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Flo Dent (8E3)

“The performance for ‘A Christmas Carol’ was one of the most exhilarating productions that I have seen. The use of the space and props were second to none. The devotion that the actors put in could be seen throughout the entire performance. With the emotion in their voices and looks on their

faces, you could see their dedication and love for their job in the show.

Very simply, it was the best play I've ever seen. To sum up the whole play in three words; outstanding, genius and moving.”

Toby Adams (8P1)

“The Old Vic was decorated brightly and colourfully and sparkled like a jewel. The character who played Tiny Tim was my favourite. With his sweet and adorable voice, he delivered his lines immaculately. The music, smoke and sound effects really added to this drama making it very, very enjoyable to watch.”

Yudeesh Viswa Balachandran (8C2)



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Whole School Quiz	Wednesday 7 December	
Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'	Thursday 8 December	See page 3
KS3 Careers Fair	Friday 9 December	Hall – P1-3
KS4 & KS5 House Chess	Friday 9 December	Activity Time - C117
British Informatics Olympiad	Friday 9 December	pm
Y7 House Christmas Parties	Monday 12 December	5.00pm-6.30pm. See page 10
Y7 and Y11 Reports issued	Tuesday 13 December	
All day Rehearsal for Carol Service	Tuesday 13 December	St Nicolas Church
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[View all school events in our online calendar, click here to go straight there](#)

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 this **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.

Also this Thursday, there will be a special menu served in the canteen. Students can choose between Giant Pig in Blanket and Chips or Vegetable Burger in a Bun and Chips.

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE - ST NICOLAS CHURCH IN NEWBURY

As the festive season approaches, we would like to extend a very warm invitation to all our families to join us at 7pm on Tuesday 13 December for our annual Christmas Carol Service.

The school's annual Carol Service is always a spectacular celebration of Christmas, featuring traditional and modern musical items, readings and singing. This year is very special, as it sees the service returning to the beautiful setting of the historic St Nicolas Church in Newbury after a long Covid-enforced absence. The service will include performances by the talented School Orchestra, Senior Band and School Choir. Everyone is welcome to attend and St Bart's PA will be serving refreshments. **Donations of mince pies would be very gladly received. Please drop them off at Reception. Thank you.**

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

Young Professionals 'Get into Tech & Digital' Event

Thursday 8 December from 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Click [here to sign up](#).

National Construction College (NCC)

Apprenticeship courses for Construction

[Apply now 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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YEAR 11 INTERVIEW DAY

On Wednesday 30 November, local businesses stepped forward to support potential employees of the future and joined St Bartholomew's School for their annual Interview Day. This event is an important date in the school's careers calendar, as it offers Year 11 students a 'real-life' opportunity to practice their interview technique and etiquette with representatives from the world of work.



Prior to the day, students spent time in their PDP sessions, examining skills required for work, researching career choices, producing CVs and letters of application. On the day itself, each student benefitted from an individual mock interview and then received feedback on their performance from interviewers. The experience is designed to help prepare students for future pathways, whether this be Sixth Form, alternative further education, an apprenticeship or employment.

Year 11 student, Ellie Wemyss, said, "The interviewer was really lovely. It has helped me to think about how to articulate myself and come up with answers in a stressful situation."

The event was supported by a team of more than 20 business volunteers and the Education and Business Partnership West Berkshire, who work in partnership with businesses to improve the employability skills of young people. The businesses involved included: Gardner Leader, Barclays, Thames Water, West Berkshire Council and Vodafone. St Bart's are very grateful to all the organisations involved for their support.

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SIXTH FORM UPDATE

Last week was a busy one for our Sixth Form Team and students – even by their standards!



Sixth Form Political Hustings

On Thursday, St Bart's Sixth Form hosted representatives from four major political parties, who gamely agreed to field questions from a packed audience of 16-18 year olds. The courageous candidates included Cllr Ross Mackinnon (Conservatives), Cllr David Marsh (Greens), Les Cooper (Labour) and Cllr Vaughan Miller (Liberal Democrats).

Deputy Head Student, Ed Morris, chaired the lively session. The questions, pre-selected from a wide range submitted by the students prior to the event, sought the representative's views on a variety of topics including votes at 16, trust in politics, tuition fees, abolition of the House of Lords and regulation of water companies, in particular the pumping of raw sewage into rivers and the sea.

