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Over the last 6 months, 66 St Bart's students have been busy completing programmes of activities including: making a difference in the community, developing a healthy lifestyle through participation in a sport or dance activity, learning a new practical and/or social skill and taking part in overnight expeditions, in order to achieve the Volunteering, Skills, Physical and Expedition sections of their Award. The picture below is of Year 10's waking up early to watch the beautiful sunrise while on their Bronze assessed expedition.

On Wednesday, at a whole school assembly, Dr Fitter congratulated and presented the DofE Certificates & Badges to the following students:



Bronze Year 10's: Dilan Adil, Katie Arnold, Jacob Avery, Zack Begg, Thomas Bennett, Niamh Breslin, Lily Buckmaster, Beatrix Busby, Jack Collings, Holly Conway, Fleur Creteur, James Fenner, Martha Fitch, Will Fortmuller, Charlie Fox, Meenakshi Ganugapati, Abi Hamblin, Imogen Hillyer, Freddie Horwood, Kathryn Locke, Izzy Marchetti, Ellie Peake, Isabelle Primrose, Carys Pritchard, Grace Proudfoot, Edith Rivers, Swathi Sivabalan and Emily Westbury.

Bronze Year 11's: Clementine Barry, Will Bloxsom, Emily Cox, Charlie Dancey, Chris Emberlin, Elsa Farrow, Willow Giles, Lewis Hill, Bella Hughes, Izzy John, Sid Karra, Juliet Kielbon, Charlotte Lethaby, Lucy Machon, Maddie McAnally, Lawrence Mullaly, Barney Owen, Thomas Oxley, Tom Potts, Matilda Roots, Adria Rumbaускаite, Matthew Seaton, Ellie Symes, Ellie Upton, Willem Vrolijk and Ben Wigmore.

Bronze Sixth Form: Ben Cook, Tally Glendenning, Ed Hall, Will Houghton, Luke Rutter and Kirsten Wright.

Silver Award: Milla Brereton, Taylor Brereton, Lucas Price and Willem Vrolijk.

Gold Award: A special mention to Jennifer Scourfield, who has completed her Gold Award and will be going to Buckingham Palace to collect her Gold certificate and broach.

Congratulations to all these students on this fantastic achievement.

If you did not collect your DofE Certificate and Badge on Wednesday, please go to the school's main reception during opening hours to collect your Award.

If you are participating in the DofE and have not quite finished, there is still time to complete your Award before the next DofE presentation assembly in July. If you need further support to complete your Award, there

is a DofE Drop in Club on a Tuesday from 3.10pm - 4pm in C014; participants can drop in for further information.

If your child is in Year 9 and above and would like to participate in DofE, please contact llyay@stbarts.co.uk for further information. Please note the Year 9 Bronze enrolment closing date is on the 31 March 2023.

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Calendar

Y9-13 Drama National Theatre Connections	Wednesday 8 March	Salisbury - All Day
Y9 English Theatre Trip, Noughts and Crosses	Thursday 9 March	Oxford - 1pm-7pm
CCF Sunday Walk 5	Sunday 12 March	
West Berkshire Health & Wellbeing Parents' Information Evening	Monday 13 March	WCC - 6-7pm More information here
Y10 Practice Exams - English, Maths, Science, RE.	Tuesday 14 March	Hall (to Thurs 16 March)
Non-Uniform Day for Comic Relief	Friday 17 March	See below

[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 donations [here](#). To increase the impact of your donation, you can Gift Aid it.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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FRIDAY 17 MARCH

CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Benchmark Apprenticeship Open Day

Saturday April 15, 2023

Bath Road, Kintbury, RG17 9SA. Including workshop tours and a talk.

Email apprenticeships@benchmarkfurniture.com for more information.

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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MONDAY'S SCHOOL CLOSURE

We would like to thank all students and parents for their patience and understanding on Monday morning when we had to urgently close the site.

A significant server malfunction impacted on all parts of our core school infrastructure. Our phones, wi-fi, heating, school database, school network and canteen tills were all inoperable. The difficult decision to close was made as we could not safely manage students without access to attendance registers, parental contact numbers or communication channels.



We recognise that this must have caused much disruption and inconvenience for students and parents and would like to thank you again for your support. Thank you also to the staff who worked tirelessly throughout the day to enable us all to return to school on Tuesday.

