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The night raised approximately £1400, with more to be added. This will be split equally between House Charities, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Newbury Cancer Care, and also the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. This is a fantastic amount and we are delighted! Well done to all the students who took part and helped on the night, you should be proud, as you were all amazing. These things cannot happen without you! Jess M, heading up tech on the night, was an absolute superstar – thank you Jess!

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Calendar

Y8 Parents' Curriculum Information Meeting	Thursday 2 March	Remote - 6.30pm (See email sent on 27 February)
Y8 Issue of Y9 Subject Choices booklet	Friday 3 March	
Primary Schools County Indoor Athletics Event	Friday 3 March	Sports Hall - All Day (See below)
Y9 Textiles Trip	Monday 6 March	The Fashion & Textiles Museum, London - All Day
Y11 Life Skills Workshop	Monday 6 March	WCC - All Day
Y9-13 Drama National Theatre Connections	Wednesday 8 March	Salisbury - All Day

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

Primary Schools County Indoor Athletics Event, Friday 3 March 2022

We will be hosting the Berkshire School Games event in our Sports Hall on Friday 3 March 2023. Please be aware that the school site will be especially busy at the start and end of the day, as a number of local primary schools will be participating. Please consider whether your child could walk some or all of the way to and from school to help alleviate congestion. If this is not possible, then please take extra care when driving through the site. If students arriving by car could be dropped off earlier than usual, this would help the traffic flow and reduce delays. Thank you for your cooperation.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Vodafone 2023 Global Girls in STEM Programme

Vodafone are running workshops to create awareness of various academic and career opportunities for young girls between 12 – 16 years in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). These will take place in 90 minute slots during and after the school day on 17, 24 and 31 March. [Find out more and register here.](#)

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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CEREMONY FOR UKRAINE



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Laura Farris spoke of our community's unwavering commitment to supporting the Ukrainian refugees in Newbury, and Year 12 student, Pavlo Binkovskyi, beautifully read an emotional Ukrainian poem to the assembled community. Following the ceremony, Laura met with Ukrainian students so that they could share their experiences and ask her questions in person.

Mrs Lane, Head of Sixth Form at St Bartholomew's School, said; "the Sixth Form community at St Bart's wanted to stand in solidarity with our Ukrainian students on this difficult day. It's a privilege to have them here".

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STUDENT COUNCIL



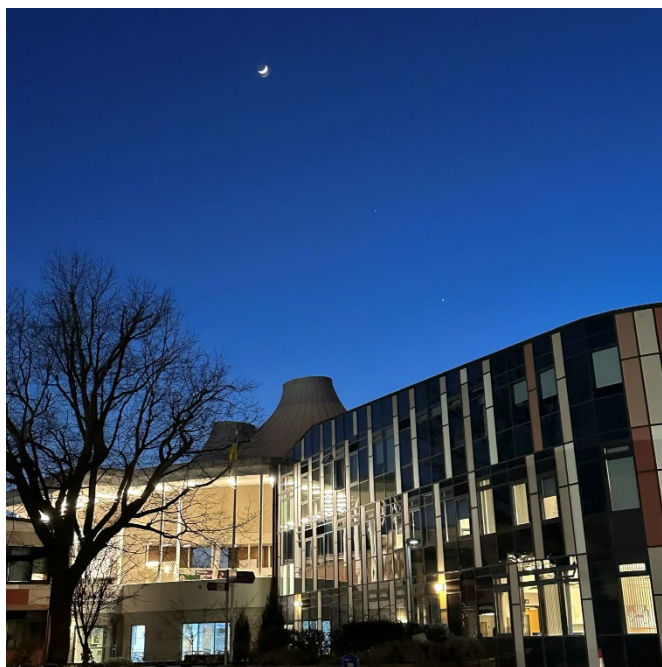
Year 10 Council

Student Council is all about students having a say about how our school is improved. We were elected by our tutor groups as we were thought to be the best fit for the job. We ask our tutor groups about any issues that may occur in day to day school life. After we have taken in our peers' suggestions, we discuss these in a meeting that the Student Council has once a half term. Dr Alonzi then takes our ideas to the Leadership Team and, if appropriate, they will take action to put these suggestions into place.

Zak Begg, Y10 Council

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ASTRONOMY AT ST BART'S



This week students may have seen some of the amazing images that have been shared as parts of the UK were treated to rare glimpses of the Aurora Borealis - caused by particles from the sun colliding with atoms and molecules in our atmosphere. Following the green comet that graced our skies in January, 2023 is certainly already proving to be a year of amazing celestial wonders. Last week, a crescent moon met the solar system's two brightest planets amid their conjunction. The Venus and Jupiter conjunction involves the two planets appearing in close proximity to one another in our night sky. The two planets are in conjunction around every 13 months, but it is more unusual for the conjunction to be readily visible in the evening sky and accompanied by a crescent moon. Dr Fitter captured the moment above St Bart's for all our interested student stargazers.

Venus and Jupiter will be closest together on Wednesday 1 March when they will appear side by side in the evening sky, this is the closest high evening conjunction since 2015 and the next one as good as this isn't until 2047, so one not to miss!

The Year 9 Astronomy GCSE class have most recently been learning about the solar system and how to observe the planets using the naked-eye and with telescopes. The Year 7 and 8 Astronomy Club last week learnt about this year's Star Count, an annual event run by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) to map how light pollution is preventing our enjoyment of the night sky, and they have enjoyed observing Jupiter through the school's telescopes.