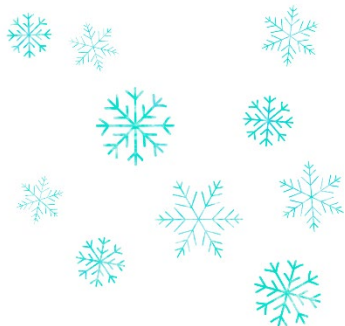
“The panel was great, very game and incredibly well informed. I thought they responded really well to a wide range of interesting questions and I loved seeing the immediate reactions of the audience, it was a very lively atmosphere”. Ed (Year 13)

Mock MMI interviews

On Thursday evening, nine Year 13 and two Year 14 students took part in Mock MMI (Multiple Mini Interviews) in preparation for the highly competitive medical application process. Students moved round different stations and subject specialists as they had the opportunity to practice a range of interview skills: from role-play, empathy and ethics in medicine, hot topics and medical knowledge, data interpretation, decision making and communication skills.



Mrs Lane, Head of Sixth Form – “The Mock MMIs are an important stage in our Early Entrant Programme. The experience allows students time to reflect on and improve their interview skills prior to the real thing. We want students to give the very best interview they can and to maximise their chances of successfully securing a place on these highly competitive courses.”



Thanks to all staff who volunteered their time to conduct the interviews.

Winter Ball

Finally, the week ended with the fabulous affair that is the Sixth Form Annual Winter Ball! Organised by our school officers, this year the theme was ‘Great Gatsby’, with monies raised in aid of [Sebastian’s Action Trust](#) which supports families of seriously ill children. Students danced the night away in black tie to ‘3ofClubs’ DJ.

Sixth Form Year 11 Application Deadline - 15 December 2022

A reminder to Year 11s that application forms for Sixth Form should be submitted by Thursday 15 December 2022. To apply, please fill in the Sixth Form [online application form](#) using the login details sent to your school email. If you have any questions regarding your application, you can contact Mrs Adcock on 01635 576368 or email sixthform@stbarts.co.uk. You can find more information on the Sixth Form and our courses [on our website](#) and you can watch [our Sixth Form video](#).

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BRITANNICA MAGAZINE

Still searching for Christmas presents? Have you considered a subscription to Britannica magazine? You can purchase it from their website (now only £47.99 with their Xmas20 20% off discount code) and you will also automatically receive their wonderful hardback Encyclopaedia as a free sign up gift. In addition, St Bart’s also receives a £10 book voucher to spend on non-fiction books every time a parent signs up. Just remember to select our school from the drop down list at the online checkout at www.britannicamagazine.co.uk. You can have a look at a sample issue [here](#). See page 11 for more information.

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FOOD DEPARTMENT'S CHRISTMAS RECIPES



The festive season is upon us and so it's the perfect excuse to cook up some sweet treats. Why not get the whole family involved (or just have a quiet hour in the kitchen!) with The Food Department's Christmas recipes. It's just not Christmas without [Mince Pies](#) or why not create a show-stopping [Roulade au Chocolat](#) to impress guests over the Christmas period? Feel free to send us pictures of your fabulous seasonal creations to bartholone@stbarts.co.uk – we'd love to see how you got on!

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COMMUNITY FESTIVE PROJECT



On Saturday 26 November, a number of students participated in a community festive project at Whitelands Park Primary School. We volunteered our time to make sure that young children got a memorable Santa's Grotto experience; helping children meet Santa himself. We also supported children in making melted snowmen and doing some festive arts and crafts. This was a wonderful opportunity to see the joy and magic in the young children's faces. Miss Marshall provides these opportunities so that we can work on our own self-confidence and leadership skills. This is part of the 'Stretch and Challenge' opportunities which anyone can get involved in at our school. We thank her for organising the event and looking after us while we got involved and supported our local community.



Luca How (8P2)

Thanks to these students for their help: Sebastian Kempshall, Sam Taylor, Kaiden Bailey, Chaitra Mandali, Sam Kirby, Danni Weaver, Luc Weaver, Annie Taylor, Maya Creteur, Luca How, Laura Swanson, Amy Oliver, Jamie Fry and Holly McClellan.

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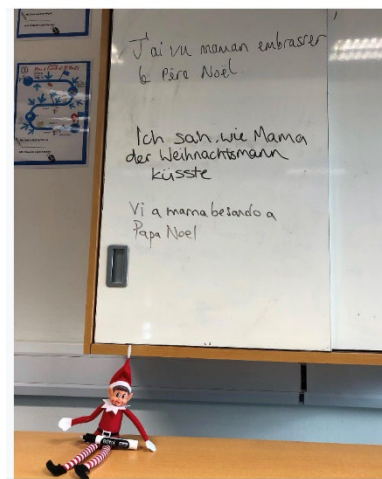
'WHAT THE ELF?!'



Students are taking photos of a naughty elf causing havoc at St Bart's School every day until 20 December. Follow Patterson House's Instagram to see what it will do next.

You can get involved by donating £1 and choosing an Elf's name on the grid which is in Miss Marshall's classroom (C012). All monies raised will go to the Patterson House charity, Guide Dogs. On 20 December, we will put all the chosen names into a raffle and one name will be picked. The lucky winner will be able to claim the naughty elf and take pride in their elf's festive fun antics.

