

Barthole News



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PROM SEASON 2023



Towards the end of June we celebrated our fantastic Year 11 and Year 13 students and their achievements at St Bart's before they move on to pastures new. They looked amazing and a fantastic time was had by all... [read more.](#)



CALENDAR:

Y10 English Trip - The Ocean at the End of the Lane, Berkshire Schools U13 County Track and Field Athletics Competition, CCF Summer Camp, Sports Day, Y10 Reports Issued, House Point Non-School Uniform Day, Y12 Champions of Enterprise, Y9 Separate Science Day, HPV Vaccinations and Sports Personality of the Year Awards.

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Teaching Assistant

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YEAR 11 PROM 2023



On Wednesday 28 June, 220 students gathered at Sandford Springs hotel for their Year 11 Prom to celebrate the end of their GCSE. The theme this year was 'Environment' with eco-friendly green, white and gold decorations, which included an amazing archway put together by some of our very talented students. Many got involved with music, dancing, food and drink and took memorable photobooth snaps. It was an evening enjoyed by all and a lovely way to celebrate the culmination of five years at St Bart's. Congratulations to all our students, we wish them all the best of luck for the future. [You can see more photos on our website.](#)



YEAR 13 PROM 2023

The Class of 2023 took their final bow at St Bart's School with the traditional Leavers' Prom on Friday 23 June. Donnington Grove provided a spectacular venue for one last celebration for all of the students' achievements in the Sixth Form. There was food, music and lots of dancing - a brilliant send off for yet another exceptional St Bart's year group. You will all be missed, and we wish you all the very best in the future. [You can see more photos on our website.](#)



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Calendar

Year 10 English Trip - The Ocean at the End of the Lane	Thursday 6 July	Southampton
Berkshire Schools U13 County Track & Field Athletics Competition	Thursday 6 July	Palmer Park - 4pm
CCF Summer Camp	Sunday 9 July	to 15th July
Sports Day	Monday 10 July	(1 of 2)
Y10 Reports Issued	Tuesday 11 July	
House Point Non-School Uniform Day	Tuesday 11 July	
Year 12 Champions of Enterprise	Tuesday 11 July	all day - Sports Hall
Year 9 Separate Science Day	Tuesday 11 July	
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations	Wednesday 12 July	Gym, see below
Sports Personality of the Year Awards	Wednesday 12 July	Hall - 6.00pm. See below.
Year 9 HPV Vaccination Catch Ups	Thursday 13 July	Gym, see below
House Dance Rehearsal	Thursday 13 July	All Day
House Dance	Thursday 13 July	Hall - 6pm. See page 9

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

Y8 and Y9 HPV Immunisations

Year 8: Wednesday 12 July. Y9: Thursday 13 July.

Students to wear short sleeved school or PE polo shirt.

Sports Personality of the Year Awards

The annual Sports Personality of the Year awards evening will take place on Wednesday 12 July. Tickets are on [ParentPay](#) on a first come, first served basis, 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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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: ARMY: HARROGATE VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

Thursday 27 July, 6.00pm. Thinking of joining as a Junior Soldier? 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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VACANCIES

TEACHING ASSISTANT

We are searching for a Teaching Assistant to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis. You may be looking for a Teaching Assistant post or wondering what it is like to work in a school and looking to gain some experience before applying for teacher training. Either way we'd love to hear from you.

We are looking for someone to work with teachers in the delivery of differentiated, high quality lessons, and to support students in their learning and development and encourage them to participate in all aspects of school life. We are seeking applicants with good educational qualifications and organisational ability, who have empathy with students, and are able to motivate and encourage them.

HOURS: Up to a total of 29 hours and 40 minutes per week (Monday to Thursday 8.40am to 3.10pm and Friday 8.40am to 2.50pm) term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata. *We would be happy to consider less hours, to fit in with individual and school requirements.* SALARY: £21189.00 - £22777.00 gross pa (£10.98 - £11.81 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £14565.92 gross pa for 29 hours and 40 minutes pw.

