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They said it was, *"very informative and helped direct my future plan."*

"Interactive and useful focus on elements outside of the acting path."

"Helpful talking to industry professionals who actually do the jobs."

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Calendar

Y10 Reports issued	Wednesday 3 May	
House Drama Rehearsals	Thursday 4 May	All Day
House Drama	Thursday 4 May	Hall - 6.30-8.30pm (see below)
Y8 Battlefield Trip Departs	Friday 5 May	Returns approx. 8pm Sunday 7 May.
Bank Holiday	Monday 8 May	
Y10 House Rounders and Softball	Tuesday 9 May	P2 (QPR Released)
Y8 House Rounders and Softball	Tuesday 9 May	P3 (C/D Released)
Parents' Association Meeting	Tuesday 9 May	WCC - 7pm (see below)
Y7 House Rounders and Softball	Wednesday 10 May	P1 (E/P Released)

[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
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Doors open 6:00pm. Tickets are now available on [ParentPay](#).

A limited number of tickets will also be available on the door.



Parents' Association Meeting

I would like to remind you all that we are having the second of our joint PA/Parent Forum meetings this coming Tuesday 9 May at 7.00pm. The focus this time will be on our Personal Development programme. Mrs Eastman will outline our approach and lead this discussion. Please do come along. We will be in WCC (off reception) and signs will direct you there. There is no need to confirm attendance in advance.

Alongside the discussion about Personal Development, there will be a standard PA meeting in which forthcoming activities and priorities will be explored. The PA has

a very important role to play in the life of the school, raising funds and managing key social opportunities. After many years of terrific service, our Chair and Treasurer will be standing down at the end of this academic year. We are absolutely determined that the PA should continue, but for this to happen we need some parents to step forward and lead this group. If you feel that you would be interested, please contact Mr Robbins directly (arobbins@stbarts.co.uk) or contact our current Chair, Rebecca Macaulay, via email or facebook:

Email: stbartspa@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stbartspa>

We are keen to bring new energy and ideas to the PA, so please do feel able to propose new directions and new possibilities.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Sports Coach Level 4 Apprenticeship

Are you passionate about Sports? Would you like to start a career in Sports Coaching? If yes, Elite Youth Sports are looking for two successful candidates to join their team as Sports Coach Apprentices. [Find out more here.](#) Applications should be submitted by 31 May.

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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CCF EASTER ADVENTURE TRAINING WEEK



During the first week of the Easter holidays, a group of 28 CCF cadets from Years 10, 11 and 12 visited the Isle of Wight to participate in a range of outdoor 'Adventurous Training'. We had a great time doing activities including 'capture the flag' with laser rifles, mountain biking, orienteering, climbing, and paddle boarding. It was an amazing opportunity to meet new people from different year groups and try new things, working both in teams and as individuals. As well as the more physical activities, we also enjoyed some other games and competitions, with both students and staff participating in archery and bowling. Captain Edwards beat all the cadets at bowling and Major Brooker was the only person to hit the apple in the first

archery session, although this was matched by James Holland (Y11) in the second session. Despite the mix of ages, we all formed new friendships that we wouldn't have otherwise had and were proud to be awarded our Adventure Training week badges, with some cadets receiving their second badge as they have attended in both Years 10 and 11.

We all had an amazing time and highly recommend it to anybody who has the opportunity to take part through the CCF in the future. Massive thanks to all the staff who made the camp possible.

Milla, Annie, Danni (Y11)

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PHOTOJOURNALIST INSIGHT



Last week, Year 8 were fortunate to have a visit from a photojournalist who spoke about her life and work.

[Clare Kendal](#) is an award-winning photojournalist who has worked all over the world. She spoke to students about the different ways photographs are used to tell a story, and how important it is that a photo is not only impactful but also gives someone a really clear sense of the whole of the event, often without having to read the article itself.

Clare talked about the difference between a photo that might appear on the front page of a newspaper as opposed to a collection of images that might accompany a feature article. For example she used photographs from her trip to Canada and the Inuit people there to explain how a group of photographs might help illustrate climate change. It was heartening to be told that whilst some picture corrections might be used, published photographs in recognised publications will not use Photoshop, although that will not be the case for images found in lots of other places.

Of all the photographs students were shown, I think it was probably those of the pandas in the Chengdu Panda Breeding and Research Centre that were all our favourites!

We are very grateful that Clare was willing to give up her time and talk to the students – this was a fascinating addition to their recent journalism work in English lessons.

