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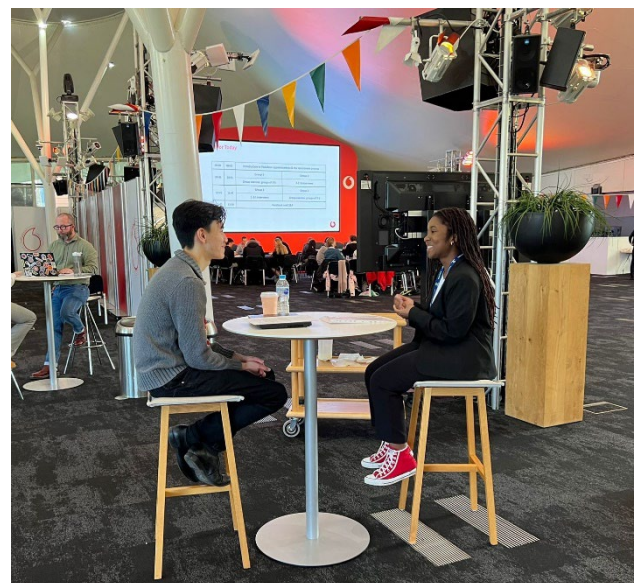
Current Vodafone apprentices took students through a 'mock' version of an apprenticeship assessment day, giving them a taste of the processes and tasks that they can expect as part of an application to Vodafone or other major companies. Students discovered more about Vodafone's apprenticeships, learnt about what employees are looking for in applicants, gained interview tips and had the chance to participate in a series of Group Tasks specifically designed to put their team work and presentation skills to the test.



Jake Randall, Vodafone Data & Insights Specialist - Apprentice, said: "It was a great experience being able to facilitate the organisation of the mock assessment day for St Bart's School with Vodafone, and to see how much we helped some of the visiting students in their preparation for life after education. As a first year data analyst apprentice, I was very much bucking the trend by pursuing an apprenticeship, over the conventional university route – now I am on a great scheme here at Vodafone and I have realised all the benefits it can offer. I was really keen to share my experience with others and give them the best opportunity to jump on the apprenticeship bandwagon."

The students also benefitted from individual interviews, as Vodafone employees and managers took time out from their day to meet and question our students, as well as providing reflections and feedback to further support students with developing their technique. Ellie Spence, Year 13 St Bart's student, said: "The 1-1 interviews, and in-person group assessment activities made clear exactly what an employer is looking for in a new apprentice, and importantly encouraged me to understand and develop my own, useful skills."

We hope to hold similar events in the future and we'd love to hear from any other companies who feel they could work with our Apprenticeship Programme in a similar way.



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## Calendar

Curnock & Patterson House Evening	Wednesday 22 February	Hall - 6.30-8.30pm <a href="#">See page 10</a>
Y9 Deadline for return of KS4 Option Choices	Thursday 23 February	
Y11-13 Music Trip	Thursday 23 February	Barbican Centre, London - 4.15 - 11.30pm
Y9 House Girls and Boys Football	Friday 24 February	P2 (K Released)
CCF Sunday Walk 4	Sunday 26 February	
Y12 Geography Residential Trip	Monday 27 February	(returns Friday 3rd March)
Y8-11 Catch-up Immunisations	Monday 27 February	WMR - AM
Y11 Poetry Live	Tuesday 28 February	Oxford – 9.00am-4.15pm
Y10 Subject Parents' Evening	Tuesday 28 February	Curnock Block - 4.30-7.00pm

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

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### SPOTLIGHT: Vodafone Tech Innovators Programme

Join Vodafone for a series of virtual insight sessions focusing on roles in tech and STEM including “Explore Engineering” on 28 February, 3.30-5.30pm and “STEMulate: Women in Engineering” on 3 March.

Sign up to one or more! To register your interest or for details of other events please email

[Jenny.Miller@speakersforschools.org](mailto:Jenny.Miller@speakersforschools.org)

St Bart's Careers Education Programme is delivered through PSHE lessons, assemblies and a portfolio of careers events. [More information on the programme can be found on our website](#). You will also find on our website a [Careers Opportunities page](#), which features news the school is sent on Apprenticeship Courses and Programmes, University Workshops and Schemes, Industry Webinars, Careers Resources for Parents and Carers and much more. The opportunities on this page are updated weekly. [Please click](#) to view the latest information.

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## **VACANCIES**

### **EXAMINATIONS (ADMINISTRATION) ASSISTANT**

**We are searching for a part-time Examinations (Administration) Assistant to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis.**



We are looking for someone with a high level of accuracy and attention to detail, to support the Examinations Officer in the administration and organisation of all aspects of examinations in accordance with the regulations laid down by the awarding bodies, deputising for the Examinations Officer, as necessary.