For full details and to apply, please visit: www.stbarts.co.uk Closing date: Wednesday 12 July 2023

All applicants shortlisted will be subject to an online search. Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks. Tel: 01635 521255 E-mail: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

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GERMAN EXCHANGE 2023

St Bart's students were excited and pleased to once again see their German Exchange partners in June. The 25 students from our partner school, the Otto-Hahn Gymnasium in Monheim, stayed for a week with English families. As well as going on trips to Oxford and London, the German Exchange students spent a day in school and went on a joint trip to Bath with their English partners. Their visit in June completed the first German Exchange since January 2020 and we are delighted that the UK / German Connection has recognised the commitment of both St Bartholomew's and the Otto-Hahn Gymnasium in striving to maintain this partnership between the two schools. Dates for the 2024 German Exchange will be announced soon. If you are studying German



in Year 8 and above, keep an eye out for a Google Form with dates and details before the end of the summer term!

Ruby, Charlie, Melissa and Dominik said, “The experience was lovely for both English and German students. We have definitely made friends for life and hope to keep in touch. We recommend this to anyone looking to broaden their cultural knowledge and better their foreign language skills!”

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YEAR 9 COMPUTING TRIP TO LEGOLAND



Year 9 Computing students had the opportunity to visit Legoland on Friday, 30 June. It was a fun-filled, busy day. Students attended a workshop where they built a robot and were able to use code to make the robot do different things. The students got very creative with this!

“The trip was an enjoyable experience with parts of it that did actually help with the learning of code. Despite the long wait for the rides, they were fun. My favourite part was the mini city that was built out of Lego with different builds from a vast array of places in the world. The trip was also managed well, but my only wish for next time is that it has more time.” *Arthur*

“The rides were exhilarating and full of fun! The trip, all in all, was a great rest from the exam season and we thoroughly enjoyed it.” *Aly*

“It was cool, especially the workshop. It was very interactive. We were allowed to use our imagination and do pretty much anything we wanted with it. It was a fun experience and we worked in teams, which made it more fun.” *David*

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CARNEGIE AWARD WINNER PARTY

For the past nine weeks, our four enthusiastic Carnegie Medal Shadowing Groups of 40 students in total from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been avidly reading the seven books on this year’s shortlist to select what they considered to be the most outstanding book for young people written in the past 18 months. We have met once a week to discuss our thoughts on each book and to try to choose our winner. This year, opinion was divided as to which was the most deserving winner, with the students vigorously defending their choices in our debates. On Friday 30 June, we celebrated the official Carnegie winner announcement by hosting a party in the Library, and also waited with bated breath to hear from Mr Evans which title our groups had voted was the best.



The shortlist was varied this year, with many different styles of writing and subject matter, and it certainly challenged the students to move outside their normal comfort zone in reading. This is one of the real benefits of the Carnegie Shadowing scheme and we were delighted with the way that all the students embraced the opportunity to read and respond to quality fiction that perhaps they would not have otherwise read. All the students are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and commitment in taking part in the scheme, and for making our meetings so enjoyable.

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REAL LIFE



In Year 8 RE lessons, students are currently enjoying an Ethics unit. This week, we have asked the big question: 'How should we treat others?' To help us arrive at a set of ethical principles for how to treat others well, we played a game called 'Safe Place', produced by Christian Aid, to help us understand the journey of refugees.

Sam (8P2) said it helped him to "understand better the challenges faced".

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MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, CARL KONADU

Last Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Carl Konadu, entrepreneur, professional speaker and mentor. Carl is well-respected within the youth sector and supports young people to fulfil their potential with his award-winning social enterprise [2-3 degrees](#). He was recognised by HRH Queen Elizabeth II in the 2020 New Year's Honours list, with a British Empire Medal for his contributions to disadvantaged young people during the pandemic.

Carl met with our upcoming Year 12 students in the morning, giving a real buzz to our Sixth Form Induction Days. He spoke of his own route to success and of how getting poor grades in his own A Levels was a key moment of self-reflection that propelled him to change his attitude and self-application. Carl encouraged our young people to take ownership and feel empowered to take positive action in their learning and lives. Our guest speaker met with our Year 10s for a motivational workshop in which he challenged our students to go from 'failure to first class' by considering 1) you, 2) your work and 3) your environment. Carl also tasked Year 10 students to speak positively about themselves and others in an interactive session. We learnt about the importance of the voice in your head and of the visualisation of your goals. As our Year 10s progress towards their GCSE exam year, we hope they took away some important ideas and tools from the talk, which will help ensure they got the most out of their coming years with St Bart's. Our thanks to Carl for his time and experience.



