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how best to work with the next

generation of Bart's Ambassadors. It was not all hard work however as the (now annual) Team Roberts vs Team Wilder football match was also played and was won (as it was last year) by Team Roberts! We've got a great School Officer team again this year, full of passion and ideas. We look forward to the many events and projects led by this very exciting team of young people.



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Calendar

Founder's Day Assembly	Wednesday 21 June	
KS3 House Chess	Wednesday 21 June	C117 - Activity Time
Y8 English Support Trip to The Story Museum	Thursday 22 June	Oxford - All Day
Y10 CCF Navy Field Day	Friday 23 June	
Y13 Prom	Friday 23 June	Donnington Grove Hotel
Y11-13 DofE Silver Award - Assessed Weekend	Friday 23, Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 June	
Sixth Form Induction Day	Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 June	
Y12 Study Leave	Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 June	
Y8 Stretch & Challenge Critical Thinking Workshop	Monday 26 June	P1 & P2 - WCC
Y10 Stretch & Challenge Political Literacy Workshop	Tuesday 27 June	P4 & P5 WCC
Y12 Practice Exams	Wednesday 28 June	
Y11 Prom	Wednesday 28 June	Sandford Springs Hotel

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

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: ARMY: HARROGATE VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

Thursday 27 July, 6pm. Thinking of joining as a Junior Solider? Harrogate Virtual Open Day is the ideal opportunity to find out what to expect when attending the Army Foundation College. Spaces are limited, so [register here early to avoid disappointment.](#)

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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ST BART'S STUDENTS ARE BLAZING A CREATIVE TRAIL

In addition to 12 students securing competitive Oxbridge or Medical places this year, our students are also blazing a creative trail with offers from some of the most prestigious institutions in the field, including The Royal Northern College of Music, Royal Academy of Dance, London College of Fashion, Goldsmiths, University of Arts Bournemouth, The BIMM Institute for contemporary music and the Northern Film School. In total, 47 students have chosen to pursue applications for Creative Arts in the coming year, with courses ranging from Television Production, Make-Up for Media and Performance, Fashion Marketing, Writing, Music and Sound Production, Graphic Design and Product Design amongst others.



One such student is Amit, who has successfully achieved a number of music conservatoire offers and has subsequently decided to accept a prestigious position at The Royal Northern College of Music. Amit began learning to play the flute in Year 7 and has since gone from strength to strength. His music compositions have been streamed in over 35 countries, across 6 continents on all platforms, he was successfully awarded an ORA Singers Apprentice place in the 2022 national competition and one of his pieces was featured on an article in the British Music Collection.

Amit said: *"At the end of 2021, I decided I wanted to go into a career in music and St. Bart's has been nothing but supportive. The Music Department helped me prepare for my auditions and interviews, encouraged me to apply to programmes and they have also allowed me to conduct large projects such as 'The Snowman' and the St Bart's Carol Service. Next year, I will be going on to do my undergraduate in composition at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, helping me to develop my compositional skills and form connections, which will hopefully lead me down a path where I can compose for major orchestras in the future."*

Another student celebrating significant success with applications is Penny, who is looking to study Contemporary Dance. Penny has been offered places at London Contemporary Dance School, London Studio Centre, Royal Academy of Dance, Northern School of Contemporary Dance, Trinity Laban and Institute of Arts Barcelona. Penny said, *"After Sixth Form I aspire to train in dance full time. My time at St Bart's has provided me with many opportunities to develop my performance abilities and to expand my knowledge through*

teaching and volunteering with younger years and also extra-curricular performances. This would not have been possible without support from inspiring teachers who've helped me grow, develop and learn to trust myself in preparation for a challenging industry."

