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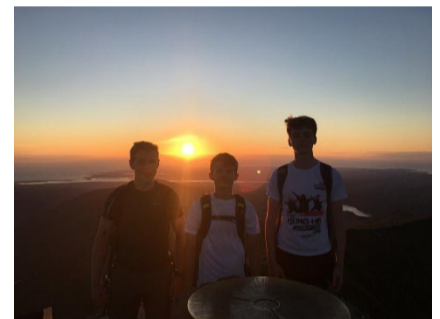
Online Business and Finance Event and Become a Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Apprentice.

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The final presentation celebrated those students from each House whom received the most nominations. The winners were:

Curnock – Megan Purcell
Davis – Lily Walke

Evers – Edith Rivers
Patterson – Martha Fitch

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Calendar

Y10 Separate Science Day	Wednesday 12 October	
Y11 'Unacceptable' Theatre Production	Wednesday 12 October	Hall, 2.10pm
Y13 English Literature Othello Trip	Wednesday 12 October	Watermill Theatre, 7pm
Y10CD English Stratford Trip	Wednesday 12 October	All Day
Y11 CCF Field Day	Friday 14 October	
ITT School Experience Day	Friday 14 October	
Y11 CCF Night Ex	Friday 14 & Saturday 15 October	
House Music Rehearsal	Monday 17 October	Hall, all day
Eco Committee	Tuesday 18 October	WCC, 3.20pm
House Music	Tuesday 18 October	Hall, 7pm. See below.

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

House Music is back!

Tuesday 18 October
Doors open at 6.30pm

Support your House in this key
competitive event.
Guest Judge - Dr Charlotte Exon,
Director of Music, Downe House.

Tickets available on ParentPay

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

Online Business and Finance Event with CIMA, IBM, Amey and Network Rail.

Wednesday 12 October from 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Sign up [here...](#)

Become a Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Apprentice

[Find out more here.](#)

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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HOUSE UPDATE: CURNOCK



Miss Suggitt joins the Curnock House Squad....

There's a new kid in Curnock town – here's what she has to say about it all – *"Hello! I'm so excited to be part of the Curnock House Office team! I had my previous tutor group from their very first day in Year 7, right through to the end of Year 11, so the opportunity to be Curnock's Progress and Achievement Leader was perfectly timed. Putting up with Mrs Hamblin's jokes is a small price to pay to be part of the best house in the school!"* Welcome to Miss Suggitt 😊



Year 7 Bushcraft Trip

Year 7 Curnock (and Davis) became wilderness explorers in deep dark Blenheim Woods in Oxfordshire last month. Students built their own shelters - and many students decided to sleep in them rather than the cosy warm tents that were provided! They also completed Bush Craft activities such as making traps and creating camp fires. The activities were aimed at student team building with their groups and tutors. A great time was had by all, especially when chasing their tutors and applying camo paint to their faces. Ava (7C2) said, *"it was an exciting experience with lots of fun activities"*, and Ross (7C2) added that it was a *"fun residential and the food was great"*. Mr Rabin, 7C2 tutor, commented *"it was brilliant watching the students building traps to catch things in, and playing the lantern game at night!"* Apparently, Mr Hill's choice of headwear was a highlight.



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THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

In July last term, [we reported](#) that three Year 11 students, Luke, Ben and Ed, were about to take on the National Three Peaks Challenge. Let's hear from Luke about how they got on...

"We began our ascent of Snowdon, Wales' highest mountain, at 8pm on the 13 July; meaning we would have to have to make a full descent of Ben Nevis by 8pm the following day for our attempt at the challenge to be successful.

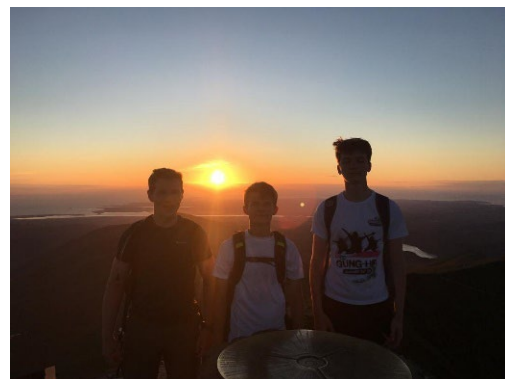


We moved quickly up the mountain, reaching the summit at 9.20pm as the sun set and reaching the car at around 11pm, almost an hour ahead of schedule. The weather on the mountain was glorious, with little wind and very few clouds, meaning incredible views at the summit.

We then drove to Scafell Pike, England's tallest mountain, which we set off up at around 3.40am in the morning of 14 July. Despite the early hour, we made fast progress up the path to reach the summit at around 5.15am and the car around 7am; the weather was again ideal

for the walk, with little wind and no precipitation, however, there were plenty of clouds, including low ones covering the summit, meaning we could see little as we stopped for a rest there.

