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**!** Please can we remind parents and carers that, in the interests of site security, all visitors to the school must enter via Reception and sign in.

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Since September, over eighty students have been involved in this new House competition, taking on a variety of roles including writing scripts, acting, camerawork, lighting, sound, costume, hair and make-up...some even built a set! The end result was eight short films, two for each house, with Year 10 (and in one case, Year 11) students acting as House Film Captains, working with students from Years 7-9 (Junior category) and Year 13 students leading a team of Year 12s and 11s (Senior category).



Students, parents and teachers gathered to watch the premiere of the films, with the filmmakers walking a red carpet on arrival and everyone tucking into popcorn. Headteacher, Dr Fitter, kicked off the evening with a welcome speech that noted the incredible efforts the students had gone to.



A series of coursework pieces from Year 13 Media Studies students were shown 'out of competition' to whet the audience's appetite before the Junior and Senior films were screened to a rapturous reception. The films were judged by Omar Soomro, a former St Bartholomew's student, who has gone on to do camerawork on productions for Netflix and Disney, and Adam Kotz, an actor with major TV and film credits, whose children used to attend the school.

Amid great tension and , the runners-up and winners were announced with Davis' dark portrayal of a nightmare taking second place in the Junior competition and Patterson's 'The Shining'-inspired sleepover gone wrong, taking the trophy. In the Senior competition, the judges praised the artistic vision of the Evers entry and awarded it runner-up but Davis took the win with their murder mystery film: 'Murder in a House of Mirrors'. The combination of second and first place was enough to mean Davis were crowned the first ever House Film champions.

Head of Social Sciences Faculty, Mr Castel, said: "glamour, excitement, talent and a slightly terrifying insight into the teenage psyche, it had it all."



Head of the Film and Media department, Mr Evans said: "What an incredible evening! We are so proud of our students, who have put so much time and effort into this. The talent on show is unbelievable!"

The films and footage from the awards night are being uploaded over the coming week (with new content daily) to the St Bart's Film and Media [YouTube channel](#).

## Calendar

Y9 Subject Parents' Evening	Wednesday 8 February	Remote - 4.30-7.00pm
Evers and Davis House Evening	Thursday 9 February	Hall - 6.30-8.30pm
Sixth Form Philosophy & Ethics Conference	Friday 10 February	WCC - All Day

### HALF TERM – Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February

Y8 and Y9 Scholarship Graduation	Monday 20 February	University of Oxford - All Day
Y13 English Lit Trip 'The Winter's Tale'	Tuesday 21 February	The Globe (trip 1 of 2) - pm
Curnock and Patterson House Evening	Wednesday 22 February	Hall - 6.30-8.30pm
Y9 Deadline for return of KS4 Option Choices	Thursday 23 February	
Y11-13 Music Trip	Thursday 23 February	Barbican Centre, London - 4.15pm-11.30pm

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

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

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

### TECHNICIAN: RESOURCES

We are searching for a part-time Resources Technician to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis to provide reprographic support for staff and students. We are seeking applicants with good organisational ability, to efficiently operate and maintain photocopiers and printing equipment within the school. Full training is available for the right person.



**HOURS:** 15 hours per week, Monday to Friday between 12.00pm and 4.00pm. We can provide some flexibility, which we would be happy to discuss with you at interview. Term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata, plus 2 additional days to be worked in the summer holiday.

**SALARY:** £20812 - £21189 gross pa (£10.79 - £10.98 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary is £7216.76 gross pa.

**For full details and to apply, please visit: [www.stbarts.co.uk](http://www.stbarts.co.uk)**

**Closing date: Monday 20 February 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 E-mail: [recruitment@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@stbarts.co.uk)

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## CHANGES TO SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PE KIT

Last year we undertook a uniform review which focused on our four guiding principles of quality, affordability, equality and sustainability. Feedback was sought from parents/carers and students in spring 2022. This feedback was summarised in [BartholoNews on 22 June 2022](#). In response to this feedback, we have been working on improvements and liaising with our suppliers and we are excited to announce that there will be some changes to uniform and PE kit coming into effect in the summer. A letter with full details has been emailed to parents/carers; all changes have been made to make our uniform better value, gender neutral and more sustainable.

In order to reduce waste and help parents financially, there will be a long transition period to these changes and therefore, we accept that there will be a period of time when students will be wearing both old and new variations of uniform.

The changes to the school uniform and PE kit will be in place for all Year 7 from September 2023. For other year groups, the existing PE kit can still be purchased, whilst stocks last; indeed, some items are currently offered at discounted prices. The Parents' Association's second hand shop is well-stocked with current uniform, at excellent value, all of which can continue to be worn.

The updated school uniform information is [on the school website here](#).

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## PARENT SURVEY

We are always striving to improve as a school and are very keen to hear your views. We would be grateful for your cooperation in completing this [survey](#). The closing date for completion of the survey is Friday 24th February. The results will be considered, alongside complementary surveys for students and staff, by the Leadership Team and by Governors. We will report back to parents on key findings and identify how your feedback will inform our development plans.