The Expressive Arts department are focused on promoting individual creativity and aspirational ability, and aim to give our students as many opportunities to experience performance and showcase talent in whichever form interests them. We are currently auditioning for the next School Production, Oliver, and our portfolio of events include Open Galleries exhibitions, our annual Dance show, collaborations with the Corn Exchange, an upcoming Music Tour in Italy, our annual Carol Service, as well as many other concerts, workshops, trips and the all-important House competitions. There is something for everyone and we encourage all students to get involved!



In order to further support Year 13 students choosing to take a creative pathway post Sixth Form, St Bart's have formed a Creative Applicants Group, which seeks to support and advise students about the very specific entry requirements and challenges for applications in the fields of arts, media and design. The Creative Applicants Group covers a wide range of subjects and specialist courses in art, design, and performing arts. Competition for some courses can be intense, and very different selection methods can be used to measure talent and aptitude. Students may be asked to audition, talk examiners through portfolios or critique a film.



Year 13 student Emily, who has secured a place to study Design at Goldsmiths, University of London, said: "*I'm really excited to be studying at Goldsmiths and I'm looking forward to the opportunities I will get, working with some of the top people in the industry. It's so important to get encouragement and advice with competitive applications and to make sure you spend plenty of time reviewing your portfolio. St Bart's was hugely encouraging and it was great to have the support of the Creative Applicant Group*"

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SPONSORED WALK: SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS



St Bart's annual Curriculum Days will take place on Monday 17 July and Wednesday 19 July. This year, alongside subject based trips to Portchester Castle, Cotswold Wildlife Park and Slough Mosque, all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will complete a sponsored walk. As tutor groups, students and staff will complete a 90-minute, 3.5-mile route around Speen Moor and the local area.

In October 2021, we did a similar whole school sponsored walk, had a lot of fun and raised a significant amount of money, which enabled the purchase of several table tennis tables and picnic tables for students to use around the school site. This year, we want to focus our fundraising efforts with the aim of raising as much money as possible to enhance and enrich education by supporting the funding of students' participation in co-curricular activities. We know that the current economic climate is particularly tough at the moment. We are very proud that at St Bart's we have continued to run a full

co-curricular programme and we are determined that all students get to access as many of these opportunities as possible.

As a school community, we'd love everyone to get involved by encouraging and supporting our students to raise as much money as possible. **Students can use [this form](#) to collect donation pledges and all sponsorship can be paid via ParentPay to the [St Bartholomew's School Trust Donation Page](#) using the reference 'Walk'.**

YEAR 10 GRAPICS VISIT MARWELL ZOO

On Tuesday 6 June, Year 10 GCSE Graphics students visited Marwell Zoo in Winchester. The aim of the trip was to document the style of Graphics around the zoo and take photos of the animals. Students are currently developing informative Graphics for the zoo for their GCSE coursework.

Here is a selection of student highlights and photos from the day:

"I loved getting out of the classroom to do something more fun for the day!" Amogh



"I enjoyed seeing the zebras and giraffes, it was nice weather and seeing the reptiles was cool" Mathys

"I liked learning about the animals and their habitats." Oscar

"An interesting trip, lots of different animals to see." Bernadette

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YEAR 8 VISIT HURST CASTLE SPIT



Geography staff accompanied Year 8 students to the south coast to visit Hurst Castle Spit. Students completed work on coastal management strategies as well as completing a small fieldwork investigation into how sediment changes along the spit. Students loved the ferry ride to the end of the spit and enjoyed stone throwing competitions at various points throughout the day. Students have been completing follow up work in their lessons to analyse their data.

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HOLOCAUST BEACON OPPORTUNITIES

Every year, the UCL Centre for Holocaust Education looks to recruit up to 15 secondary schools in England committed to enhancing teaching and learning about the Holocaust. We are delighted to say that St Bart's have been chosen as part of the 2023/2024 cohort. We believe that forming a partnership with the Centre of Holocaust Education at UCL will be a highly rewarding experience and a fantastic opportunity, which will benefit our students and staff. With the latest evidence-based research into the delivery of this education and access to a range of opportunities, students will be able to develop, even further, their knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust. We hope that by working with UCL, we will become a beacon school of Holocaust education, which will benefit not only our students, but also the Newbury community. We look forward to sharing more



with you in the coming year of our Beacon School plans, projects and activities via BartholoNews and our social media.

