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A Level student, Rose Clark, said, "Last Wednesday, some Year 13s, Mr Wilder, Mrs Lane and Mrs Garrety got to experience democracy in action at the Houses of Parliament in London. After entering through airport-style security, we were allowed up to the viewing gallery in the House of Commons and managed to arrive just in time to witness a vote, or a 'division' as it is called, which later made the front page of BBC news. A number of high-profile MPs were in the chamber while we were there - including Matt Hancock and Jacob Rees-Mogg, who spoke on the subject of the division, the retention of EU law within Britain, as we watched from behind the glass. We were then able to take part in a meeting of the Young Fabians

Society, a historic group within the Labour Party, while they discussed a number of issues ranging from nuclear power stations, local government, the 2019 election and a question asked by Mrs Lane about youth political participation. The experience allowed us all a view into what day-to-day running of the country is like and was very eye-opening and exciting for all involved!"

A Level student, Ed Morris, said, "A fantastic opportunity to see the mechanics of parliament in action. As well as watching a live debate in the chamber we had the chance to engage in a complex political discourse with members of the shadow cabinet! Fascinating stuff."

#### **Wembley Trip**

As part of our outstanding careers provision, the Sixth Form Team took a group of Sixth Form students to visit University Campus of Football Business (UCFB) Wembley in London. UCFB focuses predominantly on the football industry but also covers a range of sport related degree courses, including Marketing, Business, Management, Coaching, Media and Law. Students experienced a taster lecture on the football industry and a tour of the stadium. Mr Wilder said, "students had an eye-opening experience on non-traditional opportunities in the world of sport and business".



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#### Calendar

Staff Training and Development Day	Wednesday 25 January	
KS4 Courses Booklets Issued to Y9	Wednesday 25 January	
Y9 MenACWY/Tetanus/Dipth/Polio Vaccinations & MMR Catch Ups	Thursday 26 January	Gym
A Level Chemistry Olympiad Round 1	Thursday 26 January	E016 - 11am - 1pm
Y9 MenACWY/Tetanus/Dipth/Polio Vaccinations & MMR Catch Ups	Friday 27 January	Gym
CCF Sunday Walk 3	Sunday 29 January	
Y9 KS4 Courses Parents' Information Meeting	Monday 30 January	
GCSE and A Level - Dance Performance Evening	Tuesday 31 January	Hall - 3.30pm-6.30pm
Y9-11 Intermediate Mathematical Challenge	Wednesday 1 February	Hall - P4 & 5

View all school events in our online calendar. Click here to go straight there

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#### **CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **WES Apprentice Showcase**

6 - 10 February 2023

Hear from current and past Engineering apprentices.

To find out more and register for the link to join in these free sessions please complete this form.

#### **Energy Sector Apprenticeships at EDF Energy Webinar**

21 February 2023 at 6.30 - 7.30 pm

For students and parents of those in Years 10 to 13. Career leaders and teachers are encouraged to join. Book your place today.

There are lots of other webinars for apprenticeships available at employers like Land Rover, Jaguar, Zurich and Google here

#### Virgin Media 02 Apprenticeships Open

Find out more here.

#### **Engineering Apprenticeships with Rolls-Royce**

Applications open now for Advanced and Higher Apprenticeships. Find out more here.

Visit our <u>Y7-11 Careers Opportunities webpage</u> for more events. And a more comprehensive listing for older students is also available on the Sixth Form Hub: <u>Careers and Study Opportunities page</u>.

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#### **CHINESE NEW YEAR ASSEMBLY**

Chinese New Year was celebrated last weekend on Sunday 22 January. Last week, we had an assembly about this important date.

Bella (7E1), Penelope (7P3), Ethan (12D1) and Mei (12D4) told us how this is the first day of the first lunar month of the year and 2023 will be the Year of the Rabbit. Chinese New Year, also known as Spring Festival, is celebrated across China and in other Chinese communities around the world. It is the most important holiday of the year. Many people who work in the cities make long journeys to return to their families in the countryside at this time.