Following this, we travelled on to Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Scotland, and the highest of all the peaks we had ascended. We started up the mountain at 1.20pm over an hour and a half ahead of the schedule, meaning we had a full 6 hours and 40 minutes to ascend and descend the mountain. In this knowledge we decided to take Ben Nevis a little slower, taking more time to enjoy the mountain and the views it offered. Therefore, we reached the peak, which was covered in cloud as low as 300m below the summit, slightly later than otherwise expected at around 4.30pm and the car (our finish line) at 7.00pm.



Our fast times on the first two mountains, and excellent traffic between, meant we finished the challenge in 22 hours and 59 minutes, ready for dinner in a pub at Fort William and a good night's rest in a hotel.

Although we are incredibly proud of our success in the challenge, we are perhaps more proud of the money we raised. Our attempt at the challenge was in support of the West Berkshire Food Bank, a charity which does incredible work in our community to provide many people with food when they may not be able to source it themselves. Our

[fundraising page](#) has raised £1,365 for the charity, a sum which I'm sure will aid their work at a time when donations are low and demand is higher than ever."

Well done boys, what a terrific achievement and an impressive sum raised for such an important cause.

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EPIPENS IN SCHOOL

For the Attention of Parents of Students with Asthma/Allergies requiring Epipens

The school recently sent out a letter with an allergy/asthma plan form to the parents of students new to the school who have informed us that they have one or both of these conditions. Please return the forms to the House Office either via your child or email as soon as possible, so we have accurate medical records for your child. If you did not receive a letter but have a child who is prescribed either an inhaler or an epipen, please contact your House Office or the Medical Administrator cgraham@stbarts.co.uk and we will send out the letter and forms for you to complete.

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BARTS POINTS

For the last five weeks, our students have been collecting Brave, Ambitious, Respectful, Trustworthy and Safe points. Overall, 20421 points were awarded and the top three from each year are as follows;



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Praveen Sivabalan	Emily Johnstone	Avaneesh Sasikumar	Keigan Hind	Imogen Moon
Vraj Patel	Irina Pop	Vishal Karthik	Evie Burns	Beth Chamberlain
Chloe Yorston	Klara Franks	Harshit Raina	Matilda Roberts	Emily Gabriel

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SIXTH FORM: BLACK HISTORY MONTH



As a Sixth Form Team, our goal is to introduce wider education for all our students on Black History. We wish to educate our school on the positives and rich elements of Black History, as well as encourage students to speak out and tackle racism within school.

As part of the Year 13 enrichment programme, Sixth Formers Sarah, Peace, Arianna, Mrs Ndagire and I gave a presentation. It was described as *“fantastic, personal and powerful!”* by members of the audience.

As Diversity and Inclusion representative in the Sixth Form, I strive to unite our St. Bart’s community and get everyone involved in Black History. It’s time we all come together and learn from one another, in a positive, loving environment.

Aphra (13E4)

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BOOK VENDING MACHINE

The English Faculty is really excited to show off our book vending machine. This can be found in the canteen and is filled with a huge variety of books. Students can win a gold coin by impressing us in English or the Library and they can then select a book of their choice. We hope this continues to enthuse students to enter competitions, impress teachers in lessons and contribute in other ways. We all know the value and importance of reading; we take it seriously but are always looking for fun ways to excite and interest students.



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NATIONAL POETRY DAY TRAIL

Last Thursday, 6 October, was National Poetry Day with the theme of the environment. St Bart's celebrated with a "poetry nature trail" around the school. Students were set the challenge of discovering poetry posters and then answering questions on the poet and the poem itself. Each poem revealed the location of the next poster. All students were able to take part and Year 7 went on the trail as part of their English lesson. There were prizes for the best responses from students. Congratulations to:

7C1 Lottie Baily, Lucie-Louise Brooks, Bella Meir and Sienna Powell

7D1 Reuben Burns

7E2 Florence Russell & Holly Burroughs

7P3 Ellie Demeza & Abigail Marshall

8P2 Miraya Srivastava, Irina Pop and Zara Leadbetter



Freddie and Jack on the trail

If you'd like to read the poems featured in the trail [click here](#).

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YEAR 9 'RISKING IT ALL'

On Wednesday 5 October, Year 9 students watched a Personal Development related performance called 'Risking It All'. West Berkshire Communities Together Partnership and Berkshire West Safeguarding Children's Partnership kindly sponsored this theatre production being performed in local schools by 2Engage. Our Year 9 students found it to be a gripping piece of theatre. It took stories from young people who have been negatively impacted by current issues such as e-safety (Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram and social network misuse), substance and alcohol misuse, sexual exploitation, grooming and inappropriate or exploitative relationships. After the thirty-five minute long core performance, students had an opportunity to engage in a mid-show discussion with the performers, to decide the fate of each character and



explore alternative outcomes. Our students found the themes thought provoking and said that it brought many of the issues considered in PDP lessons together in a realistic way.

