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GOOD LUCK YEAR 11

Y11 Graduation on Friday 12 May was a wonderful opportunity to give our Y11 students a proper send off before the start of their GCSE exams. After spending time taking photos with their friends and teachers outdoors whilst enjoying delicious waffles, students made their way to the school hall to reminisce about their last five years at St Bart's. There was much laughter looking back at students' younger selves, not to mention a "guess who" activity based on staff's baby photos!

As the exam season begins, we wish all students the best of luck in their exams. We look forward to welcoming the majority back to join our Sixth Form in September, and for those who move on to new adventures, we wish you well!



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Calendar

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| Y7-10 Boys' English Schools Track and Field Cup | Thursday 18 May | Palmer Park - All Day |
| Y12 Subject Parents' Evening | Thursday 18 May | Curnock Block - 4.30-7.00pm |
| Y13 - Final day of teaching | Friday 19 May | |
| Y12 A Level Business Trip | Friday 19 May | BMW Plant, Oxford (Group 1) 8.30am-12.15pm |
| Y7 House Rounders and Softball | Monday 22 May | P2 (E/P Released) |
| German Exchange Parents' Meeting | Monday 22 May | WCC - 5pm |
| Y9 House Rounders and Softball | Wednesday 24 May | P3 (J Released) |

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

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: ADVIZA Industry Webinar: Textiles

Tuesday 23 May 2023 – 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Bookings are free and can be made via the [Events](#) page on the ADVIZA Careers Portal now. This webinar is suitable for all year groups and anyone - students, parents/carers, staff, is welcome to join in. If you require any further details, please email: careersguidance@adviza.org.uk

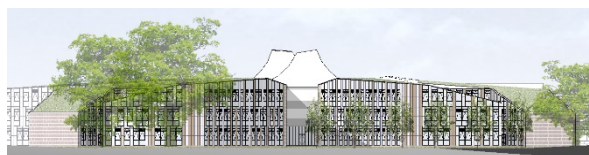
St Bart's Careers Education Programme is delivered through PSHE lessons, assemblies and a portfolio of careers events. [More information on the programme can be found on our website](#). You will also find on our website a [Careers Opportunities page](#), which features news the school is sent on Apprenticeship 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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VACANCIES

LEAD TEACHING ASSISTANT: MATHEMATICS

We are looking for a Lead Teaching Assistant: Mathematics to join us on 5 June 2023 or as soon as possible, on a permanent basis.



This role is to support teachers in the delivery of differentiated high quality Maths lessons, to support students in their learning and development and to encourage them to participate in all aspects of school life. We are seeking applicants with good educational qualifications and organisational ability, who have empathy with students, and are able to motivate and encourage them.

HOURS: 29 hours and 40 minutes per week, Monday to Thursday 8.40am to 3.10pm and Friday 8.40am to 2.50pm, term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata.

SALARY: £24054.00 - £25878.00 gross pa (£12.47 - £13.41 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £16535.40 gross pa.

For full details and to apply, please visit: www.stbarts.co.uk

Closing date: Monday 22 May 2023

All applicants shortlisted will be subject to an online search. Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks.

Tel: 01635 521255 E-mail: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

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GOOD LUCK YEAR 13!

Last week, we also said goodbye to our Year 13 students, and the Sixth Form held a week of celebrations to mark another exceptional St Bart's year group. On Wednesday, we held our Year 13 Leavers' Assembly, with reflections from staff and students, videos and even some Year 7 photos thrown in for good measure. We reflected on the leavers' many achievements and memories of Sixth Form events, trips, fixtures and performances.

Students were also treated to a celebration video (look for @stbarts6thform on Instagram) by our Head Students which featured many familiar faces from around the school.

The assembly was followed by a brilliant BBQ celebration and games on Luker Field. On Thursday, the Sixth Form Common Room rang loud with a Leavers' Karaoke Special, and the incredible week was rounded up with the annual tradition of our Year 13 Leavers' Parade. The whole school paid tribute to our Leavers' who rocked various fancy dress and walked out to David Bowie's 'Heroes'. They are all heroes to us and they will be sorely missed as a major part of the school community. Good luck with your exams!

Prom has sold out due to limited capacity. We do have a waiting list, so please get in touch with jwilder@stbarts.co.uk to be put on the waiting list. We do apologise for the limited capacity but unfortunately this was the best we could do with the venues available.

Year books are being put together and further collection information on this will be released in the coming weeks.



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EXAM PAPER SCAM

Reports in the media have been circulating about leaked exam papers being available to buy online. We'd like to advise that the security around exam papers is extremely high and it's unlikely anything useful would be available through such a transaction. Furthermore the exams regulator, Ofqual warn that those purchasing such scam papers could lose their qualifications. Anyone with concerns about these matters should speak to their tutor or other staff member at St Bart's.

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YOUNG ENTERPRISE COMPANIES AT THE AREA FINAL

Our two Young Enterprise teams, Genesis and Aeternum, participated in the Young Enterprise final on 11 May at Oracle, Thames Valley Business Park, Reading.

This event is the culmination of all the work that students have put into the program since September. Students set up an exhibition stand, which was visited by a team of judges, and they were questioned on their business activity, the processes they followed and the skills they have developed as a Young Enterprise participant. Each competing team gave a short presentation, detailing their business story. Judges then selected winning teams in areas such as enterprise, business planning and organisation and management.



