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### 17-18 March

27 cadets supported by six CFAVs were involved in the Army NightEx. This entirely voluntary activity enabled those attending to hone their fieldcraft/battlecraft skills still further, engaging in basher building, cooking in the field, and both recce and fighting patrols. Despite the ever-changing weather, the event was enjoyed by all.

### 24 March

The Army section spent their Field Day at Bramley Training area near Basingstoke. Orienteering and fieldcraft activities were the key features with staff and senior cadets supervising 72 Year 10 cadets.

The RAF section spent the day at Benson. Despite the forecast windy conditions, all cadets were able to fly and this proved an excellent day.

The RN section travelled to Portsmouth where RN adults took charge of a session on low ropes and a variety of team building activities, much enjoyed by all.

We are now looking forward to our upcoming Adventure Training week on the Isle of Wight. Travelling out on Friday 31 March, 28 cadets will experience a variety of activities including archery, mountain biking, indoor climbing, trekking and water sports. Reports on both Adventure Training week and the Dartmoor 35 and 45 mile (Ten Tors) challenges will be in BartholoNews early next term.

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## Calendar

Year 7 House Girls' Lacrosse and Boys' Hockey	Wednesday 29 March	P1 (EP Released)
Eeklo School MFL Visit	Wednesday 29 March	10.00am-12.30pm
Year 9 House Girls' Lacrosse and Boys' Hockey	Wednesday 29 March	P3 (J Released)
Year 11 GCSE PE West Berkshire Revision Experience	Wednesday 29 March	4.00-6.00pm
Year 9-13 Music Trip 'Wicked'	Wednesday 29 March	London - 4.15-11.30pm
Year 8 Battlefields Trip - Parents' Information Evening	Wednesday 29 March	6.00pm - Hall
Dance Showcase	Thursday 30 March	All day rehearsal - Hall



Year 7 Gamelan Workshops	Thursday 30 March	WCC
Year 10 House Girls' Lacrosse and Boy's Hockey	Thursday 30 March	P5 (PRR Released)
Dance Showcase Performance	Thursday 30 March	6.00-8.30pm - Hall
Year 7 Gamelan Workshops	Friday 31 March	WCC

### END OF TERM – school day finishes 2.50pm

CCF Adventure Training Week, Isle of Wight	Friday 31 March	Departs 1.00pm (return 6 April)
Year 12 and Y13 History and German trip	Friday 31 March	Berlin – 3 - 6 April

### Monday 17 April STUDENT TERM BEGINS

Options at 18 Evening, including Early Entrants Presentation	Wednesday 19 April	Hall - 6.30pm
Year 7 Subject Parents' Evening	Wednesday 26 April	Curnock Block - 4.30-7.00pm

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### SPOTLIGHT: Adviza Webinar: Social Work and Food Science and Technology

**Social Work - Tuesday 2 May 2023 - 6pm to 7pm and Food Science and Technology - Tuesday 9 May 2023 – 6pm to 7pm.** Bookings are free and can be made via their [Events](#) page. These webinars are both suitable for all year groups and anyone, students, parents/carers and staff, is welcome to join in. If you require any further details, please email: [careersguidance@adviza.org.uk](mailto:careersguidance@adviza.org.uk)

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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## DEVELOPING LIFE SKILLS

On Monday 27 March, 18 Year 11 students took part in a day of workshops. The Education and Business Partnership facilitated the event and Joe Evans from The Watermill Theatre delivered the workshops. During the sessions, students worked on developing teamwork skills and self-confidence, how to focus on positive thinking and how to put your best impression forward when giving presentations and taking part in an interview.



Well done to the students involved who participated with great engagement and enthusiasm. It was excellent to see their progression and growth in self-confidence throughout the day.

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## CULTURAL CAPITAL POSTERS

Our Year 7 and Y8 MFL students have combined their artistic talents, research and language skills in order to produce some eye-catching and creative cultural posters. Each class was given the task to research interesting facts about either a country or city where French, German or Spanish are spoken and then had to present their work in an A4 informative poster. We feel it is so important that the students are aware that our main MFL languages are not just spoken in France, Germany and Spain and that we help students develop an understanding and empathy for the wide variety of cultures represented in each of the countries chosen.

Each class had a winner that was put through to an overall year group competition. This competition has become an annual event in the MFL calendar and the quality of the posters becomes higher each year. We are delighted to acknowledge the work of the overall winners and want to say a big thank you to all Year 7 and Year 8 students who took part. You can see the new display of winners in the MFL corridor, with runner up posters throughout the MFL classrooms. Here are a few photos of the winners and main runners up. Well done all!



