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"At the end of March, I had the finals of the National Youth Public Speaking Competition. After months of prep, mock speeches, workshops, presentations and mentoring, the residential weekend, held in Birmingham, was incredible!



I gave two speeches- the first was a group speech on a topic that needs to be changed or added to the national curriculum, so my group and I spoke about poverty and mental health. For my individual speech, I spoke about neurodiversity awareness- specifically ADHD paralysis and executive dysfunctioning.

After an incredibly stressful day, three awards were given: best group pitch, best individual speech, and the overall winner for 2023, all of which were presented by the Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands, Sir John Crabtree. It was such an incredible opportunity and I'm so proud of all the other finalists. Everyone did so well throughout the competition, and I'm so thankful for the mentoring team for supporting us so well."

What a fantastic achievement. Well done Kat!

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Calendar

Options at 18 Evening, including Early Entrants Presentation	Wednesday 19 April	Hall - 6.30pm
Y10 & 12 CCF Ten Tors Planning in School	Thursday 20 April	P3-5
Y11/Y13 Year Group Photographs	Thursday 20 April	12.10pm
Y10 Drama Trip 'When Darkness Falls'	Thursday 20 April	Oxford Playhouse - 1.10 - 5.30pm
Y12 UCAS Exhibition	Friday 21 April	Farnborough - 8.50am - 1.30pm
St Bart's CCF Ten Tors Event	Friday 21 – Sunday 23 April	
Y8 English Photojournalist Talk	Monday 24 April	Hall - P2 EP; P3 CD
Y7 & Y8 Junior Mathematical Challenge	Wednesday 26 April	Hall - P1 & 2
Y7 Subject Parents' Evening	Wednesday 26 April	Curnock Block - 4.30-7.00pm

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Watermill Theatre Summer Staff

The Watermill is seeking casual staff to provide a warm welcome and efficient restaurant and bar service to customers during our summer season. Applicants need to be aged 16 or over and will be given relevant training – no need for prior experience. Please visit [our website](#) for more details about the role and how to apply.

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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FLASH FICTION COMPETITION

We set a creative writing competition to mark World Book Day. The theme was the natural world and the challenge was to write a poem or a piece of flash fiction (which is a trendy term for a very short, short story). The judging was done over several weeks with great care and deliberation by the sixth formers who attend the Poetry Social Reading and Writing group on Friday lunchtimes in C022. Mr Clayton says, *"I was nominally the chair but I don't think I had to use a casting vote, as agreement had been reached among the astute panellists already."*

The winners were as follows:

Y7: winner Abigail Marshall, 7P3, and runners-up Martha Waterfall, 7P1, and Tom Parry, 7C1

Y8: winner Jamie Fry, 8D1, and runners-up Ursula Morrison, 8P2, and Ollie Manton, 8E2

Y9: winner Tabitha Cook, 9P2, and runners-up Carmen Collins, 9P2, and Lachlan Cameron, 9E1

KS4: winner Jenny Bibin, 11P3, and runners-up Laura Swanson, 11P3, and Megan Purcell, 10C2

Congratulations to all who took part and especially those above. [You can enjoy the winners' entries here](#).

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DRAMA TRIP: 'ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST'

We took our Y12 and Y13 students to the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith, London to see the razor sharp performance of 'Accidental Death of an Anarchist' written by Dario Fo. This is one of our set texts on the A Level Drama curriculum, which students study from the viewpoint of actor, director and designer for their final written paper.

The director has created an adaptation of Dario Fo's 1970s Italian farce that's packed with righteous anger, exploring the themes of corruption, conspiracy and brutality of the police. The headline figure is that 1,850 people have died mysteriously in UK police custody since 1990. The sobering message we take home is that our complacency is costing lives.

The performance was absolutely hilarious, starring BAFTA award winner Daniel Rigby playing The Maniac, running rings around the police force. The quick wit, characterisation and portrayal from the whole cast was of the highest quality. A must-see production and the students loved it.



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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) or leave your details with Reception (01635 521255) and I will contact you.