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Our Young Enterprise team did an amazing job on Thursday evening. They were very smart and professional in their appearance, the trade stands looked great, they spoke to the judges with enthusiasm and delivered a very polished presentation. The teams were awarded with participation certificates for getting to this stage, as many student companies fail in the early days of the program. Although we did not come away with any specific prizes this year, the students were a credit to the school. We are the only school in West Berkshire participating in Young Enterprise. The students who took part on the evening are: Taylor Brereton, Cameron Cogan, Harriett Dawes, Max Humphrey, Peace Oke, Gemma Porter, Mohammed Shaikh, Sarah Viljoen-Kadziya and Jimi White

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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK



St Bart's are supporting and helping to spread the word this #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek – 15-21 May. Join in and help to create a world with good mental health for all. Find out more and get involved [here](#). There are lots of things you can do to help with feelings of anxiety. [Check out @mentalhealth's tips here](#).

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RHODIUM READERS REWARDED

We are incredibly impressed by the dedicated and determined efforts of Vraj and Irina (pictured) who have recently completed the Rhodium Reading Challenge. Students in Years 7 and 8 should be reading regularly, and signing books off during their Library lessons. To complete Rhodium, they must have read 57 books, and the later challenges encourage students to read increasingly difficult books and things they might not read otherwise. Vraj and Irina are so impressive and we are really proud of their efforts. They might now be working their way through the final challenge, The Ultimate Reading Challenge - 100 books to read before you leave school. You can find this and the other challenges on the [Stretch and Challenge Site](#). Well done again to Vraj and Irina!

Mr Randall



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BATHOLONNEWS HEADER COMPETITION 2023

BartholoNews, our school newsletter, goes out weekly to staff, students and parents/carers, with a circulation of over 4700.

Competition Brief: We are looking for a BartholoNews title design for the school year 2023/2024. Last year, the winning student design (below) was by Juliet in Year 10.

The new winning design will head up our weekly newsletter throughout 2023/2024 and will include a by-line for the student designer. You will also win a certificate to include in your portfolio of work and a £30 Hobbycraft voucher. This is a great opportunity to have your work seen by our whole school community. It would look great on personal statements, CVs or even House Colour applications!



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Design Brief: The design should be bold and clear and must feature the newsletter title BartholoNews. It should include our school logo or space for us to add the logo. The design can be in any style or media. [Use the design template available online](#) and at the Art office (top floor Curnock) to ensure your design has the correct dimensions.

Competition Rules: The competition is open to any current St Bart's student. The deadline is midday on **Friday 30 June**. Entries should either be sent to bartholonews@stbarts.co.uk or delivered to the Art office (top floor Curnock) - remember to tell us your name and tutor group.

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Vacancy for Community Trustees

St Bartholomew's School Charitable Foundation is looking for new Community Trustees.

The Foundation owns the majority of the land and buildings used by St Bartholomew's School, is the custodian of many prize funds, other funds relating to the upkeep of the school and has responsibility for a permanent

endowment of funds and assets, including property. The principal object of the Foundation is to provide educational benefits to the students of St Bartholomew's School.

There are 12 Foundation Trustees who meet once a term. Half of the Trustees are nominated by West Berkshire Council, Newbury Town Council and Newbury Almshouse Trust. There are six Community Trustees who are drawn from the local community and are valued because they are able to enhance the Foundation with their skills and knowledge. The term of office for Community Trustees is four years.

Appointments are usually made based on the skills needed for the Foundation to continue to function effectively. On this occasion, we are particularly looking for candidates who have local knowledge and past or present connections with the school. Some experience of finance and/or property/land management as well as some understanding of committee work would be helpful.

The closing date for applications is Friday 26 May, 2023.

If you have the skills noted above and would like to apply, or have any questions about the role, please contact Helen Sutherland, Clerk to the Foundation, at foundation@stbarts.co.uk.

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WILDFLOWER MEADOW

The wildflower meadow in the St Bart's Nature Reserve is looking great at this time of year. A decade ago, this was simply part of the school field. Now, it has a really high biodiversity and supports many insect species, such as the day-flying moth, the Burnet Companion, and several species of butterfly, such as the Common Blue and the Marbled White. The large area of white flowers is a lovely patch of Meadow Saxifrage, which is quite an unusual sight nowadays. Year 12 Biology students use this area to conduct Biodiversity surveys as part of their A Level study.



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THE WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION IS BACK WITH A BANG!

The Drama Department invites all students in Years 7-12 to sign up for the auditions for this wonderful classic musical.

The auditions will take place on Thursday 8 June in P010 from 3.30-5pm



We would also like to encourage any budding designers/technicians or backstage crew to sign up and come and find out more at the same time as the auditions.

Please use the QR code to sign up before Friday 26 May.



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PE

Year 9 Cricket

A fantastic victory for the Year 9 boys followed a tough first innings. Being hit for 85-6 from the 75 deliveries with St Bart's having 9 players was a difficult start, but some solid bowling from Yudeesh (0-4 from 2 overs) kept the total lower than it could have been.

It was a slow start from the St Bart's batsmen, but Ray crunched a 20 not out, and the loss of 7 wickets brought Leo back in. A quick 23 not out of 6 deliveries saw the gap in the scores close, and the lads needed 5 from the last over. A strong 8 not out from Ed with the winning 4 saw St Bart's home with a ball to spare.

Players of the match were Leo and Ray for their batting efforts.



Primary Tri-Golf Festival

Thank you to the Year 10 Sports Leaders who helped out at the Primary Schools Tri-Golf Festival

A number of Year 10 Sports Leaders hugely supported and helped to run the Primary Schools Tri-Golf Festival which was held at St Barts. There were around a dozen schools attending and all students had a thoroughly enjoyable experience with the help of our leaders who played a key role in running the stations and scoring.

Thank you for your help and support.



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