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This was a wonderful opportunity to see the excitement and joy on the young children's faces – we had so much fun! Miss Marshall provides these opportunities so that we can work on our own self-confidence and leadership skills. These are part of the 'Stretch and Challenge' opportunities, which anyone can get involved in at our school. We thank her for organising the event and looking after us while we got involved and supported our local community. St Bart's School is willing to support any local primary school,

so please get in touch with Miss Marshall if you want some support with your own PTA events.



Well done to: Juliet Kielbon-Noakes, Eish Mahajan, James Dearing, Kaden Bamfield, Louise Goodman, Frederick Johnstone, Luca Forrester, Sam Kirby, Yasmin Agodzo, Nela Griffin, Irina Pop, Nyah Tomris, Ruby Shepherd, Miraya Srivastava, Sofa Hughes, Madhukar Burugadda Kandalie, Vedha Krishnan, Chaitra Mandali, Sam Taylor, Sebastian Kempshall, Omar Shaker, Anna Hall, Klenam Agodzo, Luc Weaver, and Suraya Johnson-Darwood.



Irina Pop (8P1)



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Calendar

Y12 Practice Exams	Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 June	
Y11 Prom, Sandford Springs Hotel	Wednesday 28 June	
Y7-10 Summer School Sports Games	Thursday 29 June	Braywick Leisure Centre - All Day
Y10 House Tennis and Cricket	Thursday 29 June	P3-5
Y7 Stretch & Challenge Critical Thinking & Latin Workshop	Friday 30 June	P1-3, WCC
Y9 Computing Trip	Friday 30 June	Legoland - All Day
Music Tour to Italy - Departs	Sunday 2 July	(returns Saturday 8th)
Year 6 Induction Day	Monday 3 July	

Y12 Biology Field Trip to Wales depart	Monday 3 July	(return Friday 7th July)
Tuesday 4 July Staff Training & Development Day ~ School not open to students		
Y9-12 Latin Trip to Fishbourne Roman Villa	Wednesday 5 July	All Day

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: ADVIZA Education Webinar: Applying to University

Tuesday 4 July 2023 – 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm. Bookings are free and can be made via the [Events](#) page on the Careers Portal now. This webinar is suitable for all year groups and anyone - students, parents/carers and staff, is welcome to join in. If you require any further details, please email: careersguidance@adviza.org.uk

SPOTLIGHT: University Centre Newbury

Interested in achieving a degree locally? On Tuesday 4 July, Newbury College will be showcasing the hard work and innovation of their University Centre Newbury students. Doors open at 4pm for members of the public to explore research projects from a range of subject areas and speak to students about their progress and inspiration. You can also find out about the future of robotics and how University Centre Newbury are developing our programmes to meet the needs of industry. For more information and to registration: [UCN Expo 2023 \(newbury-college.ac.uk\)](http://UCN Expo 2023 (newbury-college.ac.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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FOUNDER’S DAY



Last Wednesday 21 June, our school gathered for the annual St Bart’s Founder’s Day Assembly. When people come to visit our school, they enter a 21st Century building buzzing with energy and up-to-date technology. Yet, it is now 557 years since the founding of our school and we remain a school that both values its history and thrives in the modern world.

To mark the occasion, Dr Fitter reminded our students of the earliest records of St Bart’s, which date all the way back to 1466 and of how

a wealthy cloth merchant, Henry Wormestall, left money to pay for a schoolmaster to teach children in the chapel in St Nicolas church.

Our school blazer features a badge with a distinctive cross and the words Ad Lucem, meaning 'Towards the light', along with the school's name in Latin. Schola Sancti Bartholomaei. The cross on the school badge may have derived from the symbol of the medieval charity of St Bartholomew's, whose buildings were originally used to care for the sick and elderly, but were closed down by Henry VIII, enabling them to be repurposed for use as a school.

Students were reminded that the school is so much more than the buildings; it is made up of those who have been part of its history. As a community, Founder's Day is an opportunity to remember these people, and we welcome those who will share and add to the life of St Bart's in the future.