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RAMBERT'S PEAKY BLINDERS TRIP

"On 7 February we went down to Southampton to watch Rambert's Peaky Blinders: 'The Redemption of Thomas Shelby' by Benoit Swan Pouffer. It was an absolute pleasure to watch, from the fantastic choreography, that had a commercial, to the fast paced movement, it was hard to look away. There were moments of fluidity and contemporary based movement, which I found very effective, combined with the live music. Moi Trans, the set designer, was extremely creative, and I especially liked the use of the staging and different levels of the stage to represent the trenches in the war. It almost created an illusion for the audience, as the leg swinging movements were highlighted by this. I particularly liked the use of props by Lily Mollgaard in the piece. I found the use of the carousel horses was a brilliant way of portraying the Shelby family's money laundering and horse betting. I also found it effective when Thomas Shelby, played by Guillaume Queau, had an



emotionally heartbreakingly solo with a beige sheet and dancers behind him. This created a shadow effect which Queau was able to lean on and manipulate, which was truly hypnotising to watch. It was interesting to see this emotion interpreted in this way and I really enjoyed this section. Overall, it was incredibly inspiring to watch and I absolutely loved the performance. I would definitely recommend it."

Amelia Knight (12E6)

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YEAR 13 BUSINESS BTEC WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

The Year 13 Business BTEC students recently went on a week of work experience as a part of their Business BTEC course. They were all assigned to work in a company in the local area and experience the industry of their interest. These included: marketing, childcare, metal work, sales, carpentry, administration and engineering. The students attended:

- West Berkshire Council
- Rebound Electronics UK Ltd
- Newbury College Marketing Department
- CY Metal Work
- Woolton Hill Primary School
- Speenhamland Primary School
- Incubate IT
- Porsche
- Benchmark Woodworking Ltd
- Charter Travel
- KLS Martin Group

We carried out various roles and responsibilities during their week while being supervised. Those working in primary schools acted as a teacher's assistant, helping children with their work. Those in business designed and created social media posts, bulletins and creative writing for company pages.

Student quotes:

"My work experience gave us insight to working in a primary school with children with additional needs. This allowed us to understand how complex working with these children is and the importance of the care they are given." Clara & Jack

"It was great. I got hands on experience building things needed in the real world. It helped me improve my social, initiative, organisation and physical skills." Alec

"It helped prepare me for the real working world, showing me the different skills I would need to succeed." Leila

I am very pleased with the commitment and enthusiasm with which this year's group of students undertook their placements. All employers were extremely complimentary about the students' efforts and skills and some students have been asked to contact the companies when they have finished their studies to pursue the possibility of employment or apprenticeships.

We are grateful to the Education and Business Partnership for their work in interviewing the students and securing such excellent placements and to all the companies involved for hosting our students.

*Mrs Seward
Head of Department: Business and Economics, Careers Leader*



An example of some of the products Oscar made during his time with Benchmark.

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INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS

Well done to all those Year 9, 10 and 11 students who took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge on 2 February. The results are now in with awards going to the following people, with particular congratulations to Aayush, Aryan, and Timmy who have all got through to the Olympiad rounds which puts them in the top 600 in their year groups nationally!



Gold Certificate: Aayush Joshi, Aryan Agarwala, Timmy Wraight, Matilda Macaulay, Rubus Dyson, William High, Swathi Sivabalan, Daanyal Begg, Annabel Maclean, Amelie Goodwin, James Alder, Liam Pender-Thaw, Joseph Herriman, Sid Karra, Samuel Dickens, Vivaan Rajawat, Aiden Campbell

Silver Certificate: Henry Chalk, Casper Nolan, Isaac Giaever-Enger, Ciara Langrell, Bethany Gordon, Ammar Irfan, Lily Walke, James Larkins, Erin Cameron, Benjamin Lawson, Louis Codling, Cristiano Montiero, Kirsten Fraser, Abi Hamblin, Yuva Narayanan, Barney Owen, Polly Kerr, Harvey Robinson, William Evans, Joe Hill, Carys Pritchard, Aidan Higgs, Annabelle Prowse, Amogh Kasetty, Daniel Pricopi, Thomas Oxley, Shubham Tripathi, Frederick Johnstone, Charlie Morse, Andrea Wong, Harriet Gibson, Angel Nwokporo, Jessica Dent, Clara Zeferino, Izzy John, Rishik Kar, Penelope Starrs, Katie Arnold, Samson Tu, Imogen Moon, Sam Kirby, Kimi Enevoldsen, Eoghan Lamb, Shivam Mathur, Sohaib Alam, Sophie Livingstone, Isaac Rutter