In preparation for Chinese New Year, everyone cleans their house and hangs red decorations – good luck messages and lanterns. The colour red is considered to be especially lucky. Families eat a large meal together with fish, noodles and dumplings, and children are given red envelopes containing money by their older relatives. The festival lasts for 15 days and ends with the lantern festival. People also set off firecrackers and bang drums to make plenty of noise. It is believed that the noise drives out bad spirits. People also watch traditional lion dances at this time of year.

According to legend, it came about due to a monster called 'Nian', who attacked people every year. Thus the villagers found out the monster was scared by loud noises and the colour red. They used it to their advantage, by wearing red, and setting off firecrackers. This scared the monster away and they still continue this tradition today.

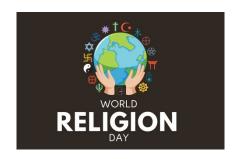
Chinese New Year is about starting a fresh and hoping for good things in the future for you and for your family and friends. Think about anything that brings you good luck, happiness and hope for the future. Sometimes things do not always go well... and we can feel unhappy. But Chinese New Year reminds us that there is always an opportunity for a fresh start with lots of good things to come. Let us share happiness and hope to all around us.

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#### **WORLD RELIGION DAY**

In celebration of World Religion Day, which took place on 15 January, the following students went above and beyond and completed an optional piece of independent study. The following students in Year 7 have all received an RE badge for completing the work to a high standard. Well done!

Sophie Kingston Imogen Hunt Talha Irfan Berivan Findik Sara Malik Kaiden Bailey Flo Dent
Elly Wong
Caitlin Atkin
Emmeline Lloyd
Harry Barnett
Isabella Edwards-Pearce



Ellie Godwin

Thomas Breslin 8D1

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#### **NEW ADVENTURE WITH 'OLD TIMES'**



St Bart's Drama Department is excited to be taking part in this year's National Theatre Connections Festival. The National Theatre commissions ten new plays for young people to perform on an annual basis. More than 6,000 young people from 300 youth theatre companies from all over the UK produce a Connections play. Young people have the opportunity to work with some of the UK's most exciting writers.

St Bart's students will be performing a play by Molly Taylor called 'Old Times'. Please come and support our wonderful young cast at Salisbury Theatre on 8 March. You can use the link below to book tickets directly <a href="mailto:through the theatre.">through the theatre.</a>

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A Level Photography. Amy.



A Level Textiles. Bianca.



GCSE Textiles. Marcie.



A level. Rosie.

#### **CONSIDERATE PARKING REMINDER**

We would like to remind parents/carers about safe parking at the beginning and end of the school day. Inconsiderate parking causes obstruction and a risk of accidents.

Please do not block the route through the site or wait in the drop off zone. This area must be kept clear for emergency vehicles and coaches. This area is very busy with pedestrians. There is an increased number of coaches arriving/departing from the site for trips and PE fixtures. If areas are coned off, please do not stop/park in this area, as they are to ensure the safety of all users of our site.

When dropping off/collecting students, please keep road junctions and driveways clear, in particular in Bartlemy Road, Mayfair Drive, Buckingham Road, Wendan Road, Erleigh Dene and Fifth Road (including the area at Brown's Meadow) and do not park on grass verges.

Also please keep the entrance to the Sixth Form car park at Wormestall clear and do not block cars parked in the area, (to enable student drivers to exit safely). Please can we ask that parents do not park in the Sixth Form car park opposite the school exit gates at the end of the school day. It is a small car park and for the student's safety needs to be kept as clear as possible. Thank you.

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#### PE

#### St Bart's Students Triumph For Berkshire

Well done to George (13D5) and Cole (13P2) who played for Berkshire U18's versus Cornwall U18's at Hartpury recently, wrapping up a great season for the side in which Cole scored the opening try against Cornwall, putting some hefty tackles, with George playing the entire match at 10.

George and Cole have both enjoyed rugby since starting at St Bart's six years ago, going on to play for Newbury and joining Berkshire as Under 15's.





