

## PETER MURRAY VISITS AS PATRON OF READING



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### CALENDAR:

Whole School Harvest Assembly, Y12 & Y13 Mathematical Olympiad for Girls, Y7 Bushcraft Residential Visits, House Cross Country, Y10 'Oxbridge: Dispelling the Myths', Y11 CCF WHT Weekend, Y12 & Y13 Senior Mathematical Challenge, Y11B & C Geography Trip and Y9 'Risking It All' Theatre Production.

### CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES:

Aldi Apprenticeship Opportunities and AWE Apprenticeship Fair.

### VACANCIES:

Teaching Assistant: Food.

### ST BART'S SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES:

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### JOYCE BROOKE:

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### KEY STAGE 3 AWARDS EVENING:

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### INTRODUCING "PARENTPAY SHOP":

ParentPay is a convenient way for parents/carers to top-up catering balances and /or pay for trips and activities using a credit/debit card online.

### WELL DONE OLIVIA:

Olivia, is a St John's Ambulance Cadet. She supported their presence in London while they queued to see Queen Elizabeth II lying in state.



### LUCY RAISING MONEY FOR UKRAINE:

Lucy (11D2) has been really touched by the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and she wanted to do something to raise money to support the Red Cross charity.

### COLE'S CHARITY CELLO PERFORMANCE:

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On Monday he spent time with Year 8 students, discussing the theme of 'places' for story settings including places he has been and how they have inspired settings for books, notably his most recent book, Scabbajack. This is his seventh book and it recently won the 'Stockton Children's Book Award.'



Phoebe (8D2) said *"His visit was very enjoyable, and it showed us how you can create a scary story if you use a good setting and some other important features. He explained where he got his ideas from for his characters and settings: for example, the house that he lived in - which was based as a house for the story's main character (and the story's villain). He also showed pictures of what life for children had been like when they worked in factories to give a sense of how hard life had been then and to show the daily trials they had to go through in the factory. This helped to give the ghost in the story more background and helped set the scene. Overall, it was a very interesting session."*

We hope that Peter will become a familiar face to students throughout the school, including visiting on World Book Day, judging writing competitions and working with students in

writing workshops. We know that Peter will bring a great deal to this role, and we are excited to work together over the coming year. In his letter of acceptance to us he said, *"It is my intention to inspire as many of you as possible (if not everyone!) to pick up a book and read it for pure enjoyment. At the same time if I can inspire some of you to write exciting stories of your own, then that will give me even more pleasure... believe me...your dreams can come true too! You can never be sure what is waiting around the corner for you – as long as it's not one of the scary characters from my books!"*

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## Calendar

Whole School Harvest Assembly	Wednesday 28 September	
Y12 & Y13 Mathematical Olympiad for Girls	Wednesday 28 September	P4 & 5
Y7 Curnock & Davis Bushcraft Residential Visit	Thursday 29 September	Blenheim Woods. Returning Friday 30 September.
Y9 House Cross Country	Thursday 29 September	P1 (J Released)
Y11 House Cross Country	Thursday 29 September	P2 (Q Released)
Y10 'Oxbridge: Dispelling the Myths'	Friday 30 September	Hall - P1-3
Y11 CCF WHT Weekend	Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 October	
Y7 Evers & Patterson Bushcraft Residential Visit	Monday 3 October	Blenheim Woods. Returning Tuesday 4 October.
Y12 & Y13 Senior Mathematical Challenge	Tuesday 4 October	P4 & 5 - Hall
Y11B & C Geography Trip	Wednesday 5 October	Reading - All Day
Y9 'Risking It All' Theatre Production	Wednesday 5 October	Hall - 2.10pm

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

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**St Bart's  
Co-Curricular  
Activities**

For the full list of Activity Time and After School Clubs visit our website [www.stbarts.co.uk](http://www.stbarts.co.uk)

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### Aldi Apprenticeship Opportunities

There are Career Starter and Store Management Apprenticeship positions available.

