

# Bartholomew News



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occasion at which to celebrate a truly outstanding group of students.

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## Calendar

|   |                       |                                       |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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-6pm (approx) |
| Y12 Safe Drive Stay Alive               | Wednesday 30 November | Oxford - PM                           |
| Christmas Jumper Swap Shop              | Thursday 1 December   | The Foyer - 3:10pm                    |
| Y9 & Y11 DNA Drama performance          | Friday 2 December     | Hall - 10.00am to 12.10pm             |
| KS4 & 5 House Chess                     | Friday 2 December     | C117                                  |
| Sixth Form Winter Ball                  | Friday 2 December     | Hall - 7-10pm                         |
| PA Annual Gift & Craft Fair             | Sunday 4 December     | Hall - 11.00am - 3.00pm<br>See below  |
| Y10 and Y12 Reports issued              | Tuesday 6 December    |                                       |
| Y13 Subject Parents' Evening            | Tuesday 6 December    | Remote - 4.30-7.00pm                  |
| Whole School Quiz                       | Wednesday 7 December  |                                       |

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

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS GIFT & CRAFT FAIR

### Sunday 4 December

Our annual Christmas Fair will be held at school this Sunday, 4 December, 11am-3pm. St Bart's Gift and Craft Fair is our biggest fundraising event of the year, so we'd love your help to make this a great success! We are looking for helpers and donations - please refer below for more details and contact [stbartspa@gmail.com](mailto:stbartspa@gmail.com) if you are able to help in any way. We are always extremely grateful for any help or donations you can provide. We could not do it without you!



#### VOLUNTEER

Can you spare us a couple of hours?

- Saturday 3 December, 2.00-4.00pm - setting up
- Sunday 4 December, helping stallholders arrival, door, kitchen, raffle, packing up (slots available 8.30-11.00am, 11am-1.00pm, 3.00pm-5.00pm)

#### RAFFLE

Are you able to provide a raffle prize or donation for a food (cakes or batch of soup) or beauty hamper? We are still accepting donations of raffle prizes, and cake / soup donations can be brought into school on Friday.

Raffle tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay (until 2pm on Friday 2nd December) or can be bought at the fair - top prize £200 cash!

Please bring your friends and family along with you to enjoy the Christmas Fair for some fabulous shopping and refreshments.

To volunteer or for any queries, please email: [stbartspa@gmail.com](mailto:stbartspa@gmail.com)

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND ST BART'S CHRISTMAS MENU



As in previous years, St Bart's will take part in Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. 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 this **Thursday, 1 December** in the Foyer.

**Christmas Jumper Day is on Thursday 8 December.** Students come to school in normal uniform, except that their blazer is replaced by a Christmas Jumper. Please

log on to your ParentPay account where you will find the option to make a donation as a new payment item from 1 December.

On the same day there will be a special menu served in the canteen. On this day, students can choose between Giant Pig in Blanket and Chips or Vegetable Burger in a Bun and Chips.

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### University of Portsmouth Webinars

Support for application, interview and portfolio preparation specifically for Healthcare and Creative Courses.

Tuesday 6 December, 4.00pm – 5.00pm, Applying to Creative Courses and Developing Your Portfolio: [Book here](#)

Wednesday 7 December, 4.00pm – 5.00pm, Health and Social Care Courses: Apply and Prepare for Interviews:

[Book here](#)

### **KPMG (Accounting firm) Free Webinar**

Monday 5 December, 5.00 – 6.00pm

Open to students interested in a career in professional services such as audit, tax, legal and advisory services. Parents/guardians are welcome too. Please sign up [here](#).

### **BP's Apprenticeship Programmes**

Open for applications [here](#).

### **The University of Surrey: Year 10 – Realise your potential**

A Saturday morning programme to understand options beyond GCSE study.

### **The University of Surrey: Year 11 – Revision Masterclasses**

Virtual revision for English, Maths and Science.

### **The University of Bath: Year 12 - Pathway to Bath**

Learn key skills for university.

If you have any questions about the above three opportunities, please email [schools.team@pathwayctm.com](mailto:schools.team@pathwayctm.com)

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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## **EVERS HOUSE UPDATE**



It's great to have the opportunity to give you all our first Evers update of the academic year. Of course, we are well into the term now and we have lots to share!

Our Year 7 students have settled in wonderfully and it has been great to see so many of them get stuck in with charity fundraising, such as the very successful cake sale for Children In Need and Anti Bullying week (that includes eating the cakes they bought as well as baking them!)



We are just welcoming back our Year 11 students after a busy Practice Exam Week and we wish them all well as we support them in the coming months while they prepare for the real thing!

Our Sixth Form House Captains have been busy promoting the House during our Open Evenings, making sure we stand out and prove that Evers truly is a family ready to welcome new additions.

Congratulations to all of our participants in the House Music competition, you all did Evers proud and we look forward to the future House Competitions.

It has been inspiring to see how wonderful all of the students in Evers are. We truly are a House that comes together to think of others and one that I am immensely proud to lead - keep up the great work everyone!

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*Mr Edens*

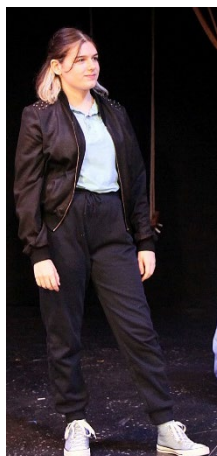
## A MONSTER CALLS



Congratulations to Mabel (12C5), Katie (13P4), Sophie (12C5) and Anna (13E2), who this month starred in The Watermill's 'A Monster Calls'. Based on the novel by Patrick Ness, The Watermill's Youth Ensemble brought to life a new adaptation of this heartbreaking tale of grief, mischief, healing and finding the courage to survive.