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INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS ON VAPING AND SPIKING

On Monday 13 March, St Bart's will be welcoming Vicky Roseblade and Caroline Stevenson from the Public Protection Partnership (Bracknell Forest and West Berkshire) into school to deliver a parent information evening as part of their Vaping Education Campaign. The session will focus on providing parents and carers with information about vaping and drink spiking, but will also raise awareness of the potential risks.

The session will be held at St Bart's on **Monday 13 March** from 6.00pm-7.00pm in Wormestall Conference Centre (at the front of school). The speakers will present factual information and guidance on these



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West Berkshire



A shared service provided by
Bracknell Forest Council and
West Berkshire Council



health harms and there will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions.

If you wish to join us at this information evening, please can you indicate the year group your child/one of your children is in (this is just to give us an idea of numbers attending) by completing the following [google form](#).

We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to seeing you then.

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HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS



As young people navigate their way through their teenage years, it is important for them to stop and reflect on the nature of their relationships with their peers. [This is a useful website](#) to help them understand what a healthy relationship should look like.

This website is full of stories, questionnaires and videos aimed at young people, so the content is user friendly, age-appropriate and informative.

If you are ever worried about your child, or any other member of our community, please get in contact with us at any time by contacting your child's House office or by emailing dsl@stbarts.co.uk.

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QUIZ AND CHIPS



Come and join us for the magnificent PA quiz on Friday 24 March at 7pm.

Tickets include a fish and chip supper!

£13 adults / £11 teachers / £9 students - available here (max team size 8)

[Purchase tickets today!](#)

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PE

St Bart's win Berkshire U18 County Cup Trophy!

The Senior Rugby Team finally got their hands on the Berkshire U18 County Cup Trophy after a hard-fought 15-10 victory over a strong Piggott side, in front of a large crowd at Newbury RFC. Early on, Piggott showed their threat in broken field with some dangerous passages of play, but Bart's scramble defence stood firm with Spencer Codling making some key tackles and Piggott could only come away from their strong start with 3 points. Bart's quickly responded with 3 points of their own from the boot of George Shakespeare after strong carries from Charlie Lewis, Seb Burgess and Cole Whorriskey. Piggott continued to frustrate Bart's at the breakdown, winning numerous turnovers. However,



as the first half wore, on St Bart's started to assert their dominance up front, particularly on the back of a hugely impressive scrum and strong carries through the middle. After a threatening passage down the right of the field and under a penalty advantage, George took advantage of tiring Piggott defenders to put in a pinpoint cross field kick, which Euan Avery gathered to touch down on the left edge, giving St Bart's an 8-3 lead at half time.

Buoyed by the score, St Bart's took full control of the second half, the front row combination of Armand Graham, Haaris Begg, Will Stearn and the returning Oli Davey continued to dominate the set piece, and St Bart's dynamic ball carriers and defensive pressure began to wear Piggott down. The continued pressure, combined with a great territorial kicking game from George and Matis Dessiaume, finally told with Seb Burgess touching down from close range to give St Bart's a 15-3 lead going into the final 10 minutes. After a St Bart's player was sent to the bin, in the last minute Piggott finally managed to break loose and with some fantastic hands and interplay scored to make it a 15-10 scoreline, with St Bart's needing to hold out for one final play to seal the trophy, which they did, forcing an error through a big hit to end the game.

Very well done to all the boys involved both on the night and throughout another successful and thoroughly enjoyable season. Particularly massive congratulations to the Year 13 students who finally win the County Cup after losing two finals previously in Year 10 and 12. The squad now looks forward to the ONA game in March, which, as always, promises to be a fantastic game and occasion.

Mr Sullivan

Year 7 Football



Year 7 played East Hampstead Park in the County Cup. It was a close match, and the score was 0-0 at half time. In the second half, St Bart's went ahead after Alden Willoughby scored a penalty. The opposition equalised and then went ahead with another goal to take the lead later in the half. In the final minute of normal time, Rory McLellan scored

to level the scores. Extra time was played, and East Hampstead scored 2 more goals. Final score: St Bart's, 2, East Hampstead Park, 4. Players of the match were Eli Bodin and Rory McLellan.

Year 8 Football



The Year 8 football team lost, 2-0, to The Brakenhale School in the County Cup. Player of the match was Sidney for a great penalty save at 1-0, to keep St Bart's in the game. The focus will now turn to the West Berkshire league fixtures.



1st Team Football

Well done to the 1st team who beat The Downs School, 3-2. Goal scorers were Miguel, Teague and Lewis. Player of the match was Marcus.

Year 7 Netball League

The Year 7 Netball A team took part in the first round of their netball league fixtures at Kennet School and had a very successful evening.



They beat Kennet School B team, 5-1, beat Park House School B team, 4-2 and beat Trinity School, 3-0.

Very well done to all players, we look forward to the next round.

The B team played very well despite some tough opposition.

They lost to John O'Gaunt School, 2-5, lost to Kennet School A team, 3-9, and lost to Willink School, 2-4.

Well done to all players



Year 10 Netball

The Year 10 Netball A team dominated their first 2 games, winning 19-1 and 22-0 against St Gabriel's School B team and Trinity School respectively. They also took another win against The Downs School, 10-4. Well done girls!



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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



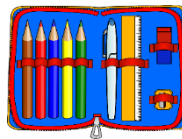
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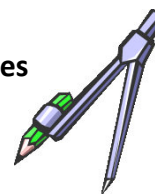
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Pencil Case



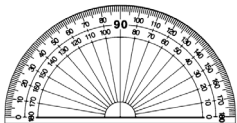
Pair of Compasses



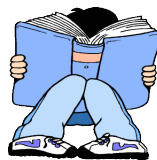
Calculator



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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