With this in mind, we then heard from our departing Head Students (22/23), Oliver Davey, Lottie Codling, Lucy Godwin and Ed Morris, who reflected on their experiences, their work with the School Councils and tree planting and gave messages of encouragement for all students to engage fully in school life and embrace all it has to offer.

Finally, our new Head Student team (23/24), Armand Graham, Bella Warner, Jessica Milne, Avni Prashar and Callum Tang, spoke of their own plans to contribute to St Bart's life. This includes projects such as new whole-school events, helping students to minimise exam stress, working on supporting creative pathways in school, a student-led newspaper and building on student voice. We can't wait to see what they achieve!



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DAVIS HOUSE UPDATE

Davis House have had a great year so far and have many areas within our community to celebrate. A huge congratulations and well done to all our Y11 and Y13 students on completing your exams- we are so proud of you all!

Celebrating student success

This month we have been celebrating student success in Davis.

We have awarded House Awards and House Colours in assembly with many students being awarded for their involvement in House events. We hope to be able to reward more students before the end of term, so please encourage them to add to their Unifrog activities.

Davis are also currently leading both the Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 House points. We have rewarded students with emails home, hot chocolate, ice cream, certificates and there is a non-school uniform day planned before the end of term. 7D2 are doing particularly well and are topping the leader board across the school. Go Davis and keep up the great work!



House Sport

There have been some fantastic recent house sporting achievements in Rounders, with our Y8 B team coming first. In Softball our Y7 A team, Y8 A team, Y9 A team and B team all came first. Well done to everyone who took part!

House Captains

Last week, we welcomed our new School Captains for September 2023: Miguel, Mei, Izzy, Isabel and Archie. They all introduced themselves in assembly and are excited to begin their new roles. Please look out on the Davis Instagram to learn a little more about them (davis_barts).



Mei, one of our Sports Captains, tells us a bit about herself:

“Hello, my name is Mei and I am one of the Davis Sports House Captains for this next year. I joined St Bart’s in September at the beginning of Year 12, so unlike some of you I have not been here that long. For A levels, currently I am studying PE, Psychology and Business. I am an elite level women’s artistic gymnast, performing at both a regional and national level. I recently competed in the British championships held in Liverpool, competing against the top 50 gymnasts in the country. This was a great experience that I will never forget. I would like to have a positive impact on the way younger students can get involved in sport around school, and not just that, represent Davis House so that, hopefully, we can become house champions.

And finally – Our lovely Head of House Mrs McKeown finishes this week to go on maternity leave. We want to say a big thank you and good luck from everyone in Davis House. A huge welcome to Miss Suggitt who will be taking over as Head of House.

Well done to everyone for all your hard work this academic year. We hope you all have a good and restful summer holiday when we get there.

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ST BART’S WINS GOLD!

St Bart’s is proud to announce that we have won a Gold School Games Mark. This is a government-led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

St Bart’s have been able to achieve this by offering positive experiences tailored to our students’ skills and needs. We have just completed our second year as forerunners of the new look Berkshire PE co-curricular offer. This offer is about maintaining our major sports, but also targets students who have not taken part in sport by offering a greater variety of clubs and opportunities to take part in festivals.



Clubs take place at Activity Time and after school to cater for a variety of year groups and abilities. Some of these are run by St Bart's PE staff, other staff volunteers and specialist external coaches like our Badminton Club, run by Malcolm Taylor, who last year won 'Volunteer of the Year' runner up award from Badminton England. Older students get involved with coaching the younger ones through leadership opportunities within school and the community such as our Sports Leaders programme with a wide and varied range of volunteering opportunities that are beneficial to all involved.

We are very proud to win this award for the opportunities we provide our students to engage in sport and encourage a healthy active lifestyle. The panel also recognised our great tradition of House sports competitions and our participation in competitions and leagues across Berkshire and beyond. Students really enjoy participating in these and get a lot from them so we'd like to thank all the staff members that make these events happen.

