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You can now read the most recent School Nurse Newsletters for [parents](#) and [students](#) on our website.

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The first full day in Italy began with a trip to Florence, to see the beautiful Pitti Palace and Boboli gardens. After lunch, we ventured on foot to the main square (piazza) where everyone could explore more independently and absorb the Italian culture. The temperature was beginning to climb at this point, but we managed to refresh ourselves very well. Following an evening meal in the hotel, we subsequently set off for our first concert venue, in order to mark the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of Pinocchio, in Collodi. The setting upon arrival was breathtaking, and all musicians did very well to begin to learn how to perform outside, and in such a grand establishment. We gained a lot of experience from this, and the photos look fabulous too. I have never had 100+ roadies to help set down before but we managed in record time, particularly as the drivers were close to their duty hours for the day.

The next day took us to Siena for a walking tour around the city, a tour around the magnificent Duomo,



followed by a wonderful lunch in a local restaurant. Having time to soak up the architecture, history and artifacts really enhanced the whole experience. This was once more followed by a more local concert in the Montecatini Terme (pictured left). I am happy to share that upon arrival to this venue, there were a lot of stunned faces, as the setting was simply out of this world. Marble columns, sculpted architecture, and such a prestigious music venue too - all of the Italian great composers, including Verdi and Puccini have written music there. We performed admirably, and St Bart's musicians certainly rose to the occasion. We were very aptly supported by the staff too, who at one point encouraged the audience to wave their phone lights for the choir numbers which created a memorable pop-concert feel that I don't think any of us will forget in a hurry. We spent time after the concert exploring the beautiful grounds of the Terme, particularly as we felt trying to get the students to bed after the concert would be an understandably losing battle.

The third day took us to the Montecatini caves for something different. Each group, with hard hats firmly in place, explored the stalagmites and stalactites followed by time for Italian style refreshments in the cafe and

the grounds. From here, we left for Pisa where we explored the Baptistry, the tower surroundings and even found time for a little shopping, before moving on to Luca for our evening meal and final concert.

The last concert, in the Church of San Paolino (pictured top), had acoustics to die for and such amazing paintings and sculptures, it was quite incredible to perform within. As we began to play our programme, visitors were drawn to listen and we even had to provide encores! The students supported each other admirably and once again did not want to leave at the end of the evening.

On the final day, we changed our original plans and the staff kindly arranged for everyone to enjoy 122 pizzas in local restaurants after having had time to explore the local town. Many smiles and full tummies later (the pizzas were enormous) we returned to the hotel, packed the coaches and left for home. If you would like to see more-photos of our adventures, please take a moment to see the new Music department [Instagram page: stbartsmusic](#). A huge thank you to the staff for giving up so much of their time to support this venture. An enormous thank you to the students for being so amazing - everywhere we went they were complimented upon how lovely and well-behaved they were. Good luck to our school leavers with your future music making and life ventures. For now, we look to our next music activities in the Autumn Term - after a lovely summer break that is! Arrivederci

*Mrs Robertson*

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## Calendar

Y8 HPV Vaccinations	Wednesday 12 July	Gym
Y10 MFL Workshop - selected students	Wednesday 12 July	12.30-3.10pm
PE Awards Evening	Wednesday 12 July	Hall - 6.00pm
Y9 HPV Vaccination	Thursday 13 July	Gym
House Dance Rehearsal	Thursday 13 July	All Day
House Dance	Thursday 13 July	Hall - 6pm
Y12 Reports Issued	Friday 14 July	
Sports Day	Friday 14 July	
Y12 Business & Economics Conference	Friday 14 July	Foyer - All Day
ONA AGM	Saturday 15 July	WCC - 11am
Y7-10 & 12 CURRICULUM DAY	Monday 17 July	<a href="#">See email sent home</a>
Y12 Celebration Afternoon	Tuesday 18 July	
Y7-10 & 12 CURRICULUM DAY	Wednesday 19 July	<a href="#">See email sent home</a>

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

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If it is essential that you need to drop off or collect your children on these days, can you please use surrounding roads and areas safely and responsibly and take into account our neighbours to avoid any impact on traffic and road safety. Thank you for your support with this.

