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Please note the procedures relating to school leavers' credits or debits with the school.

BURGHCLERE PRIMARY SCHOOL:

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Parent Governor Election

The Notice of Election for a Parent Governor was sent out to all parents and carers on Monday. If you would like to stand as a Parent Governor, please see the information on [our website](#). The deadline for the return of nominations is Tuesday 2 May at 9 am.

Mrs H Sutherland, Returning Officer

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Calendar

Y7 & Y8 Junior Mathematical Challenge	Wednesday 26 April	Hall - P1 & 2
Y7 Subject Parents' Evening	Wednesday 26 April	Curnock Block - 4.30-7.00pm
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 2 May	
Y10 Reports issued	Wednesday 3 May	

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



HOUSE DRAMA 2023

THURSDAY 4TH MAY - LUKER HALL -
6:30PM TO 09:00PM

Good luck to all the Houses involved!

**£1.50 TICKETS
VIA
PARENTPAY**

- ENTRY VIA THE FOYER
- SHOW YOUR TICKETS ON YOUR PHONE
- £1 REFRESHMENTS IN THE INTERVAL

Doors open 6:00pm. A limited number of tickets will also be available on the door.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Celeros, Newbury - Apprenticeship Open Day

Celeros are currently offering four apprenticeship places to join them at their facility in Newbury. Join them on Wednesday 3 May at 10am for an interactive experience. For more information and to book your place, please contact Rachel Eaves on 01635 35975 or rachel@wbtc-uk.com. Or just turn up on the day at Celeros Flow Technology, RG14 5TR.

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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SPRING DANCE UPDATE

It's been a busy time for the Dance Department: As well as preparation for exams, last month saw two amazing nights of performances by our students.

On Tuesday 28 March, the Validus Company* joined ORB Youth Dance Co, a semi-professional performance company, at the Spring Equinox. Presented by ACE Dance Studios, the Spring Equinox is held at Newbury Corn Exchange and is a celebration of dance, performed by West Berkshire schools, youth dance companies, community projects and specialist performing arts colleges.



On Thursday 30 March, the department held their annual St Bart's Dance Showcase. The evening is a celebration of the St Bart's dance community and includes the performance of a variety of works from across our different year groups, including exam pieces and work by the Validus Company and Validus Academy.

Mrs Warnes, Head of Dance, said, "I am so incredibly proud of every single student who took part in these fantastic shows. Every ounce of effort that our students put in definitely paid off. We are so lucky to have such a big and talented St Bart's Dance family. Thank you to all the students who took part and those who came to watch and support them."

To view more images, visit the [Dance Department Instagram](#) and [Dance microsite](#)

*The Validus Company was founded by the Dance Department to support students looking to continue their dance journey at highly competitive dance schools. The Company comprises of GCSE and A Level St Bart's students, all of whom audition for a coveted place.

GAMELAN WORKSHOP

We recently welcomed Mike Simpson from Inspire-works back to St Bart's to run an Indonesian Gamelan Workshop for our Year 7s. Our students learned about the different instruments that make up this traditional percussion orchestra, discovered some of the conventions of Indonesian music, and had an amazing opportunity to learn and perform a balungan, a traditional piece of Indonesian music, on authentic instruments from the other side of the globe. From sets of tuned metal chimes to enormous iron gongs the size of truck tyres, the students experienced the genuine sounds of the music of another culture first hand.



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'WHEN DARKNESS FALLS'



"Do you believe in ghosts?" "Have you experienced any supernatural happenings?" These were some of the exciting conversations that came out of our visit to Oxford Playhouse with our Y10 Drama students. When they visited the new production of 'When Darkness Falls' to inspire their live theatre review skills. This psychological thriller was packed with clever jump scares, including chairs moving on their own and items mysteriously flying off shelves. Inspired by a true story, this production revealed a clever plot twist, exploring the power of stories and the unknown. What do you believe?

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ROYAL INSTITUTION MASTERCLASSES IN COMPUTER SCIENCE 2023

These classes consist of various hands-on, interactive extra-curricular activities. Their aim is to help students explore the world of Computer Science and they hope to inspire them to continue their engagement in the

subject. The purpose of these masterclasses is to build a network of engaged and inspirational young people who are likely to consider Computer Science at a higher level.

Each year, 24 students are selected to join. The masterclasses consist of a series of 6 Saturday morning workshops, covering various topics from quantum computing to how computing meets biology.

St Bart's has 2 successful candidates, Timmy (9P3) and Carmen (9P2), who will be joining these classes. This is a great opportunity and we wish them all the best!



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VISIT FROM EEKLO

After writing pen pal letters to the students in Eeklo, they paid us a visit on Wednesday 29 March, wanting to learn about life in an English school. We started off the day in Wormestall Conference Centre getting to know our pen pals. We did this by answering in French (a mutual language). We learnt about the many similarities and differences in our two schools. For example, in Eeklo they do not have to wear school uniform. As well as this, we found out that nearly all of the students cycle to school and they were very surprised to see how few bikes there were in the Bart's bike shed!



