I am also studying for a BA (Hons) in Business Administration.

Amy Quesada-Getgood - For A levels, I studied Business Studies, Geography and German at St Bart's before going to Cardiff University where I graduated with a degree in Accounting and Finance. Shortly after university, I worked for a top 10 accounting firm in tax compliance. After 6 months, I made a move to central London where I now work in finance for a global life sciences strategic intelligence firm.

Steven Northam – I studied A levels at Queen Mary's College and several degrees at The University of Winchester (where I am a part time Lecturer). I am a serial entrepreneur, who has been actively involved in a range of businesses – from photography studios and a large event company to human microchips and co-working spaces, alongside a mix of others start-ups along the way. I will give you some vital insights into starting your own business and share with you a number of exciting new projects, including one that will appear on Channel 4 in the near future.

I want to say thank you to all organisations and volunteers who have supported us in a wide range of activities this year. Your input is invaluable and we look forward to welcoming you back next year.

*Mrs Denise Seward
Careers Leader*

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YEAR 6 SCIENCE LESSON AT THE WILLOWS



Biology teachers, Mrs Woodgate and Dr Ridgard recently visited The Willows Primary School to deliver a lesson to Year 6 students on Evolution, following their own lessons on classification. Many of the students already knew about Charles Darwin, which was fantastic. They were told about how evolution works and then put their knowledge to the test with a card sort activity. Darwin's

finches was the theme for the practical, where each student was given a 'bird beak' (chopsticks, tweezers or a peg) and a variety of 'bird food' to pick up. This was definitely the highlight of the lesson. Students had great fun trying to pick up the food and decide which was the easiest. But then change occurs and some of the food disappears! How will the birds adapt? Students quickly realised that there wouldn't be enough food for everyone. The lesson concluded with students discussing different bird species (toucan, flamingo etc.) and what kinds of food they might eat, given their specialised beaks.

"I enjoyed using different objects to pick up food the most like the birds eat. The most important thing I learnt was Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution". (Josef)

"I enjoyed having a Secondary School teacher come in and the activity we did. The most important thing I learnt was how birds' beaks evolved to pick up the different seeds". (Summer)

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YEAR 12 GRAPHICS ALUMNI VISITS



Year 12 Graphic Communication students had the privilege of hearing from Sarah, a former St Bart's student, who has just completed 3 years at Nottingham University studying Architecture. Sarah discussed her experiences since A level and the projects she has been involved in. As well as how she prepared for interviews and how her Graphics A level helped her do all this.

"It was brilliant to see the almost abstract work from an industry of straight lines and maths" - Amy Lewin-Gander

"It opened my eyes to other types of careers that Graphics links to and to see the progression someone can achieve after sixth form" - Dan Allder

We are so proud to have excellent alumni who are willing to come back and talk to our students. You can view Sarah's brilliant work [here](#).

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YEAR 9 3D FOOD ART

Year 9 students have been exploring 3D Food in Art this term. Students investigated the work of Claes Oldenburg and used his work to inspire their own enlarged 3D food sculptures. Students could either focus on the development of more traditional Fine Art skills like drawing and painting or they could go down a graphical route by focusing on recreating branding and typography with accuracy and precision. Well done Year 9 – there are some exceptional sculptures this year!



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ABLE LINGUISTS

This week a group of 35 gifted and talented languages students from Year 10 were invited to attend an afternoon in the Modern Foreign Languages faculty, learning about the benefits of language learning beyond GCSE level.

The faculty organised some international food and inspirational guest speakers, including current Year 13 languages students, former St Bart's students and speakers from industry and Bristol University. They were able to learn of the career opportunities that former students with languages had gone on to - including a spy, a police officer, and working in tech sales! One former student, Victoria, also showed off her view of Sugar Loaf Mountain from the library in Rio De Janeiro, where she had



All former German A level students. Laurence and Daniel have just finished their first year at university and Ellen is about to go to Austria to complete her year abroad as part of her degree course.

been completing her PhD. Whilst another former student, Gabby, shared pictures of her travels around the world using her languages and also emphasised the friendships she had made along the way. Students also got to try out some new languages - Polish, Japanese and Chinese - to show that it is never too late to start learning a new one!