Y7 German  
Olivia with  
Switzerland



Year 8 Spanish Shawn with Perú  
Year 8 French Misbah with Nice



Year 8 German  
Gauravi with Hanover



Year 7 French  
Roba with Senegal

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## SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

To quote one of the Science teachers "Science is the only lesson you can start a fire in and get away with it". Being a Science teacher does have the perks!

In Science there is a large team of dedicated staff, and we really are a team. We work together to give our students the best opportunities both in and out of lessons.





### Key Stage 3 Science

Year 7 and 8 form our Key Stage 3 (KS3) in Science. Students learn about topics including Acids and Alkalis, Ecosystems, Space, Reactions of Metals, Electrical Circuits, and Genetics. There are many opportunities for practical work and we have tailored the first two years so that students pick up skills in practical areas over a number of topics. Classes at KS3 have 3 lessons per week, taught by two teachers.

One of the highlights of KS3 is the Science Week assembly. This year, Ms Thomson and Mr Swift did the assembly for Year 7. We had screaming

jelly babies, whoosh bottles, the Van de Graaff generator, amongst many other exciting whizzes and bangs. Mr Swift also had another Whizz-Bang session in his room where he showed other exciting experiments such as the Thermite reaction, used to fix train tracks, and what happens when you put water on a chip pan fire. Students were also treated to balloons, which went bang and had different colour flames! Mrs Woodgate did her famous Pig's head dissection, which was amazing. There are still things which Years 7 and 8 can get involved in this week – Ms Thomson is turning her lab into a pinhole camera with a lot of help from the technicians AND there is still time to get involved in the poster competition.

### Key Stage 4 Science

In Year 9 we begin our GCSE and all students study the same course. Students have three lessons per week, which are split between two teachers. Different topics are taught in each of the three Science disciplines, and at the start of the year each student is given a copy of the Science GCSE learning journey, which shows them what they will be learning over the course of their GCSE.

In Years 10 and 11, students have four hours of Science per week. The majority of our students follow the AQA Combined Science: Trilogy course with two classes (one in EP and one in CD) following the AQA Separate Sciences course. All students will be taught Biology, Chemistry and Physics and will also have review lessons built into the course. Students following the Trilogy course will have a double grade for Science whilst those studying separate sciences will obtain a separate grade in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Using this model, our students obtain excellent GCSE results.

And not forgetting GCSE Astronomy, which we offered this year. We have a Year 9 class who have embarked on this course and they are currently taught as an extra lesson after school. Out of lessons, there is always something going on in Science after school. We have Science Club in Year 7, Crest Award in Year 8 and Astronomy in Year 9. For Years 10 and 11 we have Olympiads, Stretch and Challenge (Tuesdays) amongst other activities.

Science is such an amazing subject to learn. Each lesson is different and the opportunities are endless.

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### PENGUIN VISITS ST BART'S

Last week Year 9 enjoyed a visit from Helen Garnons-Williams, Publishing Director at Penguin. Helen spoke to the students about her own journey into publishing and the publications she has been personally involved in. She shone a light on the role of a publisher and the skills you needed for this career path – explaining the involved process from manuscript to publication. Helen discussed some of the modern challenges and opportunities for the sector, including social media as a form of advertising and the editing of texts to reflect modern values.



Students also learnt about related careers, such as Book Scouts (tasked with finding books that can make the transition TV or Film) and Cover Designers. It was a fascinating insight into this industry and we would like to thank Helen for so generously sharing her time with St Bart's. We hope the talk has inspired some future publishers, book scouts and cover designers!

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## SOCIAL SCIENCES CAREERS MORNING



On Friday 24 March, students in Year 12 and Y13 who study Social Sciences subjects attended a careers morning. They had the opportunity to talk to visitors about careers in the NHS, social care, finance, marketing, law, film and media production. Particularly popular was the outside broadcast truck from Zest4TV. Students had the opportunity to ask about careers in a live broadcast company and see the technology involved in remote production.

Thank you to all our volunteers for giving up their time to support students in this way.

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## MFL STAFF TRAINING

At the start of half term, the MFL Faculty enjoyed a CPD session with the esteemed MFL lead in technology - Esmeralda Salgado.

