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Ideally, a range of topical issues for our age range can be addressed - from struggles with mental health to ensuring the equal representation of all social groups. It's also important that we have all students engaged in a variety of activities throughout the school, whether it be sports or extra-curricular academic opportunities. We can't wait to get started with this exciting opportunity, with the aim of bettering the school community and the members within it.

Armand, Bella, Jess, Callum & Avni.



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Calendar

Non-Uniform Day for Comic Relief	Friday 17 March	See below
Y11 CCF Army Night Ex	Friday 17 and Saturday 18 March	
Y9F Geography trip	Monday 20 March	Kew Gardens – All day
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Y13 English Lit Trip 'The Winter's Tale'	Wednesday 22 March	The Globe (trip 2 of 2) - pm
Y8 Battlefields Trip - Parents' Information Evening	Wednesday 22 March	6.00pm – Hall

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

NON-UNIFORM DAY: FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023

We will have a Non-Uniform day on Friday 17 March to celebrate Red Nose Day. This national fundraiser is especially important this year, to have some fun and raise money to support people whose lives are incredibly difficult. On Friday, we will be holding a series of events to fundraise whilst having some fun. There will be a Staff Dodgeball competition in the Sports Hall at Activity Time. There will also be a Cake Sale in the Hub at break, so please make sure your child has some money with them so they can buy a cake.



You can make your non uniform donations [here](#). To increase the impact of your donation, you can Gift Aid it. Thank you in advance for your support.

WATERSIDE EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Berkshire Youth have a range of exciting activities planned for the Easter Holidays including youth club, climbing and paddling sessions. Find out more on their website [here](#) and turn to [page 10](#) to find out about a special 'Sports in the Park' session taking place on 3 and 4 April.



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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT:

Did you know that the Government offer a 'find an apprenticeship' service? Use their [website to search and apply](#) for Level 3 options within 15 miles of Newbury or a wider area.

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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YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY TRIP



Year 12 Geographers travelled to North Wales to complete fieldwork in preparation for their NEA (Non Exam Assessment) investigations. We arrived on Monday afternoon after a long journey up the motorway on not the most comfortable coach. As soon as we arrived, we donned our wellies and went straight out to complete an infiltration investigation around the Field Study Centre site. After a dinner, we had a classroom session which introduced the idea of the NEA to students and set up the purpose for the rest of the week. Tuesday was all about carbon. We went to Mignet Moor to calculate the depth of the peatbog in order to calculate the carbon content to be able to then compare it to woodland carbon storage – Thomas F, Max H, Euan A & Fred P got MVP (Most Valuable Player) for the day for their enthusiasm and focus, despite an evening session on statistics!

On Wednesday, we headed to Llandudno to look at some human geography data collection methods. Despite the cold weather, we had fun exploring the town looking at clone town surveys, mood mapping and non-participant observations - April, Harriet, Grace and Marco got MVP for the day. Thursday brought about everyone's favourite day in the mountains, looking at post glacial features. Team mascot Attenborough had a great day out and we all enjoyed a lovely picnic sat at the back of Cwm Idwal admiring the vastness of the landscape. MVPs were Eve, Thomas E, Mohammed and Ben who all gave some really good answers showing their knowledge of glacial landforms.

The students engaged with the activities really well, the FSC staff commented on how respectful and engaged they were. Frank, Armand and Harrison got a special shout out for consistent engagement and enthusiasm throughout the week. Students have now started to put the skills developed to use, planning their own NEA investigations.

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NATIONAL THEATRE CONNECTIONS

In January, [BartholoNews reported](#) that St Bart's Drama students were to take part in this year's National Theatre Connections Festival. On Wednesday 8 March, 24 students travelled to Salisbury Playhouse to perform a play called 'Old Times'. The National Theatre Connections Festival 2023 has thousands of young people performing new plays created for this event all over the UK.



The students had the opportunity to experience a day in this wonderful theatre, where they received workshops, feedback and expert support from the professional directors and technicians in the industry.

When the students performed in the evening, they really did themselves and St Bart's proud. The sheer talent and professionalism seen on the stage was outstanding. Thank you to all the cast and for the support shown by family and friends who attended the evening performance.

Mrs Howe and Mrs Parkington

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PAUL HANNAFORD - PROFESSIONAL MENTOR AND LECTURER ON DRUGS AWARENESS

On Thursday 9 March, we invited Paul Hannaford into school to speak with our Year 8, 10 and 12 students about knife crime and drugs. Paul is an ex-drug addict and offender who turned his life around and now dedicates his time educating young people.