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### SPOTLIGHT: Skoda Newbury Service Advisor Apprenticeship

A place on a Customer Service Practitioner Standard (Level 2) programme beginning in October 2023 is available. [Apply 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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## STUDENTS NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL FILM AWARD

St Bart's Year 11 students, Jennifer Bibin and Laura Swanson, have been celebrating after their film was shortlisted from over 200 entries by Media Magazine's National Student Production Awards.

The students' film entitled 'Paranoia' and described as a 'Shining-inspired sleepover gone wrong', had already seen success at the school's inaugural House Film Evening this February. On the night it was chosen by alumni and cameraman, Omar Soomro, and actor, Adam Kotz (Midsummer Murders, Silent Witness and Holby City) to win the Junior category for Patterson House.



Jennifer and Laura, along with their cast, Year 8 students Irina Pop, Miraya Srivastava and Zara Leadbetter and Year 9 students Tabitha Cook and Olivia Hill, travelled to London on 3 July to see their film projected on the big screen at the home of British cinema: the British Film Institute on London's South Bank.

Jennifer said, "Not only were Laura and I honoured and thrilled to have our film screened at the BFI, but it was also a wonderful opportunity to see the creative work of aspiring filmmakers. An endless range of imagination, originality and talent was displayed on the screen, and we had the chance to network afterwards to talk to other film students, as well as David Winstone - who is working in the industry."

Accompanying the students were Film Studies teachers, Mr Keetch and Mr Roberts. Mr Roberts, who led the introduction of the St Bart's House Film competition, said, "I think it should be noted that this was a film entirely produced by female students; in an increasingly diverse and fast-growing UK film industry, they've already taken the first steps to establishing a name for themselves. We're just so proud of everyone involved and even more excited to see what they produce next!"

Tabitha said, "This was definitely an experience which I will remember forever - and it makes me even more excited for the next House Film."

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## INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COACH WORKS WITH ST BART'S STUDENTS

As you may have seen in the local press, Toby Radford, the internationally renowned cricket coach and former St Bart's student, returned to school recently to supervise a net with some of our keenest KS3 cricketers and to watch the local derby between St Bart's and Park House in the state-only 1<sup>st</sup> XI competition that bears his name, the Toby Radford Trophy.



Some 16 students, including four of our most promising female players, attended the net session and had the opportunity to get tips from Toby, who has previously coached Middlesex, Glamorgan and West Indies and is now a freelance batting coach whose past clients include the former international captains of England and West Indies respectively, Andrew Strauss and Jason Holder. In the St Bart's sports hall, Toby was impressed with the talent and enthusiasm on show and gave his wholehearted endorsement to the competition,

which aims to provide a chance for our best red-ball players to compete against other schools beyond Y10.

Three of those netting Year 9s, Soorya, Ben and Leo, played with their seniors in the afternoon game against Park House and performed with real credit. Unfortunately, a spirited St Bart's side lost to a powerful Park House team comprised entirely of Y13s by 16 runs, but not before Y11 leggie, James Humphreys, had made life tricky for the opposition batters with 2-30 and Y12 keeper, Alex Braidwood, had fanned the flames of possible victory with a pugnacious 54 not out.

Harrison Blakemore again led the team with ebullience and enterprise. Thanks, too, to Y12 Tom Wells for the photographs. A week later, Reading Grammar defeated Burford to become the inaugural TRT champions.

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## HOUSE SPOTLIGHT: CURNOCK

Another busy term is nearly in the bag for the Curnock staff and students. We said so long to our Year 11 students, farewell to our outgoing Year 13 House Captains, auf wiederseh'n to Miss Suggitt as she departs to Davis House for a while, and finally, an adieu to Mr Sutherland, our House Head, as he departs to pastures new!



Our Year 11 students enjoyed their Leavers picnic just before exams season started and have done us proud with their resilience and positive attitude. Well done to you all for coming out the other side and we look forward to hearing your results and what's next for you all!



Similarly for our Y13 outgoing House Captains – thank you all for your service to the House this year. A big warm Curnock welcome our new team of House Captains; Luke, Maisie, Sophie, Erin, Sarah and Luisa.



