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NEWBURY'S 'MAYOR-MAKING' CEREMONY:

On 14 May St Bart's students, once again assisted with Newbury's Mayor Making ceremony.

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YEAR 11 BARTS AMBASSADORS:

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BARTHOLONNEWS HEADER COMPETITION 2023:

A reminder of our competition to design the BartholoNews header for 2023/24

CALCULATORS FOR LESSONS AND EXAMS:

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EPIPEN RECALL:

If your son/daughter uses an EpiPen please be aware that there has been a recall notification. [Find out more here...](#)

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shop, which proved popular! It was a great adventure and we hope that all the students involved enjoyed the experience. We would like to thank all the staff (both those that attended the trip and those that helped with the organisation) and the students for the



great way they represented St Bart's – especially when visiting places of remembrance. We asked students to write a report on the trip. Thank you to all those who took the time to do so.



Toby Adams (8P1) said *"I thought that the Thiepval memorial was the most interesting and saddening part of all the trip. The reason is that my friend and I calculated that over 65,000 names could be on that memorial but even **that** was an estimate - it could be even more."* [Read more Battlefields Trip reports here.](#)

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Calendar

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| Y9 House Rounders and Softball | Wednesday 24 May | P3 (J Released) |
| Y8 House Rounders and Softball | Friday 26 May | P1 (E/P Released) |
| HALF TERM Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June | | |
| Y10 Graphics Trip to Marwell Zoo | Tuesday 6 June | All Day |
| 8EP Geography Trip to Hurst Castle | Wednesday 7 June | All day |
| KS3 House Chess | Wednesday 7 June | C117 - Activity Time |

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: International Nursing Day Online Event

Thursday 1 June, 10.00 - 15.00. Discover what a career in nursing could look like for you, speak to nurses, find out more on the different routes into nursing including university and apprenticeships. [Sign up 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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BUSINESS STUDIES STUDENTS VISIT BMW



On Friday May 19 A Level Business Studies students visited the BMW plant in Oxford.

Students started their trip with a visit to the exhibition centre which covers the history of the BMW mini brand, along with detail about operations and marketing at the business.

Students then had a tour of the manufacturing facility, starting with the production and welding of the frame and chassis. This was followed by the post paint phase where the cars are assembled with engines, wheels etc

added. Finally, students were able to see the finished cars being driven off the production line. Students were able to see different aspects of operations, such as the use of robots in production, cell production methods and Just-in-Time inventory management.

Operations management is a key part of the A level specification and the visit is an excellent opportunity for students to experience this in the real world. We will take a second group of students to BMW on 16 June.



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LESSONS FROM AUSCHWITZ

[In January, BartholoNews reported](#) that two St Bart's students, Isabella Warner and Ariana Vlahakis, were successful in securing two student places on The Holocaust Educational Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz Project. Subsequently, two more students, Ellie Klecun and Elliot Rabinowitz, were fortunate to be offered additional places. Ellie (12E4) tells us more about her experience.

My experience with Lessons from Auschwitz was an eye-opening



experience. The Auschwitz concentration camp was located on the outskirts of Oświęcim. It was later referred to as "Auschwitz I" or "Main Camp." Auschwitz-Birkenau "Auschwitz II," was located near the Polish village Brzezinka; this is about 2 miles from the Main Camp. When visiting the camps, it became clear how affecting the experience can be,



and why the preserved remains of the camps acts as an important symbol. It allows us to reflect on the prosecution of people for following their religion, or not being the 'same' as everyone else. Once we returned home, we completed a next step online seminar and listened to the testimony from Janine Webber. As a group we presented the importance of the Holocaust to Year 12 and KS3 and qualified as Holocaust Ambassadors through the Holocaust Education Trust and we plan on working on more ways to humanise the Holocaust in the near future, bringing to light testimonies of survivors, as hearing from the people and family members allow people to understand from their perspective what it was like."

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HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT TRIP

Aidan Soulby's (10E1) grandfather, Graham Pask, is retiring after 40 years in local politics, and was invited by Laura Farris to have a tour of the Houses of Parliament. Aidan was lucky enough to accompany him. He tells us about the trip.

"Recently I met our local MP, Laura Farris, at the Houses of Parliament where I went on a tour. We started off with a 25-minute Q&A session. We could ask her any questions and she'd answer them from her view point. She then told us what a usual day in the Houses of Parliament was like. Laura also gave us some background information on what she knew about the Houses of Parliament. Once we finished that we got a tour of the House of Commons and House of Lords. We found out some extra information about how a vote happens. I was very lucky to receive a Hansard (a recollection of what was said) about what was passed the Wednesday before my visit. After seeing both, I can say the House of Lords was more impressive."



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NEWBURY'S 'MAYOR-MAKING' CEREMONY

14 May 2023

Having spent the last year as the mayor's cadets, which involved them giving up their own time to support the mayor at numerous events, Sgts Tomoya (13C4) and Rose (13D1) received their certificates from outgoing mayor, Gary Norman, in recognition of the service given.