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**NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2023**



The 16th annual National Apprenticeship Week is taking place this week. National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) 2023 aims to shine a light on the amazing work being done by apprentices, employers and their training providers across the country. The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2023 is 'Skills for Life'.

The annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships, taking place across England, will reflect on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and help businesses to develop a talented workforce that is equipped with skills for the future.

St Bart's library will be running an Apprenticeship quiz competition. The student with the highest score will win a careers book. The library will also be highlighting apprenticeships in a book display throughout the week.

Sixth Form Leaders will also be accompanying a group of Y12 and Y13 students to Vodafone's Newbury HQ for an Apprenticeship Workshop. The students will pick up application and interview tips, take part in group exercises and have the

opportunity to put questions to current Vodafone apprentices about their own experiences.

The [careers pages](#) on St Bart's website are also regularly updated with new opportunities that might be of interest to students and parents/carers.

For more information about national events happening during the week, please visit ([naw.appawards.co.uk](http://naw.appawards.co.uk)). You can also keep up to date with the latest National Apprenticeship Week news by following social media channels: [@Apprenticeships](#) and [@AmazingAppsUK](#) on Twitter and Apprenticeships Gov on LinkedIn.

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## GERMAN EXCHANGE 2023

After a gap of 3 years, it was a great pleasure for me, along with Mrs Tucker and Mr Force-Jones, to be able to take a group of 25 students over to Germany for a week as part of this year's exchange with the Otto-Hahn-Gymnasium in Monheim am Rhein. We have been partner schools for many years now and so it was lovely to renew old friendships as well as notice changes since our last visit. Over the course of the week, students visited Cologne and Bonn and were given a special welcome to Monheim by the Town Mayor. In addition, they spent time with their German partners, both in school and at home with their families. Here is what some of the St Bart's students had to say about the experience:

*"The German Exchange is a wonderful opportunity for young minds that are eager to learn German. The week is filled with tons of activities which help you explore the German culture. We visited museums which tie into*

*other subjects as well. It can be overwhelming to live in a house with strangers but overall it is filled with memories and a great experience. 10/10"* Thrishathi Srinivasan yr 9

*"I really enjoyed the trip. I learnt loads about the German culture and I saw so many cool sights!"* Lauren Bailey yr 9

*"It was a shock to be waking up at 6.30 in the morning....I went to Phantasialand on Saturday. It was amazing and I loved the rides."* Alex Hutchinson yr 10



***Almost Karneval time in Cologne!***

*"I got to help younger years with their English at the German school and they were very excited to have us there."* Megan Purcell yr 10

*"Being all alone in a new house with a family that don't speak much English may be scary, but the family will do their best to involve you and make you feel at home. Everyone is very kind and they speak good English so there is nothing to worry about."* Alexandra Tucker yr 9

*"I have visited a lot of culturally significant German cities and made a large amount of new friends who I am sure I will still be*

*in touch with many years from now....I would recommend using the brilliant public transport system and to talk to as many people as possible."* Charlie Fogg yr 10

*"I had so much fun on the German Exchange; it was an incredible experience... One thing I will definitely remember is walking to the top of a tower (Kölner Dom) and it was so high! Looking down on Cologne was amazing so even though there were so many stairs it was definitely worth it."* Amy Oliver yr 9

*"We sat in on some German lessons which was quite eye-opening about how different countries' schools work."* Sam Kirby yr 9

*"There were so many fun moments and memories that I hope to cherish forever. Everyone there was really nice, especially the family I was staying with....My only advice is that you will wake up earlier..."* Sophie Thomas yr 9

*"Don't be scared to say you don't understand what they are saying and if they are speaking too fast, tell them to slow down. Go to bed early because otherwise you will be tired and your German will not be as good in the day."* Zak Begg yr 10

Our German partners will complete the exchange by coming to St Bart's for a week at the end of the summer term. We look forward to welcoming them here.

*Mrs Wood*

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## **FOUR OXBRIDGE UNIVERSITY OFFERS MADE TO ST BART'S STUDENTS**

Congratulations to Year 13 students, Abbie, Georgia, Maisie and Quin, who have all succeeded in securing places at Cambridge or Oxford. From Cambridge, Georgia is offered a place to study Veterinary Medicine, Maisie, Law and Quin plans to read Mathematics. From Oxford, Abbie has been offered a place to study Classics. Offers are only made after a rigorous and highly competitive entry process of tests and interviews and every one of these applicants deserves their place. We look forward to hearing about their future successes.

The majority of Year 13 students at St Bart's have been applying to universities and higher education courses through the UCAS system for entry later this year, with over 220 applications made by students to date. Mr Wilder, our Senior House Leader, has been running a very successful programme to support students in Years 12 and 13 applying for apprenticeships, offering tailored advice and support on research and applications to those students who are considering this very challenging and competitive route. The Sixth Form has been working closely with local employers, including Vodafone, to support students taking this route, including a forthcoming applicants day at Vodafone HQ.