**and**

### **EXAMINATIONS (ACCESS) ASSISTANT**

**We are searching for a part-time Examinations (Access) Assistant to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis.**

We are looking for someone with a high level of accuracy and attention to detail, to support the Examinations Officer in the administration and organisation of all aspects of examinations for students with access arrangements in accordance with the regulations laid down by the awarding bodies.

**The hours and salary for each role are the same:**

**HOURS:** There is significant flexibility in the distribution of hours as there are pressure points throughout the year around the various exam periods. The role is term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata, and we would be looking for the successful candidate to work an average of 20 hours per week with the understanding that there will be significantly more work in certain weeks, and less work in others.

Working hours will be agreed in discussion with the Exams Officer and there will be scope for significant planning of commitments in advance.

**SALARY:** £21968 - £23194 gross pa (£11.39 - £12.02 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £10156.82 gross pa.

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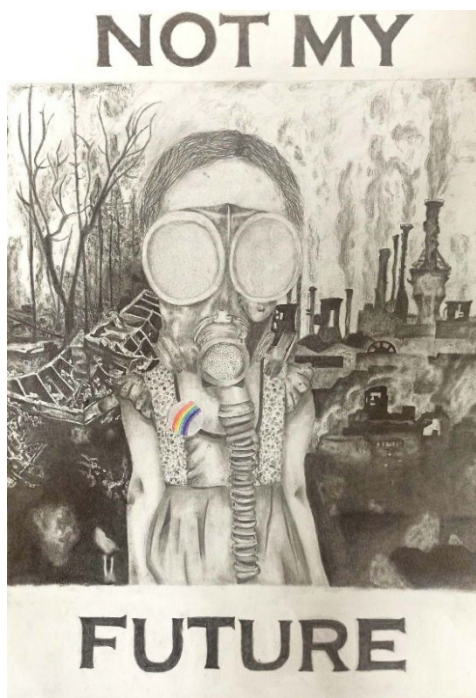
**Closing date: Sunday 5 March 2023**

*All applicants shortlisted will be subject to an online search. Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks.*

Tel: 01635 521255 email: [recruitment@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@stbarts.co.uk)

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## HOUSE ART COMPETITION 2023 WINNERS



'Not My Future'  
KS3: Maia (7P3)

We have had such a fantastic response to the call for House Art entries this year that we felt we wanted to showcase each and every one. The theme for Key Stage 3 entries was 'The Environment'. Key Stages 4 and 5 were asked to submit a piece of their choice.

Well done to Patterson, who were the well-deserved, overall winners.

All entries can be viewed on our [House Art portfolio website](#), along with the winners for each key stage and house.



'Fox & Tree Dress'  
KS4: Ayla (11D3)



'Friends'  
KS5: Isabel (13E1)



## DAVIS & EVERS HOUSE EVENING



On Thursday 9 February, Davis and Evers came together to hold their annual 'House Evening'. It proved to be a really successful 'sell out' evening filled with a variety of acts, from singing, dancing, drawing, comedy, to a dancing dinosaur!

We would like to thank all the wonderful students that took part, front and back stage, parents that supported the evening and all our lovely staff. A special thank you to Jake Hall who ran the tech side of the evening superbly. We were thrilled to raise nearly £1000 for our House charities 'West Berkshire MENCAP' for Evers and 'Swings and Smiles' for Davis.

Abbie Holland (13E3) tells us more, *"From singing and dancing to music and poetry, Davis and Evers House Evening was a shining success and show of skill. The audience certainly had a night to remember; between sips of wine and roaring applause they witnessed superb solo acts, distinguished duets, and energetic ensembles including performances from both of Evers' and Davis' fantastic Year 7 tutor groups. The spotlights illuminated many more of our lower*



*school students, who showcased the dulcet tones of flutes and piano, as well as some groovy moves and stunning voices. Our Sixth Formers hit all the high notes too with original music, guitars, pop songs, and impressive renditions of musical theatre, alongside some hilarious poetry. After a jam-packed, powerful evening, we left feeling ready for the fast approaching half term."*



Lucy Clinch (9D2) said, *"House Evening was great this year. It was so funny, crazy and creative. All the acts were entertaining and fun to watch – everyone was so talented."*

Well done to all those involved.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORY

History is taught to every student in Years 7 and 8, with many students choosing to study the subject in Year 9 and beyond. One focus for the department is ensuring that students are exposed to history outside of the classroom. This year we have started 'This Week in History', which is sent to every tutor group in the school at the start of every week. Three or



four historical events which took place in that week are highlighted and short video clips are included so that tutor groups can extend their historical knowledge and have tutor based discussions. We have also launched an initiative with Sociology and the Library where students have the opportunity to share their family's experiences around different events. Our first event is based on Holocaust Memorial Day and students can write in through the 'What's my story' tile on RM Unify. On this tile, students can also share any

books and films that have informed them or got them feeling or thinking in a different way. If you have anything you would like to share, please direct your child to the tile on RM Unify.