Comments from students on the evaluation forms after the event included “very engaging and informative about how languages help your future”, “I have a new spark for learning multiple languages”, and “it made me certain of wanting to study languages at university”. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all and also made us proud to see how our former students had valued their language learning whilst at St Bart’s.



Joel- our former Head Boy with his German exchange partner, who he met on the St Bart’s German exchange to Monheim in Y10



Patrick Floren - former BA cabin crew and now detective with the Metropolitan Police and Joe Norman, an Arabic and Philosophy graduate who entertained us with his stories from Lebanon.

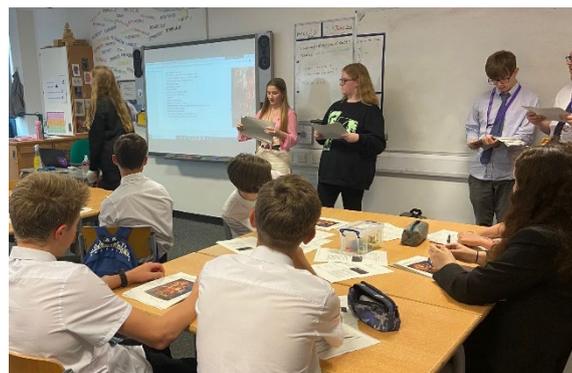


Former students, Gabby Murtagh and Victoria Adams, both still use their languages extensively in business, further studies and travel.

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Y9 MEDIA LITERACY WORKSHOP

On 24 June, I took part in a Stretch and Challenge workshop which was led by the Sixth Form Film Studies Reps. Firstly, we looked at a clip from LaLa Land and learnt about cinematography and mise en scene which we then had to find examples of in the clip. It was very interesting how many other meanings we could pick up from the clip after we learnt about these terms when we discussed it as a class. Then, we annotated a poster from the film Aladdin and learnt about terms and techniques used in movie posters. I also enjoyed this.



At the end, we were given certificates and the top contributors got prizes. Overall, I liked getting an insight into film studies as I considered choosing it for GCSE but didn’t have enough options left so it was good having this taster. I think Film Studies GCSE would be good for the current Year 8s to think about choosing when they select their GCSEs next year, and I would recommend researching deeper into the film industry, as I found the technical terms very interesting to learn about. I am grateful for the Media Reps who taught us and Miss Marshall, Mrs Bull and Mr Evans who helped to organise the workshop.

Martha Fitch (9P1)

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Y10 POLITICAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

Politics is now more than ever something that affects our lives directly and learning and understanding it is so important. Doing the Political Workshop really furthered my understanding of Politics, as we had to do our own research.

We were split into three groups: Conservatives, Labour and Liberal Democrats. My group was Liberal Democrats, and from there, we were split again into three mini groups: healthcare, economy and education. We had to look at our own party's policies on the area we had been given and then look at the other parties' policies. This all went towards a debate that we had which was definitely the best part of the afternoon.

The Year 12 Politics Reps asked each area a question and then each party responded with an answer. Once all the parties had responded, we could debate with each other and question the other parties' policies. This was very fun and useful to understanding the different parties and their stance on issues such as funding the NHS. Overall, the afternoon was very educational and fun in helping us to improve our understanding of politics. I am thankful to Miss Marshall and Mr Langton for organising this workshop.

Jemima Kerr (10P1)

"Hello, just a quick thank you from me! My son seems to have had a great time and came home full of ideas! It's great to see political awareness being nurtured." Year 10 Parent.

