



YEAR 13 CHEMISTRY IN ACTION TRIP

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CALENDAR:

Y7-9 Nasal Flu Immunisations, Y7 Theatre Trip: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, KS4 Awards Evening, A Level Geography Conference, Y11 MFL Practice Speaking Exam Week, Y7 Singing Workshop, Y8 English Trip 'A Christmas Carol', Y12 & 13 Safe Drive Stay Alive and Y11 Interview Day.

CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES:

BBC Radio Berkshire Apprentice.

YEAR 7 BOOKBUZZ BOOKS:

If you have a Year 7 student, watch out for a new book coming home!



Y10 BUSINESS CADBURY WORLD TRIP:

Students learnt about the history of Cadbury, the supply chain, production processes and promotion methods used by Cadbury over the years.

YOUNG CARERS:

At St Bart's, we want to make sure that we know all of our young carers so that we can keep an eye on their progress.

A LEVEL SHAKESPEARE TRIPS:

To enhance their learning, Sixth Formers have been watching Shakespeare productions.



DOWNE HOUSE INTERVIEW PRACTICE:

Y13s took part in a practice interview evening at Downe House to help Early Entrants improve their interview skills.

PE:

[Year 7 Rugby](#)
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Last Friday, we held a Non Uniform Day and a cake sale in aid of Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who baked, donated and took part. As a school, we raised an amazing £2,258.59 for Children in Need and had a lot of fun doing so too!

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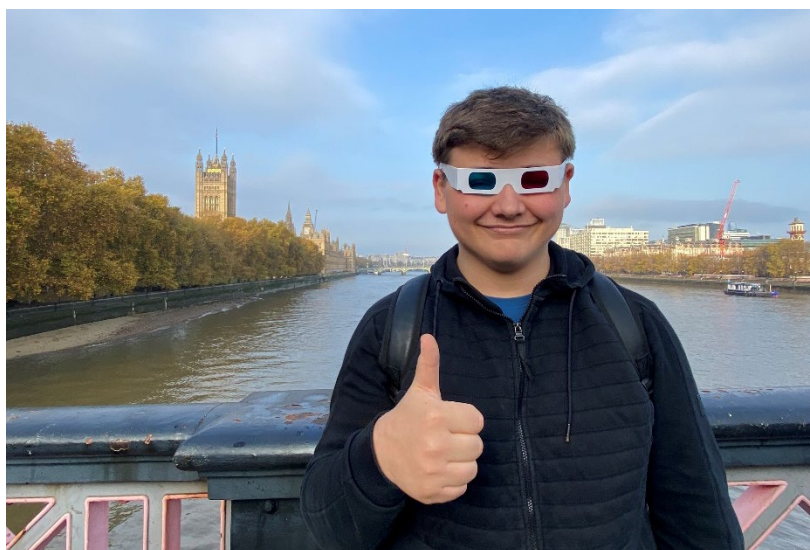
After which, we were educated on the various ways chemistry has been used in wars by the award-winning science journalist, Dr Kit Chapman. After a brief lunch break by the Thames, we were greeted by our next lecturer, Jess Wade. She gave a fascinating lecture about the relevance of chiral materials (molecules that have a non-superimposable mirror image) in modern day engineering. The final lecture of the day was on the rare earth elements – the 14 or so elements in the lanthanide series. The synthetic chemist and broadcaster Professor Andrea Sella led us through the remarkable history and uses of these fundamental elements."



Adam Turner (13C4)

"The trip gave me a fantastic insight into how chemistry that I have learnt as part of my A Level syllabus is applied to real world chemistry. We saw a range of different applications of chemistry and it was a very inspiring experience."