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PA'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

The PA's Christmas Fair on Sunday was a great success. We had some wonderful stalls selling a great variety of goods. Many thanks to those helped and shopped, and to all who purchased raffle tickets on ParentPay. (Winners will be contacted this week.)

We'd also like to thank those who generously donated raffle prizes:



Lord and Lady Lord Webber, Newbury Racecourse, The Bowlers Arms, Tim Butler Golf, Castle Windows (Newbury) Ltd, Natalie Shore Hairdressing, ACE dance, Razzamatazz Theatre Schools, Amelia Rose Accessories, Imagine Photography, Highclere Castle, Rosebourne, The Entertainer, Sandford Springs, Beauty by Lisa, Tropic Skincare, LK Collection, Simply Sea Shells, 1st Newbury Scouts and Peaches and Tea.

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UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY

How our overdue books system works



All students can borrow a fiction or non-fiction book for 3 weeks, and if they need more time to finish it, we ask them to come and see us to renew their book. However, if the book is not renewed or returned to the school library, the book becomes overdue.

We will shortly be sending out overdue notices by email to parents from the school library. If you receive an email notification that your child has an overdue book, then please encourage your child to find and return the books as soon as possible. These might be textbooks from a previous year or library books they have chosen to borrow.

All books, including textbooks, are issued from and therefore should be returned to the school library. Books are expensive to replace and they are the student's responsibility whilst in their care. Therefore if any of the books are lost or damaged, and cannot be returned, then the replacement cost of these books can be paid for on ParentPay. If this is the case, please contact the library so we can add the line to your child's ParentPay account. If you see a line on ParentPay for 'Lost Library / Text books' then please be aware that, although the default amount shown is £100, this amount can be altered by you to the correct total amount due for any lost books. Costs are detailed on the overdue notices.

If you have any questions about overdue books or any other questions about the library, please contact us at library@stbarts.co.uk. Thank you for your help to ensure we keep as many books as possible available to all our students.

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Please contact the Enborne school office/website for application form and job description.

Tel: 01635 40569 Email: office@enborne.w-berks.sch.uk

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PE

Lacrosse News



Emily (11C1), Izzy (11D3), Immy (10E2), Annabel (11D3), India (11E2), and Sophie (11D1) took part in two weekends of Super Counties Lacrosse. Fiercely contested matches between the Adders, Falcons, Badgers and Foxes saw our students play to a very high standard. The Super County Finals take place in March, where they will take on competition from the rest of the country.

The dedication and commitment shown by this talented group of students continues on from the success of Phoenix Lacrosse Club who celebrated winning Division One of the South West Lacrosse Tournament earlier in the season.

Congratulations to all those involved.

Year 7 Football

Well done to the Year 7 B girls' football team who played in the West Berkshire league finals.

They played St Gabriel's A team in the 7 v 8 place game. They won, 1-0!

A special mention goes to player of the match, Anna Hall, who scored the winning goal with the last kick of the game. This means this team finished 7th from 12 teams in the league.



U15 Football



Our U15 girls' football team progressed to the next round of the English Schools Cup with a hard-fought, 3-1, win over Kings' School in Winchester. In horrendous conditions, the girls played superbly which was highlighted by an outrageous hat-trick from Isla. It was a fantastic team performance, with everybody playing their part. Player of the match was Isla, but a special mention should also go to Erin, who played in goal after our usual goalkeeper couldn't play. Erin made some brilliant saves that kept us in the game. Well done all!

Year 7 Rugby

Well done to the Year 7 boys who played in two rugby games against Park House School and Kennet School. We lost to a strong Park House team but then beat Kennet, 5 tries to 1, to finish off an excellent rugby season. Players of the match were Beau Williams, George Chandler-Hayman and Eli Bodin.



Year 9 Rugby



Well done to the Year 9 rugby team who recorded their first points of the season thanks to a well taken try by Devis Bodecci. The result didn't go our way, as The Downs School won the final floodlit league game, 24-5. However, this rugby season has been about more than the results, with many of the boys playing their first ever games and learning how to play the game effectively. Credit to all the boys who have represented the team this year, they have always supported one another and demonstrated great resilience and determination throughout the season. Players of the match, Devis and Amos.

Year 10 Rugby

The Year 10 rugby team represented the school in the County Cup Quarter Final v Windsor Boys' School.

Just as the game kicked off, it rained so heavily that it was hard to see the ball. But when the skies cleared, the game was played to the backdrop of a perfect rainbow.

Windsor proved to be very strong opposition, and scored several tries, but St Bart's played well and tackled effectively throughout. St Bart's had the edge in the scrum against a much heavier Windsor pack, and were also superior in the lineouts, but despite a strong squad effort, they will not progress to the semi-final this time.

Player of the match was Aziz Barrie for his brilliant tackling.



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