*"I am the Curnock House Captain for Sport; I will be aiming to make sure lots of you get involved in House sports so that Curnock can win the Sport Championship this year - and have fun in the process! Go Curnock!" Luke*

*"I am the Integration House Captain for Curnock alongside Luisa - we will be working with students from across the school and across different year groups to ensure students are well supported in all aspects of school life." Maisie*

*"As Arts House Captain, I will be looking after the Drama, Dance, Music, Art, Graphics, Film and Media departments. I want to spread the love for the arts that I have, and help us win the House Championship!" Sophie*

Our House Team has had a rejiggle, with Miss Suggitt temporarily moving to Davis for next year - but keeping her seat warm is the footballing legend Mrs Stevens, who is settling in nicely! Finally, we say goodbye and good luck in your new school to our outgoing House Head, Mr Sutherland - we will miss you and your fast talking, rapid-pacing ways ☺ Our new House Head, Miss Forsey, joins us in September and is looking forward to meeting you all!



Have a great summer from Team Curnock ☺

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## REUBEN SPENCER TO JUDGE HOUSE DANCE

Don't forget that tickets are now on sale for House Dance, which is taking place this Thursday 13 July at 6.30pm!

The judge for this year's competition has been announced as Reuben Spencer. Reuben is currently a member of Orb Youth Dance Company in Eastleigh and FuzzyLogic, based in Southampton. He has been filmed for the BBC dance passions and was in the Newbury panto last year. At the end of June, Reuben produced the Young Performers Showcase at the Corn Exchange where he was part of the front of house team.

We are very excited to showcase our student-led performances to Reuben and the audience! As we near the end of the school year, this is a fantastic opportunity to support your House and contribute to the final outcome of the House Cups!

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## 2022/23 ROYAL INSTITUTION ONLINE MATHEMATICS MASTERCLASSES FOR Y9 STUDENTS

St Bart's were invited to nominate some of our most able Year 9 mathematicians to attend a series of online workshops with the Royal Institute during June and July of this year.



The Ri Mathematics Masterclasses are a series of workshops led by experts from industry, academia and education. They offer students in-depth investigations of topics in mathematics, combining theory with interactive exploration. The aim is to open eyes to the world of mathematics and hope to inspire students to continue their engagement with the subject.

Feedback from the students who attended was very positive:

"I found the maths master class fun and I enjoyed it. I learnt about combinatorics and we looked at how the western calendar worked and were finding repeating dates using logic. We also learnt about different routes a robot could take on a grid with different rules and counted the number of steps and turns it took to look for patterns. It was very interesting and useful for problem-solving and I would recommend it to others." *Isla (9D2)*

"The Ri Maths Masterclasses were a both fun and knowledge filled course that was beneficial to students that are intrigued by the subject of maths. Each session was hosted by a different educator from a variety of universities across the country, which was a great way to teach students, giving them a mixture of teaching ways to keep them engaged in the classes. Interactivity was one of the main features which helped make them more enjoyable, as being involved is key to the learning process and developing leadership and teamwork skills in the future. This was a rewarding opportunity, giving young minds the experience of subjects that are usually for much older students." *Penelope (9P1)*

"In the RI Maths Masterclasses, we have done some highly interesting topics such as modular arithmetic and the game of sets. Personally, I found these subjects incredibly intriguing and would honestly recommend this masterclass to all those who enjoy the study of maths." *Timmy (9P3)*

“It was a great opportunity to attend a maths masterclass from Royal Institution and explore various exciting problems on a wide range of subjects and use mathematical skills to solve them. We learnt about complex, abstract aspect of mathematics and explored interesting patterns. It was an enjoyable and interactive experience, working alongside other children from England and listening to talks from leading maths researchers and scholars. I found it intriguing to delve into these exciting subjects which made our brains think and ache whilst solving. I would recommend to grab this unmissable chance to learn more about the fun and exciting aspects of mathematics.” *Rishik (9P1)*

If you want to know more about which the Royal Institution offers, (Maths, IT or Science), look here on their website: [www.rigb.org/](http://www.rigb.org/)

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## PE

### Primary Schools Dodgeball Festivals

Thank you to the Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders who this week have helped to officiate the Year 5 and 6 Primary Schools Dodgeball festivals which we hosted at St Bart’s.

We had two excellent festivals which saw over 100 pupils from our local Primary schools take part over the two evenings.

Our leaders were, as always, excellent ambassadors for our school and enabled the events to run smoothly and efficiently.

Well done and thank you!



### County Athletics Championships Palmer Park

Congratulations to Oscar and Daniyal who both competed at this event last week.

Oscar won his discus event, throwing in excess of 21m.

Daniyal came third with a PB of 4m 24 in the long jump

Well done boys!



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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](http://www.sbarts.co.uk)