Linda Eastman
Head of Faculty PDP & Food

A reminder, if you need help with the issues covered in these sessions, The Edge offers free and confidential advice to young people in West Berkshire who have concerns about their drug or alcohol use, as well as concerned family members. Young people can access one to one support and can get in touch by calling 01635 582002 or emailing TheEdge@wdp.org.uk. And ChatHealth is run by our local community school nurses to offer support and advice. Parents of 5-19 years olds can access the ChatHealth school nurse service by texting 07312 263194. For Young people aged 11-19, get in touch with a school nurse via ChatHealth by texting 07312 263266

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CCF SNOWDONIA WEEKEND

On Thursday 22 September, twelve Year 10 CCF Cadets travelled to Snowdonia to take on the mountains on the first Adventurous Training event of the school year. We were fortunate to have a smooth journey and arrive to get tents set up before the rain arrived and then enjoyed a fish and chip dinner in preparation for the challenges ahead. Friday and Saturday weather was mainly dry and all cadets achieved the aim of reaching the summit of Snowdon on one of their day walks.



Their second walk took in lakes, reservoirs, hills and forest terrain, together with the challenges of navigation, along with a game of pooh sticks, skimming stones and some entertaining conversation. Army rations were then enjoyed after a long day in the mountains. All of those taking part showed their team work and resilience to make sure all of their groups were able to complete all the activities successfully. Thanks to all the CCF staff who took part and supported in making this trip happen.

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SIXTH FORM HOUSE DODGEBALL



Last week, the Sixth Form Cup kicked off with House Dodgeball. Students were in positive competitive spirit, and the Sixth Form House Leaders were out in force to cheer on their teams with Mr Roberts giving inspirational speeches after every match (according to Mr Roberts). In dramatic fashion, Curnock were able to secure their spot in the final, seeing off a

well organised Patterson team with Miss Bilcliff recreating Al Pacino's speech from *Any Given Sunday*. Evers had

fewer players but were well spirited throughout with Mr Owen's encouragement. Davis, led by captains Lottie Codling and Oliver Clayton, dominated the league stage before commandingly defeating Curnock in the final. Unlucky Mr Roberts!

The final results were as follows: Evers, 4th place, Patterson, 3rd place, Curnock, 2nd place, and Davis were the winners! It was great fun, and we are putting on a full programme of Sixth Form House Events this year so be sure to get involved in the coming weeks and be part of the Sixth Form community.

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PE

U15 football



The girls' team travelled to Bohunt School for an English Schools Cup game. Isla Clare put the team 0-1 up with a fantastic strike after 10 minutes. It was a competitive game and a really good level of football from both teams. We tried our hardest to hold on but, unfortunately, Bohunt equalised in the last two minutes.

The game went to extra time but remained level so we had to go to penalties. We held our nerve to win, 3-2, on penalties. Well done to goalkeeper, Olive Hutton, for saving two penalties and to Chloe Shore for scoring the

winning penalty. We are through to the 3rd round!

Pre Counties Netball Tournament

Under 14s



A huge well done to the U14 Netball squad who had a superb afternoon of netball at Queen Anne's School.

They beat The Abbey School, 5-4, beat Queen Anne's School, 11-3, beat Leighton Park School, 11-2, and lastly beat St Mary's School, 12-11. It was a fantastic achievement, making them worthy winners of the

tournament.

Well done to you all.

Under 16s

Congratulations to the U16 Girls. They drew against St Mary's School, 4-4, lost, 2-21, to a very strong Wellington School team, lost to Queen Anne's School, 2-6, and lost, 6-15, to Beaconsfield High School. Despite the scores, the team should be very proud of their performances against strong opposition.





Well Done Annabel!

Annabel (11D3) went for trials for the Surrey Storm netball NPL Under 17 competition squad a couple of weeks ago and she heard last week that she's been selected into the NPL squad. This is an amazing achievement and as a school and PE Department we are very proud of her.

Annabel had a great experience at the schools' games finals in Loughborough in early September when she played in the Under 15 school games squad for Surrey Storm, training hard over the summer. She was awarded the most improved player of the Surrey Storm U15 school games squad. They came 4th overall.

West Berkshire Footgolf Festival



Eight of our Year 7 and 8 girls went to Park House School and took part in the first ever West Berkshire Footgolf Festival. The girls loved taking part and an enormous amount of fun was involved! We are already looking forward to the next one.



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