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This year, Curnock sought to impress with 'Amber Intrigue', a mystical adventure and retelling of folk tales. Davis brought us 'A Priest's Demise', a mystery murder with a sinful cast. Evers gave us Macbeth as you've never seen it performed before in 'Shakespeare Goes Wrong' and we entered a Patterson dystopian games show in 'The Final Round'. Traditionally, Year 12 write and direct each play, whilst Year 8 and Year 10 are the stars of the stage. Here are some words from two of our directors:



Louisa Sutherland (Year 12 Curnock): *"The whole experience has been really interesting. It has been great for my leadership skills. We have had our challenges, such as shifting schedules and sourcing props, but the whole team has been great"*

Heinrich Engela (Year 12 Patterson): *"I'm really into drama and I've had a lot of opportunity to act and be directed. This was my chance to develop director skills and that is great for my CV."*



Mrs Howe, Head of Drama, said: *"House Drama is just such a brilliant event. It is an opportunity for the students to create something that is completely their own. All the plays were extremely well received and all those involved should be proud and congratulated for the time and effort they have put in and for their performances on the night."*



However, there can only ever be one winner, and this year it was Evers! Congratulations Evers!

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Calendar

Y7 House Rounders and Softball	Wednesday 10 May	P1 (E/P Released)
Y11 Final day of teaching	Thursday 11 May	
Y9 House Rounders and Softball	Thursday 11 May	P1 (J Released)
Y13 Leavers' BBQ	Thursday 11 May	3.20-5.00pm
Y11 Graduation Day	Friday 12 May	Hall - 8.30-10.30am
Y13 Graduation Parade - no Y13 lessons today	Friday 12 May	(Y13 lessons continue in wk 32)
U15/U17/U19 Girls & Boys Area Athletics Competition	Friday 12 May	Palmer Park - All Day
GCSE & GCE EXAMS START	Monday 15 May	
Y7-10 Girls English Schools Track and Field Cup	Tuesday 16 May	Palmer Park - All Day

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Ernst & Young Apprenticeships

Ernst & Young's Assurance services comprise of audit, financial accounting advisory services and forensic and integrity services. Apprentice roles are still open for applications but roles starting in this September 2023 close on 12 June. There are opportunities available across the UK, including Bristol and Southampton. [Find out more here.](#)

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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After a day of kit checking and route planning, 13 students from Years 10 and 12 departed for Dartmoor on Friday 21 April. Their challenge: to complete 35-mile (Year 10) and 45-mile (Year 12) routes across the challenging terrain of Dartmoor, including the bogs, rain (Saturday afternoon was just wet!), hills and navigational challenges. Having arrived on the western edge of the moor, tents were set up and fish and chips consumed in preparation for the 2-day expedition ahead.



The challenge is to complete the 35 or 45-mile distance between 7am on Saturday and 6pm on Sunday, so Saturday morning was an early start! It proved to be a mixed weather and visibility day, with the morning including some showers and mist, but the afternoon being basically just rain! Both teams reached all their checkpoints, with a bit of navigational challenge for the 35s, but pretty much spot on navigation by the 45s, arriving within 5 minutes of each other at the overnight campsite at just after 9pm, having completed around 22 and 28 miles respectively on day 1. It had been a long day with cold, wet and tired bodies putting up tents and cooking ration pack dinners.



Getting up at 6am was a challenge, but the 45s were first to leave the campsite on Sunday morning. The weather was kinder and the visibility clear, but legs were tired and blisters were starting to take their toll. Both teams showed resilience, perseverance and teamwork in supporting each other to ensure that all team members completed their allocated routes within the required time. There were several declarations of never going to Dartmoor again from Year 10, but we hope to see them taking on the 45-mile challenge in Year 11 or 12 once the appreciation and satisfaction of their achievement has had the time to sink in!



Congratulations to both teams on completing their 'Ten Tors' challenge:

Year 10: Isaac Rutter, Oscar Willsher, Zephyr Scott, Ryan Pateman, Adam White, Eish Mahajan



Year 12: Luke Rutter, Alex Scourfield, Ed Hall, Ben Cook, Jonathan Kelly, Tom Hall, Oli Butler

Thanks to all the staff who helped support the students so that this event could happen: Cpt Edwards, Lt Scourfield, Lt Baikie, Sqd Ldr Gregory, plus CCF volunteers: Lt Wright, Maj Brooker, Dr Scourfield, Sgt Edwards, and all the other staff who supported on the Sunday training walks last term.

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NINE MEDICAL OFFERS FOR ST BART'S YEAR 13

Congratulations to Adam, Annabel, Baijal, Elliot, Georgia, Harris, Maisie, Oliver and Thanvi (Year 13) who have all been made offers to take up medicine related courses. This follows months of hard work and study to complete extremely competitive entry tests and interviews for their chosen universities.