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Mrs H Sutherland, Clerk to the Governors

PE



Year 7 Football Festival

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys who represented the school in a local area football festival at Trinity School. St Bart's fielded three different teams, and played some good football, scoring several goals.

Year 7 Football League

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys who represented the school in the final two league matches on Tuesday 28 March. St Bart's beat Trinity School, 1-0, and then beat John O'Gaunt School, 5-3, coming back from 0-2 at half time.

Players of the matches were Rory and Abubakar. A special mention should go to Ali who scored the goal against Trinity, goalkeeper Ollie, who made some good saves in the first match, and goalkeeper Danny, who saved a penalty in the second match (both playing in a full-sized goal).



U15 Football



Our U15 girls played their semi final of the County Cup against Piggott School. Due to injuries and illness, we only had a squad of 10, so we knew it was going to be a tough ask. However, our girls were absolutely fantastic and matched them for the entire game. We lost, 5-3, in the end, but every single player put in a great performance.

A big shout out to Olive who got the opposition's player of the match for some brilliant saves and Mya who got Miss Bilcliff's player of the match for two well taken goals.

The girls should be super proud of themselves considering the circumstances. Well done to Meg too for scoring our other goal. A great cup run which we hope to go one step further and get to the final next year!

1st Football



The 1st boy's football team had their final league fixture against John Madejski Academy. The team went 3-0 down early on in the game due to some silly mistakes. However, the team fought hard and came away 5-3 winners after a fantastic second half display. It has been a great season, winning three league games and narrowly losing the Gibbs cup. Player of the match was James Hutchinson who scored a hat trick

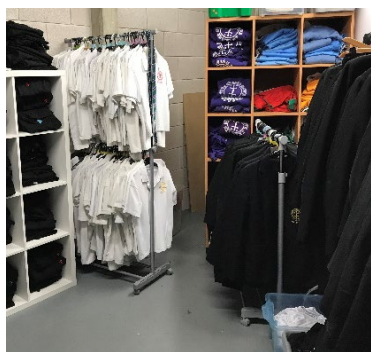
Badminton Festival

8 of our students participated in a KS4 Badminton Festival, playing singles and doubles against other schools. Our students played some fantastic badminton against good competition, and everybody enjoyed the afternoon. Thanks to John O'Gaunt School for hosting.

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ACTIVITY TIME CLUBS

MONDAY

YEAR 7 OPEN AND MIXED BADMINTON

TUESDAY

YEAR 8 OPEN AND MIXED BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY

YEARS 7-11 OPEN AND MIXED DODGEBALL
YEARS 7-11 OPEN AND MIXED BASKETBALL
GCSE PE INTERVENTION
ALEVEL PE INTERVENTION
BTEC SPORT INTERVENTION

THURSDAY

YEAR 8 OPEN AND MIXED TENNIS



SUMMER CO-CURRICULAR

MONDAY

ALL YEARS VOLLEYBALL
ALL YEARS FITNESS/AEROBICS/YOGA
YEARS 7-10 NETBALL
YEARS 7-9 GIRLS BADMINTON

TUESDAY

YEARS 7+8 GIRLS CRICKET
YEARS 7+8 BOYS CRICKET
YEARS 9+10 TENNIS
YEARS 7+8 TABLE TENNIS

WEDNESDAY

YEARS 7-10 ATHLETICS
YEARS 7-9 GIRLS CRICKET
YEARS 11+6TH FORM CRICKET
YEARS 7+8 TENNIS
YEARS 7-9 RUNNING CLUB (PATTERSON BLOCK)
YEARS 7-10 BADMINTON

THURSDAY

YEARS 7-10 ATHLETICS
YEARS 9+10 GIRLS CRICKET
YEARS 9+10 BOYS CRICKET
YEARS 7+8 - MARTIAL ARTS

FRIDAY

YEARS 10 - 6TH FORM BADMINTON
YEARS 10- 6TH FORM CRICKET FIXTURES

**ALL CLUBS ARE
OPEN AND
MIXED UNLESS
SPECIFIED
OTHERWISE!**

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AT THE PE
OFFICE IF YOU
HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS.**