Esmeralda has worked in a variety of different schools and, in addition to being the Head of MFL in her previous school, she was also digital lead. Over the course of lockdown, her tips and technological know-how came to the fore; she set up her own

Youtube channel and Blog in order to share ideas and inspire MFL teachers across the country. She currently works as a freelance MFL consultant, writer and CPD provider. It was a great opportunity to have her share some of her best practice before she returns to mainstream teaching next year. She showed us how to bring some standard activities to life using a variety of different media and social platforms. We are currently trialling our favourites and so watch out for some experimentation with Genially, Wheel Spinners and even Tik Tok!



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## RAMADAN

Thursday 23 March marked the start of an important month for Muslims, known as Ramadan. We asked Ibby and Adham in 8C2 about what this month means to them.

### Ibby and Adhan, what is Ramadan?

Ramadan is a very holy month for us Muslims. We will spend a month not eating or drinking during daylight hours. We do this to show obedience to Allah and it also helps us to understand what those who are less fortunate than us feel like.



### What's it like to fast (not eat or drink) whilst being at school?

It's ok, because we have food in the morning before school but then we smell and see people eating food. It's ok though as we are doing it for Allah and will get rewarded in Jannah (heaven).

### How can we support you during this time?

Perhaps during the day our friends could tell us how long we have left of fasting before we can have our evening Iftar meal. This would encourage us to keep going when we are feeling hungry!



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## STRETCH AND CHALLENGE HALL OF FAME

Well done to the following 50 students who are consistently completing St Bart's online Spring Term 'Stretch and Challenge' lessons:

James Fry	Ben Ransom	Elsie Smith	Madhukar Kandali
Irina Pop	James Lawson	Belle Prowse	Kitty Roots
Freya Machon	Alex Cattnach	Floss Bloxsom	Chaitra Mandali
Miraya Srivastava	Joe Bell	Ellena Clare	Iggi Duly
Seren Braidley	Luca Forrester	Will Heywood	Holly McLellan
Pelin Arda	Kaiden Bailey	James Lawson	Ben Lawson
Praket Bimbira	Talha Irfan	Eddie Appleton	Danny Smith-Mas
Sam Taylor	Emily Starkey	Nyah Tomris	Flo Dent
Wilf Busby	Thea McLellan	Emilia Muryn	Oliver Robins
Sofia Hughes	Luca Forester	Rishik Kar	Phoebe Mortimore
Abigail Marshall	Lyra Ward	Bella Mijares	Remi Barry
Samuel Mak De	Jimmy Pennock	Vedha Krishnan	Madeleine Hall
Casa	Rosie Rust		
Oliver Comber			



Year 7 are learning how to construct arguments; Year 8 are learning about how to evaluate evidence; Year 9 are improving their media literacy; Year 10 are focusing on their political literacy. If you would like to get involved, then contact Miss Marshall. All lessons can be accessed via Satchel One. 'Stretch and Challenge' socials are on Fridays, activity time, in C012.

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## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

St Bartholomew's School Governing Body will shortly be inviting nominations for a Parent Governor to join us and make a valued contribution to school life.

Broadly, the role of the Governing Body is to set the strategic direction and ensure the educational performance, management and financial health of St Bart's. Individual governors are members of the Governing Body and contribute to ensure high standards of achievement for students.

New governors can be confident of joining a friendly, supportive and professional team. In addition to the fresh perspectives that new governors bring, the Governing Body has identified that there is a need for skills, expertise or experience in the areas of secondary education, people management or finance. As a result, we'd be particularly delighted to hear from applicants who can bring any of these qualities. Other helpful experience includes governance oversight as well as local community experience and knowledge.

Most importantly, however, we are looking for individuals who have a passion for education as well as a high level of enthusiasm and confidence.

We are constantly focusing on what is best for our students and the school and require governors who will be comfortable to challenge in a constructive manner, act with a strong moral purpose and work as part of a team.

The time commitment does need to be appreciated, with three or four evening committee meetings a term. In addition, Governors may be members of more than one committee and will also usually have a "link" role with a faculty or function. Very occasionally there are some activities that are scheduled during the day, so some flexibility would be an advantage.

Successful candidates will be given every support to become quickly integrated and effective via a tailored induction plan and will benefit from ongoing training.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please look out for the official notification at the beginning of next term. If you would like to find out more, without any obligation, please do get in touch: this is your opportunity to make a positive difference to St Bart's and the broader community – most governors say that they have learnt something new and enjoy being part of a successful team. Please email me ([hsutherland@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:hsutherland@stbarts.co.uk)) or leave your details with Reception (01635 521255) and I will contact you.