In addition to Georgia, who as previously reported, has secured a place to study Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University, Adam is set to take up a Veterinary Medicine placement at Nottingham University. Baijal and Maisie have both been offered places to study Medicine at Birmingham University, whilst Haaris and Elliot were also successful with applications at Imperial College London. Annabel received offers from Birmingham,

Exeter and Nottingham. Both Oliver and Thanvi secured a remarkable total of four places each. Oliver has been made offers by Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff and Exeter, whilst Thanvi is looking to study at either Birmingham, Queen Mary London, Liverpool or Plymouth.

Mrs Lane, Head of Sixth Form at St Bart's said, "This has been an extremely successful year for applications - one of the best on record. At a time when there is so much focus on the future of the NHS, it is truly heartening to know that such talented students are choosing to enter these challenging but rewarding professions. We are incredibly proud of all of them."



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WELL DONE 9P3!

Last week students from 9P3 raised £68 for Islamic Relief with their cake sale.

Aly Elegizy said, "Seeing all of the conflict and the lack of support and help for Sudan, I felt compelled to help. I genuinely remember sitting down at my sofa, seeing the devastation and the first thing I thought about in my mind was, should I do a fundraiser? I saw the suffering these people were facing and just felt sympathetic."

Well done 9P3.

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YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY DEBATE

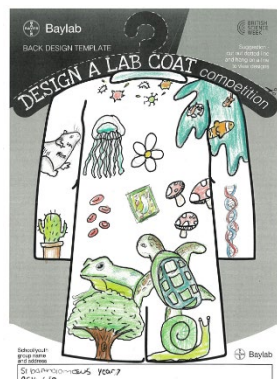
7E2 have been working hard in Geography this week, debating on the subject of who should look after the environment? Three groups put forward differing viewpoints, as to whether it should be the government, adults or everybody's responsibility. Some fierce counterpoints were made by all, and lots of valuable debating skills learnt.



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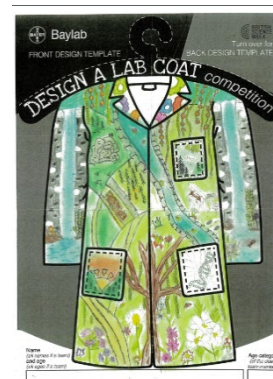
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We recently celebrated the annual British Science Week. There were many excellent entries to the different competitions based on the Science Week themes. Congratulations to all those that entered.



Judging winners was a challenge but we have decided that the winner of the Connections poster competition is Abigail Marshall (7P3).

And the winners of the Baylab "design a labcoat" competition are Teddy Brennan (8P2), Roba Shadoufa (7E2), Sophie Meynell (7P3) and Elly Wong (7P2).



Their four designs have been entered for the national competition.

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MARNIE EXHIBITS



On Friday evening A Level Textiles student Marnie (12C6) and her family attended the private view of this year's Open Studios exhibition where her textile piece 'Rust and Decay' has been selected for exhibit. Well done Marnie.

The exhibition entitled 'Insight' is at The Base, Greenham, and is open daily until 29 May showcasing work from all the local artists and schools taking part in this year's Open Studios scheme. [You can see more work from St Bart's students here.](#)

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PE



St Bart's Championship Swimmers

We're proud to report that St Bart's swimmers have an exceptional end to their season. Kaleb (13D2) qualified for four events in the British Championships at the end of last month. Putting in three great performances, alongside Olympians and Commonwealth swimmers, Kaleb held strong to his personal best times. His best swim was hot on the heels of a late arrival due to a motorway closure. It seemed to work in his favour, as he qualified for a B Final. This bought a new personal best and a move from eighth to sixth position.

Kaleb then went on to win Gold in the 100m

freestyle and Silver in the 50m butterfly at the South East Regional Championships. Abbie (13E3), Lucy (11P1) and Saba (11P1) were also competing. Saba won Bronze in the 100m and 200m breaststroke finals and came 5th in the 50m breaststroke. In her first regional championship, Lucy qualified for the 50m back stroke and finished two places higher than she qualified.



When he leaves St Bart's, Kaleb's plans to study for a degree in Sports Management at Bath University, where he will join the intensive swimming team for elite athletes and continue his swimming with one of the best GB teams.

Well done to all our fantastic swimmers. The English and British Nationals are fast approaching, so watch this space!

Year 7 Cricket

Thank you and well done to all the Year 7 girls who came into school on a strike day to take part in a West Berkshire league cricket fixture against St Gabriel's school.

All girls played really well and had lots of fun.

Team 1 won 51- 46

Team 2 lost 32-44



Year 9 Cricket



Our Year 9s took part in their first round of sCricket fixtures this term. Our A team lost to St Gabriel's A and Kennet School A in two closely fought matches but beat The Willink School with a fantastic batting display from Amelie and Matilda. Our B team beat Park House School very comprehensively and lost to a strong Kennet School B team. Well done to all girls involved - especially those who learnt the rules on the spot!!



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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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