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BART'S COMMUNITY SUMMER PROJECT 2022



On Saturday 2 July, 19 Students facilitated the running of Whitelands Park Summer Fair. We helped to run stalls such as 'Splat the Rat' and 'Welly Wanging'. Our efforts have helped to raise money for new school playground equipment. This is the first of many Bart's Community projects where Miss Marshall, Leader of Stretch and Challenge, provides St Bart's students

with opportunities for us to go above and beyond our normal curriculum. This event increased our self-confidence and developed some of our leadership skills. Mr Irving, Head Teacher of Whitelands Park Primary, wishes to thank all of those that were involved: Pelin Arda, Alex Cattanach, Eva Yazaki-Montes, Finn Swanborough, Maria Sentes, Teddy Brennan, Luca How, Clara Horwood, Nya Tomris, Ipshita Raina, Clementine Barry, Shabas Muhammed, Misbah Shahul Hameed, Lucy Machon, Phoebe Mortimore, Darcy Hunt, Adam Franks, Iness Popa, and Jemima Kerr.

Clara Horwood (7P2)

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NATD GRAND FINALS BALLROOM AND LATIN COMPETITION



Over the weekend of 9 & 10 July, Lilly (8C1), Phoebe (7D1) Holly (9D1), Mariella (7D1), Bella (11E2) Gabriella (9E3), Georgina (9D1), Ellie (8C1) and Ruby (11C3) all travelled to the beautiful Blackpool Winter Gardens to compete at the NATD Grand Finals Ballroom and Latin competition. They had all fought hard to qualify and were up against stiff competition. They danced beautifully, getting through many rounds and seeing off the competition. All their hard work paid off and between them they have brought back a massive 29 trophies! Well done girls.



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SUCCESS FOR OLIVER AT HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW

Last weekend, Oliver (12C6), competed at the Horse of the Year Show with some good results, notably a 2nd in a National Qualifier on Tumblegum, a 3rd in one on the main classes on Sparkling Miss Dignified, and some lower placings on the two young horses he is currently producing for sale. It was a great opportunity for him to compete at a big show like this and competition time in the arena really helps to progress him as a rider and the horses' education. Well done Oscar!



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PE

Sports' Days 2022

This year Sports Days were held over two days. Each year group had a two-hour session at Brown's Meadow/Wormestall Field where students took part in javelin, discus, shot put, long jump, tug of war and track events.

We then finished with the whole school out watching the relays on Luker Field on Friday afternoon with a lovely atmosphere.

Well done to these students who broke historic school records.

Harry Fenner - Y7 boys' Javelin - 30.60m (record broken - G. Wade 29.10m 2008)

James Fenner - Y9 boys' Javelin - 42.34m (record broken - J. Langsley 38.64m 1993)

Ryan Cheng - Y10 boys' Long Jump - 6.84m (record broken - M. Maggs 6.33 1993)

Womens' Euros Football 2022 PE trip

On Friday 15 July, the PE Department organised a trip for 58 students to travel to Southampton to watch England Ladies play against Northern Ireland in their last group match. England ladies won 5-0! It was a great game to watch with an exciting atmosphere and good experience for students to experience how big women's football is becoming. All students were a credit to the school. The school even got a mention on the big screen!

Thank you to staff - Miss Ostinelli, Miss Bilcliff, Mr Harmer, Mr Fry, Mr Wilder and Mr Seal for going on the trip.



James' and Harry's Javelin Success



James (9C3), pictured left, threw the Javelin for Berkshire at the National English Schools Track and Field competition in Manchester. He threw a new PB 43.96m, which proved good enough to finish 5th in the country (U15). To carry on his success, he then beat the Y9 Javelin school record on Sports Day, a record that previously been held for 29 years.

James' younger brother Harry (7C1) also went on to break a 14-year Y7 Sports Day Javelin record with a throw of 30.6m. Harry represented West Berkshire at the County Championships, and has just been selected to throw for Berkshire in an upcoming Intercounty Match.