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YEAR 8 CRITICAL THINKING WORKSHOP

On Monday 25 June, I attended a Stretch and Challenge workshop on Critical Thinking. In the workshop, we learned about the credibility of someone and to what extent we can trust a source. We used an acronym called RAVEN which stands for Reputation, Ability to see, Vested interests (do they have something to gain from it), Expertise and Neutrality. It was great to see how to tell if we can trust the source and I think this will be really helpful in evaluating evidence in the future.

We also spent some time learning about Socrates and the Socratic method of questioning. This is where you ask someone a question to make them question their own argument. This helps to illustrate the flaws in their own argument and encourages them to try and rethink and restructure it. It showed us a more effective way to argue; calmly, reflectively and respectfully. We thank Miss Marshall, who provides these opportunities, and Mr Langton for leading the workshop. This experience is part of one of the 'Stretch and Challenge' opportunities which anyone can get involved in at our school. If you wish to get involved, then get in contact with Miss Marshall.

Samuel Cutts (8P2)

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YEAR 10 POLITICAL LITERACY WORKSHOP



On Tuesday 27 June, some Year 10 students had the opportunity to discover what it might be like to study Politics A Level. Students learned about key political figures in British Government, ranked some global political issues and took part in a fast and animated debate about the reforms in education, healthcare and the economy. Some memorable comments were argued such as Charlie Fogg's damning criticism of the Liberal Democrats being 'fiscally irresponsible' and Katja Burgess countering with "too much mouth and not enough action" when she represented Labour. I want to congratulate Labour, for winning the debate overall, and Harry Cantwell, Charlie Fogg and Kai Bristow for taking on the role of Party Leaders. Their passionate debate will hold them in good stead for deciding whether Politics will be right for them at A Level. We thank Miss Marshall, who provides these

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Abi Hamblin (10P1)

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PATRON PETER MURRAY'S SUMMER LETTER

Following several popular visits to St Bart's, Author Peter Murray has taken up the post of Patron of Reading for us for this academic year. Peter has been generous with his time, undertaking workshops with students and helping them with their creative writing skills. He has written us a letter to mark the end of the year which [you can read on our website.](#)

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PE

Year 7 Rounders

Well done to all 18 girls who went to John O'Gaunt School to play rounders. The A team won 3 out of 3 games, beating John O'Gaunt School, Park House School B and Trinity School. The B team lost 2 games and won 1 game, beating St Gabriel's School B. The A team player of the day was Eva Mahoney. The B team player of the day was Anna Hall. We now look forward to the finals.



Year 9 Rounders



Our Year 9 girls played their next set of Rounders fixtures on Thursday 29 June. Whilst waiting for all schools to arrive, our girls including Mrs Stevens and Miss Bilcliff, took part in a game of one-handed catch, with any dropped catches having consequences - some great catches and some questionable ones too!

Once we got going, our A team played some fantastic Rounders, leading to 2 wins against St Gabriel's School and John O'Gaunt School, with a second rounder by Grace! Unfortunately, tiredness must have hit, and we lost to Park House School in the final game. Players of the day were Ava, Molly, Freya and Flo (especially Flo for a brilliant catch!).

Our B team only played one game due to another school not being able to take part, but won 6.5 rounders to 6 against Park House School with Isla being given player of the match - well done girls!



Berkshire Summer School Games



Congratulations to the Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders who attended the Berkshire School Games as leaders and officials on 29 June at Braywick Leisure Centre

The 27 leaders were involved in the smooth running of the QuadKids athletics event for primary

schools and 10 leaders were official crew members supporting a variety of other festivals that were taking place at Braywick Leisure centre.

This was a superb day which saw all of our sports leaders take on their roles with maturity and responsibility, helping to support over 900 primary school students taking part in this event. Very well done to you all and thank you!



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St Bart's
Dance

HOUSE DANCE

2023

13TH JULY 6:30PM

AN EVENING OF STUDENT LED
CREATIVITY, COMPETING FOR THE
TITLE OF BEST HOUSE !
FRIENDS, FAMILY AND TEACHERS
PLEASE COME ALONG TO SUPPORT
OUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE WORKED
SO HARD :)

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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