Mr Randall

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STUDENTS ON FILM

St Bart's is currently busy producing a new school video, which we hope will be available for current and prospective parents to view this coming September. The film will showcase all the wonderful lessons, facilities and opportunities available at St Bart's, as well as featuring words from Dr Fitter and some of our Year 7 students. We are very privileged to have the support of Max Horsey and the Radley College Film Unit in producing this video, and we are also delighted that three of our own Year 10 Film Studies students are supporting the project – Daisy, Ruby and Sophia. Here are Ruby's reflections following our first session of filming:



“On Thursday 30 March, my friends and I were privileged enough to work alongside Mr Horsey from Radley College on a video for the school.

We all jumped at this opportunity as it meant working alongside a true film enthusiast as well as getting a chance to operate exciting and modern film equipment we had never seen before. We went from classroom to classroom with cameras learning shots, angles and brightness techniques.

We even got to help out with

interviewing some young St Bart’s students on how they are finding the school environment.

We were able to grasp an idea of what it is like to film on a schedule in a professional environment, and we got to feel just how heavy the cameras really are!

Mr Horsey was an amazing person to work with as he had extensive film knowledge he was keen to pass on some tips and tricks for good quality filming.

Overall the experience was extremely educational and a great intro to the film industry!”



Ruby (10D2)

“The filming opportunity and working with Max Horsey was an awesome experience and I had a great time working with the filming equipment and other students on the project. It was a lot of fun and we all had an amazing time during the day.”

Daisy (10D2)

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YEAR 7 TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Before Easter, we relaunched the **Year 7 Tallest Sunflower competition**. The seed was distributed from Year 7 Science teachers and the rules and details of how to enter have been posted on Show My Homework for Year 7. If your Year 7 has lost the seed they were given, they can come and get some more if they wish. Mine are up and running. There will be pictures to show along the way. We are looking forward to all the pictures we will receive between the 3-6 July and again in September. You can support your House as house points are on offer for each entry. Best of luck and may the weather be with you Year 7s!



Mrs Wall

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NEW STUDENT-DESIGNED BOOKMARKS IN THE LIBRARY

We are delighted to announce that we now have our fabulous winning bookmark designs in the Library. We were so pleased by how many entries students created for the World Book Day bookmark design competition, and it was very hard choosing winning designs from each year group, but here they are in all their glory ready to be used! Please pop into the Library to choose your favourite design to take home and use in your reading book. Remember, only one bookmark per person please!



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UCAS DISCOVERY EXHIBITION



On Friday 21 April, we took our Year 12 students to the UCAS Discovery Exhibition at Farnborough International Exhibition & Conference Centre. The exhibition was an opportunity for our students to meet over 100 universities, colleges, and apprenticeship employers face-to-face, to find out more about different Post 18 pathways and to get the latest advice and information on different career choices. Here is what some the students thought of the event:

"I found the UCAS conference to be very useful. Not only did I find useful

information about the universities that I wish to go to, but I had great conversations with university stands that I had not yet considered. There were also general talks that covered everything from student finance to advice for making applications stand out. I definitely have a better idea of where I want to go, what course I want to do and what, in particular, I wish to specialise in."

Armand Graham (12E2)



"It was great to be able to ask the questions that you can't ask online"

Miguel Zeferino (12D3)

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PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Further to the Notice of Election that was sent to parents and carers on Monday 24 April, no nominations were received by the deadline so we will not be proceeding to a ballot at this time. Another election will be held in due course.

We are still keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in becoming a Governor and has the skills that we are looking for which include secondary education, people management and finance as well as experience of governance and local community experience and knowledge. Please contact hsutherland@stbarts.co.uk for more information.

Mrs H Sutherland, Returning Officer

PE

Year 8 Girls' Cricket

The Year 8 girls had their first league cricket matches on Tuesday at Kennet School. St Bart's took 2 teams.

The A Team played 4 games, winning 2 against Park House School and The Willink School and losing to St Gabriel's School A and Kennet School A. All the



girls played some great cricket with fantastic bowling from Zara.

The B Team won all their matches, beating Trinity School, 27-23, Kennet School B, 21-12, and St Gabriel's School A, 43-23, even though Ffion and Hannah had to retire after a great couple of innings.



Year 8 Boys' Cricket

Well done to the Year 8 cricket team who played Reading School in the first round of the County Cup on Tuesday. St Bart's batted first and scored 81 off 20 overs. However, Reading managed to chase down the total to win the tie. It was a good performance against a very strong Reading team. All focus now turns to the West Berkshire league. Player of the match was Sidney.

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