Bronze Certificate: Carmen Collins, Haydn James, Daisy Haydn-Jones, Deenuka Worrall, Lachlan Cameron, Robert Blakeley, Harry Lethaby, Avaneesh Sasikumar, Harry Cantwell, William Fortmuller, Marcus Ingoe, Scarlett John, Ipshita Raina, Nandini Agarwal, Amos Fitch, Holly McClellan, Amy Oliver, Beatrix Busby, Jennifer Bibin, Lewis Kill, Lawrence Mullaly, Adria Rumbaускаite, Isla Clare, Erin Clarke, Charlie Murphy, Peter Essex-Lopresti, Johan Giaver-Enger, Sara Griffin, Arpit Bhabhra, Adam Kateregga, George Street, Megan Purcell, Soorya Anbumurasoli, Thomas Caulfield, Daniel Cornall, Eish Mahajan, Willem Vrolijk, Louisa Fisher, Jacob Johnson, Elizabeth Mearkle-Mist, Jacob Glendenning, Rory Shore, Elsa Farrow, Charlotte Lethaby, Annie Taylor, Andreas Vlachopoulos, Deivis Bodeci, Eva Braithwaite, Romain Chow, Thrishathi Srinivasan, Martha Fitch, Emily Westbury, Vishal Karthik, Immy Duly, Nathan Taylor, Eloise Berry-Hargreaves, Maxime Gore, Alvina Bhuyan, Ben Telford, India Duly

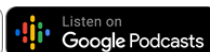
You may remember that three of the questions were published in the [8 February edition of BartholoNews](#). We can now reveal the solutions: Q3 was B; Q15 was A; and Q21 was A. Full solutions and explanations of those questions and hundreds more are freely accessible on the [UKMT website](#).

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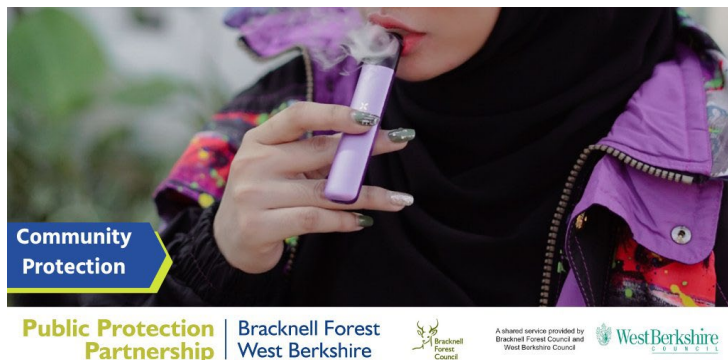


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INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS ON VAPING AND SPIKING

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 6.00-7.00pm in Wormestall Conference Centre (at the front of school). The speakers will present factual information and guidance on these 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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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!](#)

PE

Primary Schools Indoor Athletics Event

On Friday 3 March, we hosted the Primary Schools Indoor Athletics County round competition.

Schools from across West and East Berkshire came to compete and performed superbly throughout the day. In the morning, Years 3 and 4 competed and in the afternoon Years 5 and 6.



With over 100 Primary students competing in the morning and then again in the afternoon, the Sports Leaders were crucial in helping to run and officiate the competition.

As always, our Leaders were excellent ambassadors for our school and received many complimentary comments from the visiting teachers.

Thank you and well done to you all.



Year 10 Netball

The Y10 B team played their first game against a tough St Gabriel's School A team, losing, 16-3. They then played an outstanding game drawing, 11 all, with Park House.



House Football Competitions

Well done to everyone who took part in House Football. The results are as follows.

Girls

Year 7

1st C
2nd E
3rd D
4th P

Year 8

1st C
2nd E
3rd D
4th P

Year 9

1st D
2nd C
3rd E
4th P

Year 10

1st E
2nd C
3rd D
4th P

Year 11

1st D
2nd E
3rd P
4th C

Boys

Year 7

A
1st C
2nd D
3rd P
4th E

B
1st C
2nd P
3rd E
4th D

Year 8

A
1st D
2nd P
3rd C
4th E

B
1st D
2nd E
3rd C
4th P

Year 9

A
1st D
2nd E
3rd P
4th C

B
1st P
2nd E
3rd C
4th D

Year 10

A
1st E
2nd C
3rd D
4th P

B
1st E
2nd C
3rd D
4th P

Year 11

A
1st E
2nd C
3rd P
4th D

B
1st D
2nd E
3rd P
4th C

Year 8 Football

Well done to the Year 8 boys' Football team who played two West Berkshire league fixtures this evening. They beat The Downs School, 1-0, but lost to Park House School, 3-0. Players of the match were Finley and James.



Year 11 Football

Well done to the Year 11 football team who won, 6-3, against The Downs School. Goalscorers were George and Flynn (both twice) and Liam and Jimmy. Players of the match were Toby, for a solid display at the back, and Flynn for scoring an unbelievable freekick!



1st Football



The 1st boys' Football team played Kennet School in a league fixture this afternoon. The boys fought hard for the whole game and dominated the second half, unfortunately narrowly losing, 3-2. Player of the match was Nakabale Lule.

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