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BTEC BUSINESS TRIP TO COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK



On Wednesday 14 June, L3 BTEC Business students visited Cotswold Wildlife Park. The day included a business lecture. Students got an insight into the ownership and structure of the business and the way in which external factors, for example legislation and technology, affect the management of the park. The talk also covered the way in which the park undertakes its marketing and how it has changed over the years with the growing importance of sites such as Trip Advisor and social media.

Students then had the opportunity to spend some time in the park, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

'It was a good day seeing all the animals and getting lots of information about how the park is run' – Harrison (12E3)

'It was interesting to learn that the park now spend no money on marketing, relying on social media and PR' – Amelie (12C5)

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The Vici Language School in Newbury is looking for warm and welcoming families for students to stay with when they come and visit Newbury! The students are at the academy during the day and are only with their host families in the evening and over the weekend. If you would like to know more, please contact Josephine at the academy on 01635 44424 or admin@thevici.com.

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Year 7 Rounders

Well done to the Year 7 rounders team who travelled to John O'Gaunt School in very hot conditions to play in their first round of the West Berkshire league fixtures.

They played 3 games. They beat St Gabriel's School A and B teams but unfortunately lost to Park House School. Well done to all who played.



Year 9 Rounders

Our Year 9 girls got off to a good start in their West Berkshire rounders league. Our Team 1 beat our Team 2 but lost to Trinity School and Park House School. Team 2 lost to our Team 1 but then won their next three games against John O'Gaunt School, St Gabriel's School and Park House School. They were also delighted that St Gabriel's School had an ice cream van on site so they could treat themselves in the warm weather!



Year 8 Cricket

A massive well done to the Year 8 boys' cricket team who continued their unbeaten run in the West Berkshire league with a victory against Trinity School last week. Player of the match was James.

Year 9 Cricket

The latest cup draw saw the Year 9 boys go head to head with Reading Blue Coat School. Reading batted first, and Soorya started off well with a wicket second ball. Some tight bowling from Ben, Zack and Sam had St Bart's in a good position, however, Reading's opener pushed on to finish 92, and Reading posted 145 in total.

A good opening partnership put St Bart's in a decent spot. After the dismissal of Connor, Soorya and Ray made a monumental effort to keep up with the run rate, scoring 32 and 33 consecutively. The boys unfortunately pulled up short in the end against the strong bowling attack, but posted a respectable 126-6 after 20 overs. Special mention goes to Sam for trying to ramp their opening quick bowler in the last over. Player of the match was Soorya.





West Berkshire Athletics Competition

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys' and girls' athletics teams who both finished second overall out of 14 schools in the West Berkshire Athletics Competition at Palmer Park.

The following girls came in the top two in their events and will now go on to represent the County on 6 July at Palmer Park:

Thea McClellan - Hurdles

Chloe Yorston – 150m

Eva Mahoney - Long Jump

Bella Meir - Shot

Nina Reid - Discus

Daisy Wallis - Javelin

The following boys came in the top three in their events:

1st Daniyal Mohammed - 150m and Long Jump,

1st Oscar Hook - Discus

2nd Johnny Cahoon Hurdles,

2nd Percy Spain - Shot

3rd Beau Willams – Hurdles

Well done to everyone who took part.

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On 17th & 19th July our Y7-9 students and staff will complete a 90 minute, 3.5 mile route around Speen Moor to raise money to enhance and enrich education by supporting participation in co-curricular activities.

Sponsor our students and help us to raise as much money as possible. All donations can be paid via ParentPay to the [St Bartholomew's School Trust Donation Page](#) using the reference 'Walk'. Find the link on our homepage - www.sbarts.co.uk