

# Barthole News



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*"We had a lovely Harvest drop off, with bountiful baskets of food. Firstly, we went to Loose Ends, a charity which provide daily cooked meals to the homeless, to drop off half the supply. After placing the goods on the table we were given an informative and welcoming tour around their premises. We asked lots of questions and came out impressed with the fantastic work Loose Ends do to support the vulnerable in Newbury."*



*Next, we drove to the Fair Close Centre and unloaded the second half. After a quick photo, we went out to talk to the clients and met some very friendly and interesting retirees. Some were ex-students of St Bart's and reminisced about their old school days: all were fascinating to talk to. Before long, their weekly dance class began and we got involved as*

*quickly as we could. One woman, at the age of 94, indisputably outdanced us all. A lovely community project and a big help to the charities involved!"*



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## Calendar

Y9 Evers/Patterson Go Ape Trip	Wednesday 19 October	All day
Y13 Dance - Exam Filming	Thursday 20 October	Hall, All day
<b>Friday 21 October - Staff Training &amp; Development Day. School not open to students.</b>		
<b>HALF TERM – Friday 21 October to Friday 28 October</b>		
Y10 Science Assessment Week	Monday 31 October	
Bart's Winter Community Project	Tuesday 1 November	Cow Shed, Wokingham - 9am to midday
Y10 Textiles Trip	Wednesday 2 November	Bournemouth Aquarium - 9.00am-3.10pm

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

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# St Bart's Sixth Form Open Evening 2022

Learn more about how St Bart's Sixth Form promotes a sense of belonging and a vibrant learning environment



**Thursday 3 November, 5:30-8:00pm**

No booking required

St Bart's Sixth Form is now firmly established as the most popular Sixth Form destination in West Berkshire



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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### Adviza Careers Advice: Got a careers question?

Chat to one of our professional careers advisers online. Open during school term time, (except public holidays) Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. This is for students, parents and teachers of schools have the "Careers Guidance For You" service only. Please note: you will be asked to give your name/child's name, school and year group so that we can check eligibility and provide you with this service. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Engineering Half Term Work Experience

**Tuesday 25 October from 9am-5pm (virtually via Zoom)**

Top engineering firms give you real insight into working on the frontline of modern engineering advances [Click here to sign up](#)

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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## NATIONAL THEATRE CONNECTIONS COMPETITION

The Drama department rehearsals are up and running for our new play 'Old Times' by Molly Taylor. We have entered the National Theatre Connections competition which has been running for the past 27 years and St Bart's have been chosen as one of the groups participating this year! Our play is exciting, thrilling and dangerous with a strong moral message.

We will perform the production in the school hall in the first week of February and again in Salisbury Playhouse theatre in the first week of March, so look out for more



information about tickets! We'll be linking with directors and staff from the National Theatre which will be such a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn from industry professionals.

The writers of the plays that are used for the competition offer their plays as stories about humanity. They tell stories about a wide range of experiences from around the world. The plays challenge young people to experience life in someone else's shoes, and transport them to different times, places and emotional landscapes. We can't wait to bring you the final version in February 2023.

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## Y11 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

In Week 6, on Wednesday and Thursday, we set off on a great field trip to Reading for a one-day trip. For our Human Geography field trip, we had to investigate the multiple factors that we can use for our final data. Reading had many great places that we were amazed seeing, like the Oracle and the Broad Street Mall. The trip was very amazing and enjoyable, meeting people who lived there, visited there, and so on. Even though we had harsh times, mainly due to the heavy weather consisting of wind and rain, at the end we got our results and departed back to school. From other students' reviews, the trip was enjoyed and rated at a good score. I'm sure everybody who went enjoyed it. From this trip we have achieved teamwork, taking responsibility and bravery. Thanks to all the Year 11 students and teachers who participated in this.

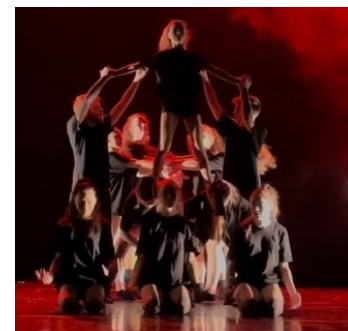


*Attenborough, Geography's mascot*

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## VALIDUS DANCE COMPANY

Validus Dance Company provides dance students and young professionals opportunities to explore innovative choreography and develop dance technique in various contemporary dance styles/fusions. Dance artists gain understanding of various roles and responsibilities required for a company, alongside a team which aims to inspire and support others. Validus has had many performances in local theatres such as Arlington Arts and Corn Exchange showcasing company works such as "Initium Novum" and "2:19". The company is made up of over 20 students and we have now established a Validus Dance Academy for younger years where auditions are still commencing. For any information on future performances, please visit to our [Validus Dance Company Instagram](#).



*Shabas Muhammed (11P1)*

*"Receiving personal feedback from an experienced artist has guided me towards solidifying my individual dance style. Working as a team is important to me. Collaborating with others through Validus has led to creating innovative work and exploration outside the box."*

*Penny Cooper*

*"I love having the opportunity to embrace many styles and approaches through Validus to inform my own choreographic style and meaningful exploration."*

*Emma Drake*

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## YEAR 7 CHALLENGE

Link to Hope currently works with nationals in Moldova (NE) and Romania (NE), Bulgaria (N) and the Ukraine (S & W). It also sends Christmas Shoeboxes to all of these countries. Their aim is to help the poorest and most marginalised through education and social care and to change lives by releasing communities out of poverty.



Our Year 11 Foundation Learning students are organising a competition for the Year 7 tutor groups to part in to see who can send the best shoe box to the charity. Below, in their own words, the Year 11's are encouraging parents of Year 7 students to help them take part...