*"It was a wonderful experience getting to tell such an important story about grief and loss. I feel so lucky to*

*be a part of a production that uses professional resources in its making,"* said Mabel.



The production partnered with [Mind in Berkshire](#) and received fantastic reviews, with the Newbury Today commenting that "Katie showed extraordinary physicality as the Monster", "Emma, Sophie and Alexander were the perfect trio of bullies" and "Mabel was sensitive and understanding as teacher, Miss Godfrey". You can [read the full review here](#). Anna supported the cast superbly in her role as Youth Assistant Stage Manager.

*"We all really enjoyed this experience, from production to performance. Everyone within the theatre worked great together, making it a valuable, special memory for all of us,"* said Sophie.



Photos by Philip Tull

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## 'THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE' YEAR 7 THEATRE VISIT



Credit: [www.lionwitchonstage.com](http://www.lionwitchonstage.com) Education Pack

I'd been in a whirl of excitement ever since I'd first heard we were going to watch a live version of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' in London and I have to say the reality lived up to my expectations and then some!

The atmosphere in the theatre was electric - filled with the buzz of an excited crowd eager to see the actors breathe life into the classic tale.

We weren't disappointed! The set was so magical that I felt as though I'd been transported to Narnia myself and the actors all played the characters so well they felt like old friends.

I especially loved how they paid special attention to the little details in the background. From the woman cleverly moving in the clock, to the extras in the background, everyone had their own special place and important role to play.

Although it's hard to pinpoint, I'd have to say that Edmund was probably my favourite character because he managed to add humour to all his scenes, which made the performance even more engaging.

The most impressive moment for me was when the Queen rose up off the ground with her magnificent dress flowing behind her, it was breathtaking!

I also enjoyed the many monsters coming out in masks - it was certainly eye-catching and effective.

From start to finish, the entire day was an absolutely brilliant experience that I won't ever forget. I hope we can go to the theatre again someday soon. In the meantime, perhaps I can persuade my Mum to take me to watch it all over again!

*Amelia Williams-Murray (7P2)*

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### House Rugby 2022

|    | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 7  | C               | D               | P               | E               |
| 8  | D               | E               | C               | P               |
| 9  | P               | D               | E               | C               |
| 10 | P               | C               | E               | D               |
| 11 | P               | C               | D               | E               |

### House Netball – A Team 2022

|    | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 7  | C               | E               | D               | P               |
| 8  | C               | P               | D               | E               |
| 9  | P               | D               | C               | E               |
| 10 | C               | E               | D               | P               |
| 11 | C               | P               | D               | E               |

### House Netball – B Team 2022

|    | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 7  | P               | D               | C               | E               |
| 8  | D               | P               | E               | C               |
| 9  | D               | E               | C               | P               |
| 10 | P               | C               |                 | D               |
| 11 | P               | C               | D               | E               |

The Sixth Form also competed to gain points for the Sixth Form Cup. The Sixth Form Cup can often prove critical to final overall House Championship victory! Congratulations Davis on a double win in House Rugby and House Netball, adding to their Dodgeball crown earlier in the term. Evers took 2nd, Curnock 3rd and Patterson 4th.

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## PE

### County U12 Rugby Festival



Well done to the Year 7 boys who were selected to represent the school at the County Rugby Festival at Reading Blue Coat School.

The boys won two out of three games in the morning, beating Reading School boys A team, Reading Blue Coat School B team and losing to St Crispin's School.

In the afternoon all teams went through to new groups and were placed with sides that had performed similarly earlier in the day. St Bart's beat Trinity School, 4-2, Claires Court B, 8-1, and lost, 0-2 to Kennet School.

Tries were scored by Johnny, Daniyal, Ollie, Ali, Jude, Alan, and both Rorys.

### Year 8 B Rugby Floodlit league

The Year 8 Rugby B team played two fixtures in the first round of the floodlit league. We won, 25-15, against Park House School and lost narrowly to a strong Kennet School A team, 5-15.

Players of the match with Ricardo and Sean. Special thanks to assistant coaches Will and Deacon.



## Year 10 Rugby

A squad of nearly 30 players represented Year 10 in their floodlit league fixtures on Thursday, which shows the continued strength in depth of the year group.

The boys played two matches, with everyone playing at least a half of each match.

St Bart's beat Park House School, 22-17, and beat Trinity School by 5 tries to 2.

Players of the matches were Fred and Albert.



## KS3 Badminton Tournament

Well done to the Year 7, 8 and 9 boys who took part in the KS3 Badminton Tournament at Theale Green School. The boys played several singles and doubles matches with a positive mindset and lots of enthusiasm. The A team won in their group and proceeded to the semi-finals, where they met a strong Willink School team, just missing out on the finals. The B team put up a good fight in the group stages but were not able to get to the semi-finals. Overall, everyone played very well and really enjoyed the event.

Players of the match were Jimmy Pennock (A team) and James Higgs (B team).



*Match report written by Luke Kingston (8D1)*

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

# **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

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



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# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY MENU

**THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER**

From **12.10** To **13.10**

**It's Christmas Jumper Day!**

The canteen will be offering:  
**Giant Pig in Blanket and Chips**

or

**Vegetable Burger in a Bun and Chips**