1st XI cricket: ONA game back after pandemic



The first ONA match since 2018 was a fitting (official) conclusion to the 1st XI's season on a sweltering evening at Falkland CC. Reduced to 14-4 by the pace of Edan Camplin and especially Oscar Bean, (the fastest opening bowling pair that Mike Hart could ever remember seeing in this encounter), the school looked set for an early tea when the "Georgian era" began. Messrs Greenwood and Shakespeare combined for a partnership of exactly 100 runs, with the former playing in a buccaneering, Bairstow esque style to hit 10 fours and one 90-yard six in his 70, while the latter added a sturdy

and sensible 28. In the end, Bart's fell 11 short of the ONA's 146, which had owed much to captain James Bird's 53. The current Falkland CC skipper's last three balls before retiring all went for six – one of which landed perilously close to Mr Sharpe's car.

Earlier, the ONA's talented opening batters, Anthony Hennis and Charlie Mabbatt, had been dismissed without scoring and, once Bird's innings had flown, the battle between bat and ball was pretty competitive, with James Humphries taking a wicket with his first delivery of leg-spin and fellow Y10s James Hewetson and Jack Robbins both bowling with vigour and smarts. Ani Vashisht's left-arm angles also presented problems for the ONA batters.

Thanks to Tricia Ray for arranging the tea; to Mike Hart and Jes Sharpe for umpiring duties; and to all at Falkland CC for their hospitality to school cricket this season. Let's hope next year is even better.

Tennis Festival



A second successful Tennis festival hosted at St Bart's saw the three teams play a mixture of singles and doubles matches against Trinity and Park House. The Year 9 boys' team finished in 2nd place, the Year 10 boys' team finished in 3rd and the Year 9 girls' team finished 2nd overall. Well done to all students involved.

Play Your Way to Wimbledon Finals

Well done to the three St Bart's students who attended the Berkshire finals of the Play Your Way to Wimbledon tennis event at Windsor on Sunday 10 July. Hannah, Luke and Ollie did the school proud and gained valuable experience against some very talented players, and in Luke and Hannah's case, players that were two years older!



Thank you St Bart's!



[Last week we reported](#) how the Year 10 Sports Leaders helped officiate at the School Games Festival at Bisham Abbey. We've received this lovely thank you from the event managers along with these great images.

"This academic year has been another tough one and we appreciate that it was not easy for you to release staff members and coordinate your young leaders attending the event, but we hope that those pupils who had the opportunity to be with us enjoyed the experience. The feedback we have had about them has been fantastic as they were, encouraging, coaching and interacting with the Primary

School pupils, which was great to see and something that doesn't always happen! They were 'booked' to deliver the golf event but with very late notice also picked up officiating the Mini Tennis when another school pulled out at the last minute.

I would also like to thank Mrs Leach who, as always, provided a huge amount of support to us by recruiting, organising and preparing the students for the day and generally being a really positive go to person!"

Berkshire School Games



Rounders



On Tuesday 12 July we travelled to this summer's West Berkshire Rounders finals.

Year 8 played Kennet and lost but finished 4th in the league out of approximately 12.

Year 7 A team lost to Theale Green and finished runners up in the league.

Year 7 B team lost to Willink and finished 8th.



Well done to all took part over the last 6 weeks, but a special well done and thank you to those who made the effort to attend the finals night after a very hot Sports Day.



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STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

You must have the following items with you in school at all times.

Pens: 2 x black
1 x blue
1 x green



Pencils x 2



Ruler



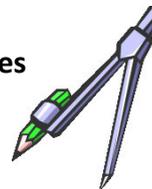
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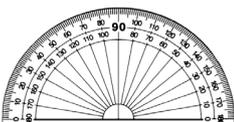
Pair of Compasses



Calculator



Protractor



Reading Book



Glue Stick



Highlighter



Equipment must not be shared between students and staff will be unable to issue any missing equipment.

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(Yoga, Meditation and Mindfulness Programme for Teens 12-18yrs)

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8th & 22nd August
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