George feels he's gained a lot from being involved in rugby at school and beyond. He says, "It has been a fantastic journey, learning from many coaches and being part of a dedicated and committed squad of players, which has also included several from St Bart's and I've taken a great deal of pride in making the fly half position my own. So many of rugby's core values overlap with those of St Bart's in terms of teamwork, respect, enjoyment and sportsmanship, and these qualities are invaluable life skills. We are lucky at St Bart's to have some great sports facilities and very good teachers who always offer encouragement to all students of all abilities and irrespective of

whether they have tried a particular sport before. I therefore encourage everyone to get involved in sport at St Bart's, as finding a sport that you enjoy is great for your confidence, gives you a lot of enjoyment and gives you discipline in respect of managing your time and academic studies".

George continues, "I hope to go to university after St Bart's, and whilst I will not study sports, some universities have noticed my rugby achievements on my UCAS form and personal statement, and are keen to attract me to their University based on the core values which my rugby journey has helped teach me".

Berkshire played exceptionally well against a very big Cornwall side in some awful conditions at times and won, 9 tries to 6 tries in a very tight contest, when at one point they were losing 3-6! Well done boys.

#### Berkshire Schools' Cross Country: 21 January

A huge thank you to Mrs Clare who was the St Bart's member of staff on the day for this year's Berkshire School's Cross Country at Newbury showground, giving up her Saturday to supervise and team manage this event. We had some fantastic individual student performances. Please see the results below.

Kenechi	Akosa	U15 Boys – 17 <sup>th</sup> Place
Joe	Hill	U15 Boys - 59 <sup>th</sup> place
Jacob	Glendenning	U17 Boys - 8 <sup>th</sup> place
Laurence	Cook	U17 Boys – 21st place
Hazel	Cook	Under 15 girls – 59 <sup>th</sup> place
Isla	Clare	Under 15 girls – 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Georgia	Knight	Under 17 girls – 28 <sup>th</sup> place
Katya	Burgess	Under 17 girls – 16 place
Sophie	Bhatt	Under 19 girls – 4 <sup>th</sup> place







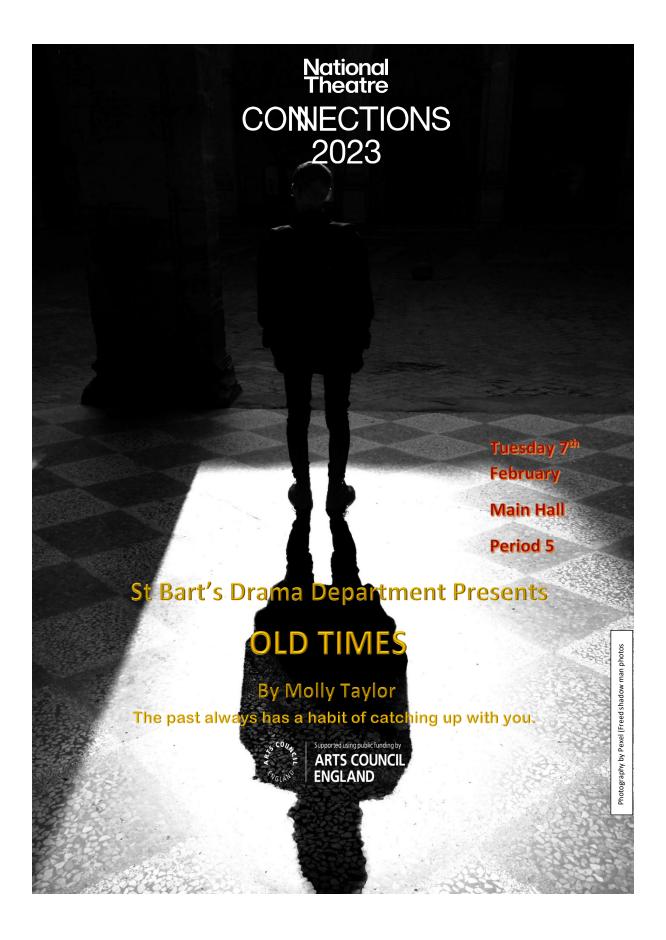
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