Oliver Davey (13P4)



Calendar

Y7-9 Nasal Flu Immunisations	Thursday 24 November	
Y7 Theatre Trip: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	Thursday 24 November	London – 11.00am - 6.30pm
KS4 Awards Evening (Y12 students)	Thursday 24 November	Hall – 7.00pm
A Level Geography Conference	Friday 25 November	London - All day
Y11 MFL Practice Speaking Exam Week	Monday 28 November	WCC
Y7 Singing Workshop	Monday 28 November	Period 5 - Hall
Y8 E/P English Trip 'A Christmas Carol'	Tuesday 29 November	Old Vic, London - 9.45am-6.00pm (approx)
Y13 Safe Drive Stay Alive	Tuesday 29 November	Oxford - PM
Y11 Interview Day	Wednesday 30 November	Hall – All day
Y8 C/D English Trip 'A Christmas Carol'	Wednesday 30 November	Old Vic, London - 9.45am-6.00pm (approx)
Y12 Safe Drive Stay Alive, Oxford - PM	Wednesday 30 November	

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

Christmas Jumper Day and Swap Shop

We will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday 8 December** to raise money for Save the Children UK and our House Charities. We are encouraging all staff and students to reuse jumpers from previous years. To support this initiative, we will be holding our very first Christmas Jumper Swap Shop after school on **Thursday 1 December**. We are asking staff, students and parents/carers to donate their old Christmas jumpers which will then be available for other staff and students to use for Christmas Jumper Day and beyond. Please donate any jumpers you may have to one of the House Offices by **Tuesday 29 November**.



Parents' Association Christmas Gift & Craft Fair

The Christmas Fair is less than 2 weeks away! Raffle tickets are now available on ParentPay, and will be drawn at the fair.

If you can help on the day, please get in touch stbartspa@gmail.com.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

BBC Radio Berkshire Apprentice

The BBC's apprenticeship scheme is open for applications and includes an opportunity based at BBC Radio Berkshire in Reading. They are looking for non-graduates from a diverse range of backgrounds.

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

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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YEAR 7 BOOKBUZZ BOOKS

At St Bart's Library, we are very keen to foster a love of reading among our students. Each new Year 7 English group has had an introduction to our Library and how they can borrow from the exciting collection of fiction and non-fiction books. In addition, through the Bookbuzz scheme (supported by the Book Trust), the Library is giving a FREE book to each of our Year 7 students. We do this every year. With a list of 17 amazing titles to choose from, all students should be able to find something they like, whatever their interest or ability, and the book will be theirs to keep. So if you have a Year 7 student, watch out for a new book coming home!



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Y10 BUSINESS CADBURY WORLD TRIP



On 16 November, the Business Department took 88 Y10 GCSE Business and L2 BTEC Enterprise students to Cadbury World. Students spent time in the exhibition centre, which provides an insight into the history of Cadbury, explains the supply chain and production processes and examines the promotion methods used by Cadbury over the years. Students watched demonstrations of chocolate making and had the opportunity to try out their skills.

Students also attended a talk in the education centre, given by a Cadbury employee, which provided further information about the workings of Cadbury as a business. Students learnt about market share, ownership of the business and the way in which Cadbury are operating in a more ethically and environmentally friendly way.

There was also tasting and free chocolate!

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YOUNG CARERS

Young carers are children and young people under 18 who take on caring tasks and responsibilities within their family that most of us only do as adults. The term does not apply to the everyday and occasional help around the home that may often be expected of or given by children in families.

At St Bart's, we want to make sure that we know all of our young carers so that we can keep an eye on their progress, promote opportunities both inside and outside of school and offer support to help them achieve their full potential.

We recently sent out a letter to all our students we believe are Young Carers. If you did not receive this letter and believe your child might be a Young Carer, please let us know. You can do this by contacting your child's House Office, or by emailing Mr Lawes (Deputy Headteacher) on jlawes@stbarts.co.uk.

For more information on support for young carers in the wider community, please contact Young Carers West Berkshire on 01635 503090 or my emailing EarlyRHub@westberks.gov.uk.

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A LEVEL SHAKESPEARE TRIPS

Hamlet

On Thursday 10 November, A Level Drama students travelled to Bristol to watch a production of Shakespeare's tragedy 'Hamlet' at the renowned Bristol Old Vic Theatre. It is an integral part of the A Level Drama course to watch live theatre, which supports students' own practical creations and written work. John Haidar's production included inky backdrops, jagged sound and frenzied violence. Billy Howle starred as a prince emanating unhinged anger. A contemporary twist was injected into this play with its superb set design and costumes, which included an elegant revolving stage. This was visually thrilling for the audience.