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## BLACK DEATH - 7P2 INVENT NEW CURES

In History, the Year 7s have been looking at the Black Death in the Middle Ages, including looking at what people thought caused it and possible cures.

7P2 were set Independent Study around the idea of creating an advert for a new cure for the Black Death. As well as developing their historical knowledge, the focus was also on using their chromebooks in order to develop their IT skills and confidence.

The students were asked to work in groups and then present their work to the class. The class then had to give feedback based on the following:

- Potion or cure, and how it works, presented clearly
- Cure was linked to people's understanding of the causes of Black Death
- Presentation was realistic in showing the thoughts and opinions of 1348
- Advert was convincing!

The class really enjoyed the task and put a lot of time and effort into their adverts. Following a class discussion, these are 2 of the adverts that the class would like to show you, click on the images below.



Sophia, Lucy, Amelia, Shreeya



Sam and Henry

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## MOSAIC DESIGN

A reminder about the design competition for students that was launched earlier this term. We are looking for some creative designs to inspire the final piece of artwork. They should include images that reflect one or more of the following:

- the history of the school (e.g. the Founder, the year when new building was built)
- the House system (and the origins of the House names)
- the St Bart's community
- what St Barts means to you



The deadline for designs will be Monday 20 February and we ask that the pictures are in colour if possible. Please submit the design to the House Office and we will collect them all after the deadline.

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## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE!

We are over half way through the school year and there has been a huge amount of activity surrounding the House Championship. As you will have seen, the inaugural House Film took place with Patterson coming out on top in the Junior Competition whilst Davis took the Senior Award. In Vocablics, Curnock have a very slight lead and in the Sixth Form Cup, Davis lead the way with Evers hot on their tail. It is still all to play for with House Football happening this week and many more competitions to come after half term. Here is how the competitions look so far:

Sports	CURNOCK
Arts and Enrichment	PATTERSON
Academic	PATTERSON
Sixth Form	DAVIS

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## INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE Y9/10/11

On Thursday 2 February, our best mathematicians in Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. The Challenge is designed to encourage problem solving skills, mathematical thinking, and fluency across many topics. Below are a few of the questions for you to try. The answers will be revealed with the results when they arrive in a few weeks time. I hope you enjoy and there are plenty more on the [UMKT website](#) if you are interested!



3. What is the value of  $1 - (2 - (3 - 4 - (5 - 6)))$ ?

A -2

B -1

C 0

D 1

E 2

15. How many of the following polygons could exist?

A triangle with all three sides the same length, but three different interior angles.

A quadrilateral with all four sides the same length, but four different interior angles.

A pentagon with all five sides the same length, but five different interior angles.

A only the pentagon

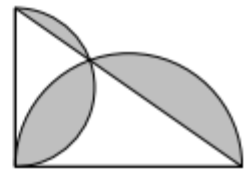
B only the quadrilateral

C the quadrilateral and the pentagon

D all three

E none of them

21. A semicircle of radius 3 units is drawn on one edge of a right-angled triangle, and a semicircle of radius 4 units is drawn on another edge. The semicircles intersect on the hypotenuse of the triangle, as shown. What is the shaded area, in square units?



A  $\frac{25\pi}{2} - 24$

B 12

C  $\frac{25\pi}{2} - 6$

D  $25\pi - 24$

E 24

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## STUDENTS' BELONGINGS AND LOST PROPERTY

We like students to take responsibility for their own belongings and it is important that these are labelled.

**Our procedure:** Lost property is brought to Reception and, if named, can be returned to the owner straight away. Unnamed items however, are held at Reception for one half term only and then donated to charity if not claimed.

Since the start of this term, the Reception Team have accumulated a large amount of unnamed lost property including shoes, coats, and PE kits and students are regularly invited via the morning briefing to come and look for their lost property. If parents wish, they may also visit Reception to identify and claim their child's /childrens' belongings.

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[www.sixnationsrugby.com/](http://www.sixnationsrugby.com/)

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## PE

### Senior Lacrosse v Marlborough

The senior team travelled to Marlborough to take part in a much anticipated game of lacrosse. They started cautiously but soon began to show their dominance. The match finished 11-7 to St Bart's with players of the match being awarded to Izzy John and Izzy Duly.



### Martial Arts Club

The Martial Arts Club runs on a Thursday 3.15 – 4.15pm in the Gym and covers a wide variety of skills.

The club is run by an external instructor. All years boys and girls are welcome to attend.

Come along and have some fun.

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## STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

*You must have the following items with you in school at all times.*

**Pens:** 2 x black

1 x blue

1 x green



**Pencils x 2**



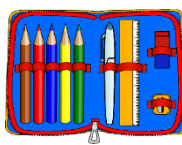
**Ruler**



**Eraser**



**Pencil Case**



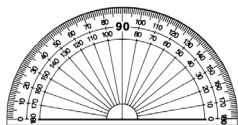
**Pair of Compasses**



**Calculator**



**Protractor**



**Reading Book**



**Glue Stick**



**Highlighter**



**Equipment must not be shared between students and staff will be unable to issue any missing equipment.**

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6:30-8:30pm**

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AND  
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