### ***"Why do we need you to bring these things in?"***

*We would love you to help us and bring these things in because there are people in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania who don't have nice things, or things to wash themselves with or keep them warm, so our job is to put nice things in a box and help them. They can't afford having nice things like we do so we want to show them love and show them that we care that they don't have nice things.*

### ***What you need to bring in:***

*Gloves, hats, scarves, sweets, chocolates, soap, flannels, toothbrushes and toothpaste, candles and candle holders, small games ( travel-size draughts, dominoes, playing cards) colouring pads, crayons, pencils, small toys (skipping ropes, toy cars, yo-yos) tape measures/ DIY tools, head scarves, shampoo, solar powered calculators, hairbrushes/combs razors, non-breakable mugs, wooden cutlery, lavender bags, socks/tights, wind-up radios and torches, nail clippers, any other small gifts for families (You only need to bring in a couple of items each).*



*The Year 7 tutor group that puts the most items in a box will win the competition and win a prize. It is a great cause for everyone in Year 7 to get involved in... Please help these families. Just imagine them with literally no food, water, and stuff they can use to clean themselves. They deserve to own some nice things. So let's do something nice for them and come together and put stuff into a box and help put a smile on their faces, because they deserve it.*

**The deadline to bring items in is 5 November 2022."**

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## OXBRIDGE WORKSHOP: DISPELLING THE MYTHS



On 30 September, we found out about what Oxbridge is like and what to expect when applying to either Oxford or Cambridge University. We talked about some of the myths surrounding Oxbridge which was interesting as I found out about a lot of the misconceptions of who goes to Oxford and Cambridge University. We learned about what it was actually like, which turns out not to be so 'scary' after all. We

also did some problem-solving activities which demonstrated some of the skills that we will need for prospective university interviews.

Then, which was my favourite part of the workshop, I met some St Bart's students who have already applied to Oxford and Cambridge and met some ex St Bart's students who are already studying at Oxford and Cambridge University. We got to ask them questions about the early entrants' application process and information about their courses.

I am glad that I went to the workshop; it has given me the motivation to keep working hard on my GCSEs so that I can also apply to university. I'd like to thank Mrs Lane and Miss Marshall for organising the workshop.

Emily Cassidy (10P1)

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## PE

### First Team Lacrosse v Marlborough College

The First Team played Marlborough College. They lost 13-5. Players of the match were Izzy and India Duly.

### Second Team Lacrosse v Marlborough College

The Second Team played Marlborough College. St Bart's won an excellent game, 10-5. Players of the match were Izzy John and Ellie Upton.



### Badminton England Girls Only initiative continues



The Girls Only Badminton club continues to flourish under the direction of Malcolm Taylor. Last year we introduced the club as a new initiative from Badminton England to try to get more girls involved in Badminton.

The club is going from strength to strength thanks to the continued help and support of Malcolm, our superb external coach.

The club runs on a Monday 4.15 – 5.15pm in the Sports Hall and is open to all girls.

### Senior Girls' West Berkshire Football Festival

Well done to the combined Year 11 / Sixth Form girls' football squad who played 3 matches in their West Berkshire festival.

They beat Kennet School A, 2 -0, drew with The Downs School, 1-1, and drew with Kennet School B, 0-0. We look forward to the next round of the competition which takes place on 2 November



## Senior Rugby

Last week, the Senior Rugby team played a whole squad game against Rams RFC and won, 15-14. Player of the match was Harrison.



## House Cross Country

A big well done to everyone taking part in House Cross Country this term. Two school records were broken:

Year 9 Boys Kenechi Akosa - Patterson – 7 mins 29 secs

Year 10 Boys - Jacob Glendenning - Davis – 7 mins 21 secs

The results are as follows:

YEAR 7	
	Position
C	1st
D	4th
E	2nd
P	3rd

YEAR 10	
	Position
C	2nd
D	1st
E	4th
P	3rd

YEAR 8	
	Position
C	3rd
D	1st
E	2nd
P	4th

YEAR 11	
	Position
C	3rd
D	2nd
E	1st
P	4th

YEAR 9	
	Position
C	2nd
D	1st
E	3rd
P	4th


[You can see the individual top 10 finishers for Years 7-11 on our website here.](#)

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# IT'S CHRISTMAS

...NEARLY!

Calling for outstanding  
Artists and Designers to  
submit designs for this years  
St.Bart's Christmas card

## What we are looking for...

Festivity - christmas icons/symbols  
Quality & creativity  
Colour & vibrancy

X No text  
X No cartoon styles  
X No 3D parts to design

Entries to be submitted to the Art Office by  
**Friday 11th November**





# Waterside Centre

Berkshire Youth

## Climbing Workshops

**24 Oct - 28 Oct 2022**

**£10 per person per session**

**2.15pm-3.15pm**

**For young people in school years 4 to 6**

**3.45pm-4.45pm**

**For young people in school years 7 to 9**

**5pm-6pm**

**For young people in school years 10 to 13**

**Come and join us in October half term to take part in climbing workshops with our fantastic team and instructors.**

**To book your places, please visit our online booking system:**

**<https://widget.eola.co/rh365>**

**Please note:**

**- All disclaimers and questionnaires must be completed via booking system prior to start of session**





# Waterside Centre

Berkshire Youth

## Boxing Taster Session

**Saturday 29 October**

For young people aged 10 to 16 years old

**£3 per person per session**



**10am to 11am**

**for young people aged  
10 to 12 years old**

**11am to 12pm**

**for young people aged  
13 to 16 years old**

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