As last year, five cadets volunteered their services to assist with the whole event. Following a briefing in the Town Hall, various items had to be taken to the Corn Exchange in readiness for the ceremony. Part way through the ceremony, all began the process of setting up the buffet at St Nicolas' Church Hall before two returned to the Corn Exchange in readiness to return items to the Town Hall at the end of the ceremony.



While most of those in the Corn Exchange went on to attend a service at St Nicolas, cadets were able to complete the setting up of the church hall and enjoy a taste of the buffet before the guests arrived. The final tasks involved clearing away all that had been used at the buffet and returning yet more items to the Town Hall. My thanks to cadet Corporal Isabella Warner and cadets George Berry, Sophie Bunce, Ella Plowman and Sophia Warner for volunteering to assist with this event.

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HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

With only seven weeks left to go, there is still a lot to play for in the House Championship. Evers closed the gap in the Arts and Enrichment Cup after a win in the House Drama competition and Key Stage 3 Chess begins the week after half term. It is still all to play for in the Sports Cup with only 40 points separating the Houses. There are six events still to go and in the Sixth Form Cup, Davis have extended their lead. Here is how the competitions look so far...

| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sports | D | C | E | P |
| Arts and Enrichment | P | D & E | | C |
| Academic | P | C | D | E |
| Sixth Form | D | E | C | P |

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YEAR 11 BARTS AMBASSADORS

We would like to say thank you to our Year 11 BARTS Ambassadors who have worked hard to support key events throughout the school calendar. They have helped with events from Year 6 Welcome Evenings to Open Evenings and House events. Their distinctive purple ties, coupled with their enthusiasm and commitment, will be missed around the school. They have been excellent role models to our younger students, and we know that many of them will continue to drive change when they join our Sixth Form in September. Thank you BARTS Ambassadors and good luck with your exams!



As we move towards a next academic year, we look to appoint our new Ambassadors for next year. Our Year 10 students have received their application forms this week and will need to submit them by Tuesday 30th May if they wish to be selected for this fantastic role. We hope that our Year 10's will be keen to continue the good work of our fantastic Year 11's.

BARTHOLONNEWS HEADER COMPETITION 2023

BartholoNews, our school newsletter, goes out weekly to staff, students and parents/carers, with a circulation of over 4700. We are looking for a BartholoNews title design for the school year 2023/2024. Last year, the winning student design (right) was by Juliet in Year 10.



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. [Read the full details in last week's BartholoNews.](#)

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CALCULATORS FOR LESSONS AND EXAMS

Please make sure you son/daughter has all the equipment they require for school every day. In particular, all students need a scientific calculator for all Maths lessons and assessments, and for several other subjects as well such as Science. In school we generally use Casio calculators and sell an appropriate Casio calculator via the [ParentPayShop](#).

If you are considering purchasing a new calculator for your son/daughter, please be aware that Casio have just changed the style of their main scientific calculator and the new ones do have some features different to those we usually use/recommend in school. The new calculator is the Casio fx-83GT CW. We recommend, however, purchasing the old version: Casio fx-83GTX via the ParentPay shop in order that students have a calculator which is more consistent with the style they are used to.

Students taking A Level Maths will have the opportunity to purchase the calculator best suited to this during September. A letter will be sent to parents/carers about this early in the school year.

Please note that students joining St Bart's in Year 7 this September will be advised to purchase the new Casio.

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PE

1st XI cricket: half-term report



Played three, lost three is a chastening scoreline for the start of the revived 1st XI's second season, but the squad has mostly shown an excellent team spirit and a willingness to learn at this level. If the heavy loss in the national T20 cup to Lord Wandsworth College (Hampshire 2nd XI player and all!) was inevitable, the friendly defeat to Bradfield 3rds might have been rather different with more self-belief and a few slices of luck.

Reading Grammar were worthy winners of our first match in the inaugural Toby Radford Trophy, a competition for state schools only, that we have devised; however, a few more runs on the board could have made it a much closer affair. Undoubted positives have been Harrison Blakemore's calm and dignified captaincy, Alex Braidwood's immaculate wicket-keeping

and the Y10 Vivaan Rajawat's mature and elegant batting – possibly the most technically sound and attractive on either side in the two games he has played.

As ever, player availability and time for proper practice are stumbling blocks, but our new caps, supplied by Gentleman & Players, and generously paid for by St Bart's Parents' Association funds, have looked very smart indeed.

Year 7 Girls' Cricket



Well done to the Year 7 girls cricket teams who played in the West Berkshire girls' cricket league fixtures held at St Bart's. Team One won 2 games and lost one. Team Two won all their games.