*Mrs H Sutherland  
Clerk to the Governors*

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## PE

### Amazing West Berkshire Netball League Success!



The last of the West Berkshire Netball league finals were played tonight against Kennet School. St Bart's Sixth Form took on a strong Kennet School side and it was neck and neck in the first half with Bart's just leading, 8-7. The girls focused better in the second half and easily pulled away, ending the game 19-12 as winners. Player of the match was awarded to Tally Gale.

The Year 10s played really well against Kennet School, dominating all the way through court. They managed to keep a clean sheet in the last quarter. The winning score was 20-5 with Daisy Haydon-Jones taking player of the match for her fantastic defence.

Year 9 As kept their unbeaten record intact with a convincing win against Kennet School A by turning over their first two centre passes and scoring 5 goals without a response. The half time score was 13-4 to Bart's. The girls continued to showcase their talent on the court and came out clear winners, 26-7. The player of the match was awarded to Brooke Tommasson.

Year 9 B's also took on a Kennet School team and showed their versatility across the court, battling hard to



keep possession. Kennet were too strong a team to take on this time, final score 6-17. Best player nomination was awarded to Florence Hatton.

Huge congratulations to all players that have represented the school over the last 2 months. St Bart's are now the winners of the West Berkshire Netball League in all Year 7 through to Sixth Form.

### ONA Sports fixtures



On Wednesday 22 March we played our traditional ONA sports fixtures. This is always a great occasion and tradition, which we hope will continue to happen for many more years to come.

It's always a pleasure to welcome former St Bart's students back to the school to play sport and hear how they are getting on in life, These matches are always fun, very competitive and draw in lots of support from people within the

community.

A massive thank you, as always, to the wonderful Milly Calloway who does all the organising for the ONA.

**Netball: 31 - 27 to the school.** Player of the match - Alex Royston

**Rugby: 44 - 37 to the ONA.** Player of the match - Frank Southwold



### Well Done Mei!



Massive congratulations to Mei (D4) who competed in the Women's Artistic Gymnastics British Championships in Liverpool at the weekend. Against the very best gymnasts in the country, she held her own and had a very successful competition.

Gymnastics is an incredibly tough sport and her success is the result of years of very long hours of hard work, determination and the ability to overcome disappointment. Both her family and gym club, Newbury Gymnastics Academy, are enormously proud of her. She acts as both a role model and inspiration to the next generation of gymnasts.

### Year 10 Sports Leaders

*Helping out at the 25th Anniversary of the Primary Schools Cross Country event.*

Congratulations to our Year 10 Sports Leaders who helped to marshall at the Primary Schools Cross Country event on Tuesday 21 March at Newbury Showground. The event, which celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, was the biggest since the event started and saw over 1500 Primary school students involved.



Our leaders were, as always excellent ambassadors for our school, helping to support the smooth running of this event. Thank you to you all.

### Year 8 Football

The Year 8 boys' Football team played their final two matches of the season tonight. They drew 1-1 with Trinity School, with a goal from Tomasz. They won 4-0 against John O'Gaunt, with goals from Jacob (x3) and Josh. Players of the matches were Freddie, for a solid display at the back, and Tomasz for his impact going forward. Well done all.



### Year 9 Football



St Bart's Year 9 Football team convincingly defeated a strong Trinity side 2-0. A wonder free kick taken by Patrick Grosser from 30 yards out kicked off proceedings. St Bart's came out even stronger in the second half, managing the game well. Connor Bucknell and Max Charlton kept the defence organised and compact. A composed St Bart's worked hard to secure a 2-0 win with Stanley Herdman placing the ball in the right hand corner of the goal.

Mr Wilder said *"I am extremely proud of the boys and the professionalism they showed to see through the match. This group of boys have come on so much in the past few weeks. We are now really finding our form and with two games left, the District League title is well and truly on."*

### Year 11 Football

The Year 11 boys Football team played their final two West Berkshire league fixtures last week, narrowly losing both games 2-1 to Trinity School and John O'Gaunt School. Players of the match were Dawud, Dan and Jacob. Goal scorers were Jacob and Aiden. Well done to all involved.



### Senior Team Football

The Senior Team had their quarter final Gibbs Cup game vs Reading Boys. The boys performed brilliantly against a very strong Reading team. St Bart's took the lead on three occasions with some fantastic build up play. Reading ended up taking the win, 7-6, with a goal very late on. Man of the Match with a hat trick was Charlie.

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