The talks were powerful and emotive, conveying a strong message of the reality of the consequences that can follow a poor decision. The feedback from students and staff have been that it was thought-provoking and real.



"Lots of people say 'don't take drugs' but he explained how one bad move really affected his life very badly."



"I think he was very brave to talk about such personal things but he really made you think about how bad choices affected his family."

"He admitted to his faults. He was very human, which made it interesting."

"That was the best assembly we have ever had."

"It was hard to listen to his story but he really makes you think."

You can find out more about Paul's work [here](#).

If you would like some more information about drugs, there is some useful advice and guidance on the [Talk to Frank website](#). For more information on knife crime and gangs, see the 'Fearless' [website](#).

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Y9 INSPIRED BY KAFFE FASSETT'S VIBRANT QUILTS

The Fashion and Textile Museum was founded in 2003 by British Fashion Designer: Zandra Rhodes. She opened the museum to showcase the work of British and global textile artists and fashion designers. On Monday 6th March, Year 9 students visited the museum to explore Kaffe Fassett's Quilting Exhibition: The Power of Pattern. As well as showcasing many of his world renowned quilts and fabric prints, the exhibition also celebrated the work of many international quilt artists and designers. The students were given an informative tour of the quilts on display by a quilting enthusiast and expert.



Levitate By Danny Amazonas

'Overall, in the entire exhibition, 'Levitate' was my favourite [quilt] because of the use of colour, scale and perspective. It's a piece that you could look at for hours and still find small, new details. For example the orbs look like bubbles, planets or germ colonies and then you can also spot how each orb looks like a flower.' Luca Forrester 9E1



Fashion Drawings by Maisie MacDonald 9P3

Miss Brock

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Y9 'NOUGHTS AND CROSSES' THEATRE TRIP

On Thursday the 7 March Year 9 went with some of the English Department to see the play, 'Noughts and Crosses'. William and Tabitha tell us what they thought...

"The show was based on the novel by Malorie Blackman and shows a world in which black people have more power in society than white people. The 'Crosses' are superior to the 'Noughts' in all aspects of life.

The play tackles a lot of issues. It shows the audience the uncomfortable truths about society and challenges racism and discrimination. The play does not shy away from exploring these issues and that's why I think that it makes a big impact.



Photo by Robert Day

Overall, the show was brilliant, and I would rate it a ten out of ten. I would also recommend it to those who have not seen it, because I thought that it was an amazing production."

William Parker (9P3)

"I thoroughly enjoyed the play. It explored some incredibly interesting themes, like segregation, terrorism, and addiction, but there were also parts that were light-hearted and quite funny! The play also had great links with what we are studying in English at the moment, 'Romeo and Juliet'. The idea of forbidden love due to previous disputes between the two families was clearly present and seeing that storyline portrayed on stage definitely helped me understand it in class.

The play itself was absolutely fantastic. A very simple set was used, yet it was incredibly effective. The lights and sound were amazing, particularly in the more dramatic moments. I especially enjoyed the way that they used BBC-like 'news' clips to move the story forward as this really brought the play to life. Every single actor played their character extremely convincingly and explained the story very well.

Overall, it was a brilliant play and I would definitely recommend it to anyone who gets the chance to see it!"

Tabitha Cook (9P2)

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PETER MURRAY MEETS YEAR 7

Following on from World Book Day, last week we were delighted to welcome our Patron of Reading, Peter J Murray, back into school to meet our current Year 7s. The author's 'Mokey Joe' book series has been captivating students for nearly 20 years. Sharing stories from his upbringing in South Yorkshire and from his travels, Peter entertained the students with the inspirations behind his writing, such as darker elements of nursery rhymes. Following Peter's talk, students were able to purchase their own copies of his books and a few lucky students also enjoyed a workshop with Peter, in which they worked on their own creative writing skills. Some of our students also chose to fashion their own 'space bun' hair style inspired by Molly – one of the characters from Peter's books! Thank you Peter and we look forward to welcoming you back soon.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 14 SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATES!

On Monday 20 February, fourteen St Bartholomew's School students travelled to Oxford University to celebrate their academic achievements. Our brilliant scholars wrote a 2000 word essay based on Leadership Culture. The students participated in a number of lessons with a tutor that specialises in Sociology. Here's what one student, Tabitha Cook (9P2), had to say about the event:

"The Scholars Programme was incredibly useful and this experience gave me an in-depth knowledge of a subject that I have never studied before. It gave me a glimpse into a uni-style education and marking system. The programme gave me masses of confidence and encouraged me to aim high and try hard in everything I do. I seriously recommend you have a go and get involved with some of Stretch and Challenge opportunities offered at our school. Special thanks go to Miss



Marshall for organising everything and ensuring all fourteen of us had the support we needed to write our essays and submit them – thanks Miss!”