Following this quick-fire introduction session, we took them on a tour of the school, visiting all of the blocks, and they were shocked to see how large the school was compared to theirs and how many facilities we have. It was fascinating to compare the different schools.

Despite the rainy weather, we then took the students into Newbury town centre to show them around. They all appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to explore our town; as much as we all enjoyed showing it off. It was interesting being able to compare where we live in a range of languages, as well as having the opportunity to interact with people of different cultures with different stories. All of our St Bart's students have agreed it was a fun and engaging experience and would be thrilled to be given the chance to do something similar again. Thank you to Mrs Sheikh for organising and to Mrs Hedley-Smith for accompanying us.

Katya 10D2 and Edith 10E2

"It was a great experience and I liked getting to know our penpals"-Gwen

"It was so fun interacting with people of different cultures and I think it would be a wonderful idea to see them again, if we went to Belgium" - Louis

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LIBRARY REQUEST TO SCHOOL LEAVERS ABOUT TEXTBOOKS

Years 11 and 13

Now that we are approaching exams and nearing the end of this academic year, we would like to remind parents that your child's textbooks, library books and laptop (if they have one) should be returned to the Library by Friday 23 June 2023, at the latest. Of course, students will still be using these resources to complete their studies, but please can you ensure any resources belonging to school are returned once students have completed their exams. Please can students hand them to a member of the Library staff so we can check that your account is clear. Many thanks for your help. Students can come and speak to us in the Library if there are any questions or concerns.



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FINANCE NOTICE TO ALL SCHOOL LEAVERS

Lunch accounts and additional purchased printing credits of leavers

Please can you check the balance on your child's lunch account and additional purchased printing credits before they leave St Bart's. (Note: No action is needed for students continuing into the Sixth Form).

Where lunch accounts are in debit, and therefore money is owing to the school, please pay using ParentPay, or pay Mrs Billingham in the Facilities Office between 2.00pm and 2.30pm by **Friday 14 May**. Overdrafts will not be permitted after this date. Alternatively, the money can be left in a clearly labelled envelope at the school reception.

Where lunch accounts are in credit, monies can be refunded to students:

1. via parentpay by e-mailing finance@stbarts.co.uk.
2. transferred to a sibling remaining at St Bart's by e-mailing to finance@stbarts.co.uk.
3. or, where deposits were paid over 48 months ago, refunds can be given at the times noted above from the Facilities Office.

The lunch accounts remain operational throughout the exam period and refunds or payments can be made up to 19 July. However, any monies remaining on accounts in credit at the end of the Summer Term 2023 (20 July 2023) will be taken as kindly donated to the school.

Please obtain any unused purchased printing credits from the Finance Department. Any monies remaining on accounts in credit at the end of the Summer Term 2023 (20 July 2023) will be taken as kindly donated to the school.

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BURGHCLERE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Burghclere Primary School are looking to co-opt a Community Governor. If you, or anyone you know, would like to be part of the school's future success, please contact adminoffice@burghclere.hants.sch.uk for more information. Community Governors do not need to be a parent at the school or have worked in education - people from a range of backgrounds with different types of experience are needed to provide a well-balanced view when assisting with the strategic leadership of the school. This is a voluntary role requiring attendance at two meetings per half term. No experience is necessary and full training will be provided.

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PE

Congratulations to Malcolm Taylor our superstar Badminton Coach!

Earlier this year, as a school, we nominated Malcolm for Badminton England's 'Volunteer of the Year Award' for which he was awarded runner up in this prestigious category. This is an outstanding achievement.

Malcolm is a highly dedicated and talented Badminton coach and we have been fortunate enough to have Malcolm coaching our students for a number of years.



This award represents the outstanding commitment that Malcolm gives to both our students and those that he coaches within the community through Newbury Badminton Club.

The Chief Executive for Badminton England said, *"The panel were extremely impressed by your volunteer work. I would like to add my personal congratulations and thanks for your amazing contribution to Badminton and for all your hard work."*

Congratulations Malcolm, a very well deserved recognition of your contribution to Badminton. A huge thank you to you for all your continued help and support with our students.



Junior Badminton Doubles Tournament

Congratulations to Arthur and Lewis who took part in the Year 11 and under doubles tournament at Elstree School on Sunday 16 April.

They were clearly a formidable duo, as they didn't drop a match or even a point throughout the whole day meaning that they were overall winners of the tournament. Very well done to you both.

Year 11 Sports Leaders

Congratulations to the Year 11 Sports Leaders who have successfully completed their Sports Leaders course with flying colours.

They were awarded their certificates and badges at the end of term and were a high achieving cohort of Sports Leaders.

Very well done to you all and thank you for all your excellent support and commitment.

For those staying in the Sixth Form, it would be great if you were able to continue your volunteering both in school and in our primary schools



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