This half term, we're planning two of our biggest annual trips. One takes place in April and the other in May. In April, 40 Year 12 and 13 students will be going to Berlin for 4 days, which will include a visit to Sachsenhausen concentration camp, an eye witness lecture at the Checkpoint Charlie Museum and we will spend time at the Berlin Wall East Side Gallery.



In May, the department are taking 214 Year 8 students on a First World War Battlefields trip to France and Belgium. We will be visiting Lochnagar crater and the memorial at Thiepval. Students will also visit the largest British cemetery, Tyne Cot, and the Langemark German cemetery. We will also ensure that students have time to taste and buy some delicious Belgian chocolate!

Other planned activities this academic year include a day trip to Portchester Castle in July for Year 7 and a day trip for all Year 12 historians to Hampton Court Palace where we will study and evaluate sources that are relevant to Henry VIII and the A Level course. Overall, it is a busy year for the department, but it's a real pleasure to be able to take History out of the classroom once again.



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## CONGRATULATIONS KALEB!

Congratulations to swimmer Kaleb Fox-Jones (Year 13) who was chosen last month to represent South East Swim England and compete against Commonwealth and Olympic record holders at the Luxemburg Euro Meet. Kaleb also recently took part in a DISE (Diploma in Sporting Excellence) meet, where he took Gold in the 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke. Kaleb was one of just 75 UK swimmers who took part in the programme alongside 900 other international swimmers. Alumni include Adam Peaty and Rebecca Adlington! Way to go Kaleb and watch this space...

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## PE

### Sixth Form House Sports



This term Sixth Formers have participated in 2 different House Sport events that contribute to the Sixth Form Cup. We kicked off the term with House Basketball with some great basketball being played between the Houses. The final results were as follows: Curnock: 4<sup>th</sup> place, Evers: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Patterson: 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the winners: Davis!



We ended the term with our 3<sup>rd</sup> House Dodgeball event of the year. Students were once again in positive, competitive spirit, and the Sixth Form House Leaders were out in force again to cheer on their teams (especially Mr Roberts who was gunning for his first victory!). The final results were as follows: Patterson: 4<sup>th</sup> place, Davis: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Evers: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Curnock: Winners! Mr Owen was understandably distraught at Evers coming so close to their first win but extremely proud of their 'never give up' attitude! The Sixth Form team are looking forward to the next House Sport events next term.



## Year 9 Football



After an unlucky defeat in last week's County Cup clash, the Year 9 Football team bounced back with a convincing win against Kennet School in the District Cup. Within the first few minutes, it was clear that St Bart's A team were on top with well worked team goals, coming from a high defensive line. Patryk Groza and Eddie Parsons put Bart's 2-0 up. In the second half, Isaac Mabbatt

effortlessly put the ball into the side netting for the third. This was followed by a brilliant cross from Archie Keep, finished by a composed header from Stanley Herdman. Final score: 4-0 (Patryk Groza, Stanley Herdman, Isaac Mabbatt and Eddie Parsons) Players of the match: Sam Smith and Archie Keep.

The St Bart's B team were looking to continue their unbeaten run this season. In a tightly contested game, Kennet School scored a scrappy goal in the second half. Louis Hall was relentless in the middle of the park with Kenechi Akosa holding the back line. Final score: 0-1. Players of the match: Joe Bell and Ray Djeha.

Mr Wilder said, *"The boys put in an incredible performance to beat Kennet and I am proud of all the boys. We will move forward with confidence in our bid to become district champions"*.

Mr Glasspool said, *"A dominant display against a very good Kennet side. Everyone was working for the team and a well-deserved win. I am looking forward to working with the team this season"*.

## U15 Football

Our U15 girls are through to the next round of the County Cup after beating The Abbey School, 5-0. Goals came from Meg (x2), Mya, Isla and a rare goal from Anna! A great team performance all round. Isla was awarded player of the match, but a special mention should go to Bethany who played in goal last minute and made a fantastic save (although not sure she knew too much about it!). Well done to all the girls involved.



## Year 11 Football

Well done to the Year 11 Football team who won, 6-3, in the first round of the County Cup. Player of the match was Jack.



## Year 8 Netball

The Year 8 girls took part in the first round of their Netball leagues on Tuesday 7 February at Kennet School.



Congratulations to both the A and B team who played some really good netball.

A team:

Won against Trinity School, 24 – 1

Won against Kennet School B, 22-1

Won against The Downs School, 12 – 8

Excellent results, well done.



B Team:

Lost to Kennet School A team, 5-10

Lost to Theale Green School, 4-13

Had a bye against John O'Gaunt School.

A very good effort, well done.

## Senior Lacrosse v Tudor Hall

After a slow start, the St Bart's side showed their dominance across the pitch, winning the match 13-6. Players of the match were Gemma Moon and India Duly.



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