Year 7 Team One:
Beat Kennet A 43 -36
Lost to Kennet A 59-32
Beat Park House 46-12

Year 7 Team Two:
Beat Willink 54-33
Beat Kennet B 34-23
Beat Trinity 47-35

Year 9 Girls' Cricket

Our Year 9 girls' Cricket team took part in their final round of fixtures. Both Team 1 and Team 2 won all of their matches, which led to a very successful afternoon of cricket. Overall, St Bart's Team 2 came 3rd and Team 1 came 5th (out of 8 teams). Well done to all the girls involved!



Year 7 Boys' Cricket

The Year 7 boys played against Kennet in their first school cricket match, which ended up being really close. Kennet scored 68 runs for the loss of 8 wickets. St Bart's replied with 66 for 6 wickets.

Player of the match was Captain James Lawson for his excellent batting and for taking 3 wickets. Special mentions go to Johnny Cahoon for his batting, and Josh Lovell for his bowling (3 wickets). Wickets were also taken by Sam Goodwin and Wilf Busby.

Year 8 Boys' Cricket

The Year 8 cricket team played their first West Berkshire league match this afternoon Vs John O'Gaunt School. St Bart's won posting a score of 96/5, which John O'Gaunt School were unable to chase as they scored 82/7. Mr Simpson's player of the match was Yudeesh for his batting and bowling display. Yudeesh had to retired after scoring 20 runs from 18 balls and took two wickets! It was a great team performance so well done to everyone involved.





St Gabriel's Relay Festival

Our Year 7 and 8 students took part in a mass relay festival at St Gabriel's. Both the boys and the girls did fantastically well, displaying their speed and teamwork. Relays ranged from 50m to 200m with mixed relays and mixed year groups too. Our students did a great job of representing the school and had lots of fun too!

Schools Cup Athletics Competition

Congratulations to all girls who took part in the Schools Cup Athletics Competition on Tuesday 16th May at Palmer Park. There were some great results from both age groups.

Inter Girls

Superb team result finishing 3rd out of 18 schools with a points total of 364 points - narrowly missing out on 2nd place to St Marys Ascot who scored 365 points. Some outstanding performances were Anna Delavere in both 200m and triple jump scoring a fabulous total of 43 points, Bethany Maclean in the 800m and Javelin scoring an impressive total of 37 points, Katya Burgess 1500m and high jump scoring a total of 38 points. Very well done to all athletes who contributed to such a great team score. Fingers crossed we make a Regional Final!

Junior Girls

A great team effort from the Junior girls who, despite losing two of their team members on the morning of the event due to illness, adapted and supported each other to ensure we were able to fill all required events – a huge thank you to you all for your enormous support!

Despite finishing in 13th position, the team scored a good points total of 257 points and there were some outstanding performances. Jessie Archibald scored 20 points in her 200m, Hazel Cook scored an impressive total of 32 points from both her 200m and Discus, Mariella Frood 20 points from her 800m, Anna Hall a total of 30 points from her 1500m and Javelin. Very well done to you all.

Area Athletics Competition

Congratulations to the students who took part in the Area Athletics Competition at Palmer Park on Friday 12th May.

U15 and U17 Boys

The U15 (Year 8 and 9) and U17 (Year 10) boys both came 1st overall out of 13 schools. Some notable performances included, for U17 Boys, James Fenner, javelin - 1st (new District Record 43.03m), Jack Collings 800m - 1st, Jacob Glendenning 1500m - 1st, Jacob Avery, high jump - 3rd, Alex Hutchinson, triple jump - 3rd and Ellis Farrish discus - 3rd.

For U15 Boys, Kenechi Akosa, discus - 1st (new District Record 25.85m) and 200m 1st (new District Record 24.1 secs), Connor Goulding, javelin - 1st, Harry Fenner, javelin - 2nd, Joe Hill, 300m - 2nd, Henry Wilson, 800m - 2nd and Deivis Bodeci, hurdles - 3rd.



U15 and U17 Girls

Congratulations to the U15 and U17 girls' athletics team who finished 3rd place and 2nd place respectively - an excellent result! Both teams performed superbly. Outstanding individual performances were:

For U15, Beth Maclean who achieved 1st place in both her 800m and javelin - a superb achievement. Isla Clare, 1st - 1500m, Annabelle Franklin-Wilson, 3rd – triple jump, Jessie Archibald, 3rd - 200m and Ffion Pritchard- 3rd - 1500m.

For U17 Girls, Mya Cahoon, 2nd – long jump and 4th - 100M, Anna Delavere, 2nd – triple jump and 3rd - 200m, Katya Burgess, 2nd - 1500m, Bethany Howell, 3rd – triple jump and 3rd - 300m, Eleanor Barlow, 4th - hurdles and Georgia Knight, 4th - 1500m

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



ESAA Track and Field Cup

A big well done to our boys' athletics teams who competed in the Berkshire round of the ESAA Track and Field Cup, which is a team competition. Both teams put in some really strong performances, with the U13 boys finishing 2nd overall and the intermediate boys finishing 5th overall. We are now waiting to find out which teams have made it through to the Regional South West Finals.



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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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