The PE Department celebrations will continue with the annual Sports Personality of the Year awards evening on Wednesday 12 July. Tickets are on ParentPay and it'll be first come, first served, so if you have represented the school at any fixture or Dance event, make sure you grab your ticket! Over 100 tickets have already been sold. Awards will include the Sports Personality of the Year for each year group, Coaches' Player of the Year, Most Improved Player and Players' Player for each sport too.

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HOUSE CHESS

The House Chess Competition for Years 7 to 9 has taken place in June. Davis were the defending champions from 2022, having won the title after a COVID hiatus where the competition was not played. Chess continues to be very popular in the school, with lunchtime Chess Clubs often oversubscribed (especially during the rainy and cold days!). We currently also run an after school Chess Club on a Thursday, which is growing in popularity.

Each House put forward a team of 6 players, with each team playing the other three Houses over three separate days. The matches were fiercely contested between all four Houses, and before the final matches, the early matches were dominated by



	Game Wins
Patterson	13.5
Davis	10
Evers	7
Curnock	5.5

Patterson, which left them in a commanding position for the final games. If availability of players was an indication, then Patterson were likely to do well, as they had many more volunteer players than places on the team.

Four players were undefeated in the competition: Luke Kingston 8D1, Timmy Wraight 9P3, Jimmy Pennock 8P1 (who repeats this accolade from Y7), and Tom Bibin 7P1. The final result is displayed on the left.

Avid readers of Bartholonews will remember that Patterson won the Senior House Chess (Y10 to 13) in December – this represents only the second time in recent history that a House has “done the double” in the House Chess

Competitions. Patterson also achieved this feat in the 2015/16 academic year. Many thanks to all of the players for their consistent effort and to Mr Bell for running the competition.

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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 Y10.



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The competition is open to any current St Bart's student. **The deadline is midday this 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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PE

1st XI cricket: maiden 50 for Vivaan

Y10 student Vivaan Rajawat continued his fine batting form by scoring his first 50 for the 1st XI on a scorching day away to Peter Symonds. He is the youngest player to reach that milestone since senior cricket was revived last year and it was a superb innings that involved dealing with a rapid opening bowler before taking advantage of an equally fast outfield. At the time of his dismissal (mainly the result of tiredness as he holed out at mid-on), Vivaan had scored 60 of the team's 110 runs. A fantastic effort.

That we went on to compile our season's highest total of 143-7, was largely due to an enterprising partnership between Y12's Ani Vashisht (19 not out) and Mohammad Shaikh (13 not out). Hopes of a victory, however, were soon dashed by the quality of the college's openers, Foster and Feeney, both Hampshire U18s. Yet we did take three wickets including Foster's, safely pouched by Mohammad off the returning and persevering Jimmy Herdman, who was unlucky to pick up a finger injury subsequently while fielding.

All in all, though, it was good practice for our big derby match against Park House on Wednesday this week (June 21) in the Toby Radford Trophy. That game should be at Falkland Cricket Club and supporters are most welcome.

U13 Tennis Festival



This was a great event with great fun had by all the players who played a range of single and doubles matches against students from Trinity School.

Year 8 Rounders

Our Year 8 Rounders girls took part in their 2nd round of West Berkshire fixtures. Our A team beat St Gabriel's School and Park House School with some great fielding between backstop and 1st base. They lost to John O'Gaunt School. Players of each match were Avery, Pippa and Katy. Our B team lost to Trinity but beat Park House School. Players of each match were Mariella and Hannah. Well played to all girls involved - we are looking forward to the finals night in a few weeks!



Year 10 Rounders

Our Year 10 girls took part in their 2nd round of Rounders fixtures. Our A team beat Park House School by half a rounder and got a walkover against St Gabriel's School. Player of the match was Anna for an unbelievable left-handed catch. Our B team beat Trinity School but lost to St Gabriel's School. Player of the match was Holly.

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ST BART'S SPONSORED WALK

On 17 & 19 July our Y7-9 students and staff will complete a 90 minute, 3.5 mile route around Speen Moor to raise money for co-curricular activities.

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