Names of graduates for 2023: Beatrice Cratchley, Tabitha Cook, Tristan Baudoin, Freddie Ritchie, William Parker, Misbah Shahul-Hameed, Ben Ransom, Pippa Owen, Pelin Arda, Ruby Shepherd, Rose Harris, Jack Brooks, Orlaith Eaton and David Sachter.

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SNOW AT ST BART'S



By Miss Marshall



Thank you to Miss Marshall and Ms Zajdzik who sent us these beautiful pictures of the school taken in the snow last week. If you have a great photograph of St Bart's that you think we might like to feature, please do feel free to share them with us at bartholonews@stbarts.co.uk.

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Year 7 Football

A large squad of Year 7 boys played The Downs School in the league, with 14 different boys each playing a half of the 9-a-side match. St Bart's went into the half time break 3-0 with goals from Ali Darwish (2) and Eli Bodin. The final score was 3-5 to the Downs. The boys then played a friendly against Park House. Players of the match were Ali Darwish and Abubakar.

Year 8 A team Netball League Finals Night

Congratulations to the Year 8 A Netball team who have performed superbly in their Netball league winning all their matches.

Last Tuesday night they played Park House School A team for the last of their league games and beat them, 11- 0.

In the play off for first place, they played Kennet School A and, after a tightly fought game, St Bart's won, 7-3.

Congratulations to you all and very well done on becoming Year 8 Netball league winners.



Congratulations also to the Year 8 B team Netball players.

They played Willink School and lost, 0-4, beat Park House School B Team, 5-0, and lost to a strong St Gabriel's School A team, 0 – 10.

They then played in the 9th place play off and beat Kennet School B team, 5-1.

Well done to you all and thank you for a great evening of



Netball.

Year 10 Rugby

The Year 10 Rugby team finally had their first taste of 7s tournament Rugby at St Bart's, playing in the highly competitive Perins 7s tournament near Winchester. Bart's played some quality attacking Rugby right from the start, scoring some brilliant team tries with a number of offloads. However, the defence required improvement. After a few really close games in the group against Perins, Westgate and Salesians, two of which they lost by one score, they went through into the knockout rounds of the plate competition.

This was the point where the boys really started to get used to 7s Rugby and really stepped up their performance, especially on the defensive side of the ball. After dispatching Ringwood School comfortably in the semi-final, they set up a re-match with Salesians in the plate final. The boys once again showed their development throughout the day, playing their best Rugby to beat a team they lost to earlier, 35-7, to lift the trophy. Very well done to all the boys who played, who showed an excellent attitude throughout and a great desire to improve and turn the day around and bring some silverware back to Bart's.



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Train to Teach Career Information

Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at 6pm



Every Lesson Shapes a Life

If you are considering a career in teaching, join us online at our information evening to find out about our primary and secondary training programmes with places available from September 2023.

The Downland Alliance is a school direct training partnership with secondary trainees based at The Downs, St. Bartholomew's and Kennet School. Primary trainees are based at one of our school direct partnership primary schools in the local area. Our courses are accredited by Oxford Brookes University—so you get the best of both worlds—school led training with a renowned university.

So whether you are a teaching assistant, a career changer or you graduate in the summer of 2023 and would like to train to teach because you want to make a difference to young people's lives, training to teach could be the next career move for you.

Downland Alliance

Call us on 01635 270096 Email us itt@downlandalliance.org.uk
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Wednesday 22nd March

6pm—7pm

Online

Register now

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[our website.](http://www.downlandalliance.org.uk)**

EASTER ACTIVITIES: SPORTS IN THE PARK



Try out different sports, meet new people and have lots of fun this Easter Holidays as Waterside Centre provides **FREE "Sports in the Park" sessions across the local community for children & young people aged 8+**



Monday 3rd April	Multisports, including: football, basketball, rounders, step challenge and more!	1:30pm - 2:15pm	City Park
		2:30pm - 3:15pm	Northcroft
		3:30pm - 4:15pm	Victoria Park
Tuesday 4th April	Multisports, including: football, basketball, rounders, step challenge and more!	1:30pm - 2:15pm	City Park
		2:30pm - 3:15pm	Northcroft
		3:30pm - 4:15pm	Victoria Park