All students enjoyed the trip, and it may have even ignited their passion for exploring Shakespeare further in the future.

Mrs Parkinson

Much Ado About Nothing

In order to enhance our A Level learning, in which we have been exploring our three set texts from the director, audience and designer's perspective, we went to see Shakespeare's comedy 'Much Ado About Nothing', at Vue Cinema, Newbury on Tuesday 15 November. The production was by the National Theatre and was set in an Italian hotel in Messina; this was distinctly clear, unique and displayed by vibrant costume and set design. Although the play was written in the late 1500s and first performed in the early 1600s, the costumes and music were set in the 1920s and made it much more accessible to a contemporary audience. The acting was of extremely high quality and featured a number of well-known actors. Overall, it was an incredible production to have watched and be able to use in my own work at A Level and beyond.

Luisa Sutherland (12C2)

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DOWNE HOUSE SCHOOL INTERVIEW PRACTICE

The practice interview evening at Downe House School was an incredibly valuable event which helped all the Early Entrants (those making early UCAS applications) in using and improving interview skills, providing useful feedback which will be really important for students in the real interviews in December. The mock interviews were held with teachers from a number of schools in the area who were subject specialists in the course the student applied to. Multiple schools were involved including St Bart's, Downe House, The Downs, Kennet and Park House Schools. We were given a talk when we arrived and sat at designated tables to encourage socialising with other candidates taking similar subjects. Overall, it was a very useful experience, and enhanced social skills as well as useful interview skills, which will be vital to the real experience later this term.

Henry Garrety (13E1)

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PE

Year 7 Rugby

The Year 7 A team played The Downs and Kennet Schools under lights at Newbury RFC. The team narrowly lost to The Downs School, 3-2, and Kennet School, 4-1.

Tries were scored by Vinnie Bardsley, Daniyal Mohammad and Johnny Cahoon. Players of the matches were Caleb Hunter-Gardener for his tackling, Vinnie Bardsley for his evasive running and tackling, Daniyal Mohammad for his evasive running, Tom Parry for his tackling and rucking, and Oliver John for his direct ball carrying and excellent ruck presentation. The boys all played well, and the 20 players who all played at least a half of each match demonstrated the great strength in depth of the St Bart's squad. With another large squad of boys due to be picked for the upcoming B team games, the future of the green and whites looks bright.

Year 9 Rugby

Well done to the Year 9 boys' Rugby team, playing their first game of the year under the lights at Newbury RFC against a strong Park House School team. Although we did not come away with the win, the boys demonstrated massive improvements from previous games and keep improving as a squad. Players of the match were Max and Eddie.

Year 10 Rugby

Year 10 played last year's National Plate finalists, Oratory School, in round 3 of the National Vase. The boys competed well and showed real character, with some excellent tackling from 1 to 15. Despite the score line not going St Bart's way, every player can be really proud of the effort they put in.

Players of the match were Fred, for leading the defensive line throughout the match, and Ellis for his tackling and competition at the breakdown.



Year 10 Girls' Football



Well done to the Year 10 girls' football teams who took part in their second round of West Berkshire league fixtures on Thursday 10 November.

The A team beat Trinity School, 5-0, beat Kennet School A team, 2-0, and drew with St Gabriel's School, 2-2.

The B team lost to Kennet School B team, 1-0, lost to St Gabriel's B team, 1-0, and drew with The Willink School, 0-0.

Well done to all who played and we are looking forward to finals night on Thursday 8 December.



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Sixth form enquiries: 01635 576368

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**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SUNDAY
4 DECEMBER 2022
11AM-3PM**



STBARTSPA@GMAIL.COM

House Art 2022- 23

All students are invited to create and enter an Art piece based on the theme...



Points awarded will contribute to the House Championship Competition.

Taking place this half term and next!

Ask your Art, Graphics and Textiles teachers for information on how to enter.

Happy Creating!

THE VISUAL ART TEAM 😊