[Visit their website to find out more and apply.](#)

### AWE Apprenticeship Fair

Opportunities in many disciplines at Levels 3 and 6

12 October from 4.00pm – 8.00pm

Tadley Library, Mulfords Hill, RG26 3JE

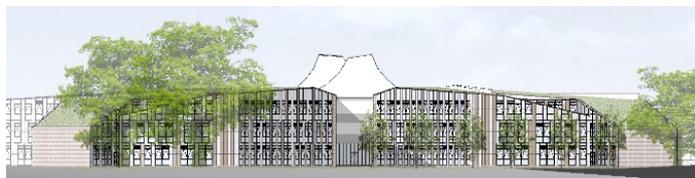
Visit our [Y7-11 Careers Opportunities webpage](#) for more events. And a more comprehensive listing for older students is also available on the Sixth Form Hub: [Careers and Study Opportunities page.](#)

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## VACANCIES

### TEACHING ASSISTANT: FOOD

**We are searching for a part-time Teaching Assistant to work with our Food team, to join us as soon as possible on a fixed term basis until 31 December 2022, to cover absence. There is potential to extend this and a permanent move to our Personalised Learning team may be possible for the right candidate.**



We are looking for someone to provide support to the Food team on a fixed term basis until the end of the year. You will support teachers in lessons, working with students to help raise standards of achievement.

HOURS: 11 hours 40 minutes per week, Thursday 8.40am to 3.10pm and Friday 8.40am to 2.50pm, term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata.

SALARY: £18516.00 - £18887.00 gross pa (£9.60 - £9.79 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £4784.03 gross pa.

**For full details or to apply, please visit: [www.stbarts.co.uk](http://www.stbarts.co.uk)**

**Closing date: Sunday 2 October 2022**

*All applicants shortlisted will be subject to an online search. 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](mailto:recruitment@stbarts.co.uk)

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## ST BART'S SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

For this year's harvest appeal, St Bart's is choosing to donate its contributions to two extremely impactful local charities - Loose Ends and Fair Close Centre. Loose Ends is a drop-in centre in Newbury that serves food to the homeless and vulnerable, serving over 120 hot meals a week. Fair Close Centre is an independent centre that provides a friendly place for elderly citizens to eat homecooked meals, provided by volunteers. By donating your canned food (including veg, fruits, and soup), biscuits, chocolate, teabags, jam, and cereals, these charities would benefit greatly, and ultimately this would really help the local community, something that is vital now more than ever. Please could all of your donations be given to House Offices by **Monday 10 October**. For Sixth Formers, please take donations to the Sixth Form office. Thank you for your contributions!



*Lottie, Lucy and Ed (Deputy Head Students 2022-23)*

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## JOYCE BROOKE

Last week we received the sad news that a former member of staff, Joyce Brooke, has died. She joined Newbury Girls' School as a History teacher in 1970 and after the amalgamation she became first Deputy Head of Curnock House, and then House Head. Joyce was a popular and successful teacher with both an analytical academic mind and a genuine empathy for the young people she taught. She was also a wonderful colleague and will be remembered fondly by all who taught with her during those years. Students will remember how kind and supportive she was.

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## KEY STAGE 3 AWARDS EVENING

**Thursday 6 October 2022 at 6.30pm in the Hall**



The Key Stage 3 Awards Evening is an opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements. We are looking forward to presenting the awards to this year's Year 10 on Thursday 6 October 2022 at 6.30pm.

An In Touch email has been sent to parents/carers of students receiving awards. All current Year 10 students and their parents are warmly invited to the event. [Please respond the form on this link.](#)

*Miss Thorne,  
Assistant Headteacher, KS3 Achievement*

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## PE

### Year 9 Football



Well done to the Year 9 girls' football teams who played their first round of West Berkshire league fixtures today.

The A team drew 0-0 against Kennet B and then beat Theale 1-0 with a great goal from Beth Maclean.

The B team lost to St Gabriel's and to Kennet A. Well done to all who played.



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**Free**

# Sport & Games - for Youth Mental Wellbeing

**Time** Tuesdays 5-6.00PM (Ages 13-16) - Sessions run on a weekly basis in term time.

**Venue** Waterside Centre, Waldegrave Place, Northbrook Street, Newbury RG14 1DS

**Description** Fun, free and interactive sessions to help improve the mental wellbeing of young people. A great way to help build confidence, support self-esteem and meet new people. To book please email: [youth@sportinmind.org](mailto:youth@sportinmind.org)

This group is provided **FREE** by mental health charity Sport In Mind for the benefit of local young people. Your local representative is Kieran

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