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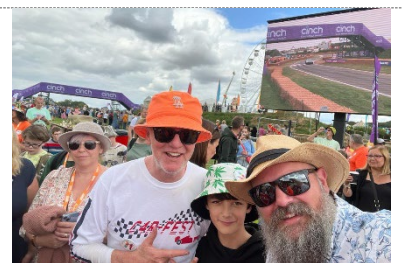
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If you have not yet had a chance, please do read my [welcome letter](#) to parents from the start of term and view [the video](#) from last year where I explain my priorities for the school.

I wish you and your family a happy and successful year ahead, and thank you again for your continued support as we aim for all students to enjoy their learning and grow in confidence and self worth so that they thrive in the world beyond school.

We'd also like to welcome the following new staff members this term...

New Teachers

Mr Bastable	Deputy Headteacher: Inclusion & DSL
Mr Beardall-Richards	Head of Department: Design & Technology
Miss Broome	Teacher of Food
Mr Cameron	Head of Department: RE & Head of Department: Law
Miss Daniel	Teacher of Business
Mrs Davies	Teacher of Textiles
Miss Fieth	Teacher of MFL
Miss Forsey	Head of House: Curnock
Mrs Gregory	Teacher of Humanities
Mrs Jones	Teacher of Social Science
Mr Matthias	Teacher of English
Miss May	Leader: KS3 History
Mrs Pearson	Teacher of Science
Mrs Whyatt	Teacher of Psychology
Mr Wilson	House Progress & Achievement Leader: Patterson
Miss Wright	Teacher of MFL
Mr Yeatman	Head of Faculty: Humanities

Teaching Assistants in Personalised Learning

Mrs Welch	Mrs Stevens
Miss Bartholomew	Miss Tipton
Miss Fitchett	Mrs Wright
Mrs Jayaprakasam	Mrs Harvey
Mrs Ogilvy	Miss McPherson Jones

Calendar

Societies Fair	Wednesday 13 September	Hall, 12.30pm
Y11 C/D English - Macbeth	Thursday 14 September	All Day
Y13 History Trip	Friday 15 September	Hampton Court, All day
Y10 Group B DofE Bronze Award - Assessed Weekend	Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 September	
Y11A Geography Field Trip	Tuesday 19 September	Rushall Farm, All Day
Y11C Geography Field Trip	Wednesday 20 September	Rushall Farm, All Day
PA AGM	Wednesday 20 September	WCC, 7.30pm

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

**Open Evening
2023
Tuesday 26 September
5.00 - 7.45pm**



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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Young Marine Biologist Summit

Saturday 4 November 2023, 10.00am-4.00pm. Key Age: 13-18 years but we encourage younger children to watch with their families. Online and completely free. To book [click 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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Last week in our first full school assembly students waited to hear the results of last year's House Championship which turned out to be very closely contested.

In the Sport Shield, covering over 150 matches and 13 different sports, Curnock and Davis were tied on points. They had both won 6 of the competitions so it was necessary to consider the total number of 2nd places. Curnock narrowly won 4-3.



	Curnock	Davis	Evers	Patterson
SPORT CHAMPIONSHIP	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
CITIZENSHIP CHAMPIONSHIP	2nd	4th	3rd	1st
ACADEMIC CHAMPIONSHIP	2nd	1st	3rd	4th
ARTS and ENRICHMENT	4th	2nd	3rd	1st
SIXTH FORM CUP	4th	1st	2nd	3rd
Total	13	10	14	13

The Citizenship Shield considers attendance, awards and charity work and Patterson ran away with this competition in 2022/23.

The Arts and Enrichment Shield was also a closely fought competition between Patterson, winners of House Music, and Evers, winners of House Drama, and Curnock, winners of House Dance. Patterson were again victorious.

The Sixth Form Cup is competed for by Sixth Form students only, and includes various leadership opportunities, report scores and Sixth Form sports became another tussle between the top two houses, with Davis edging the win.

The Academic Shield is the final component decided, with exam results and milestones considered as they come in. Again, this was a close competition between Curnock and Davis but Davis took the prize with one more competition under their belt than Curnock.

So, overall Davis were our worthy winner, taking the House Championship Cup. Curnock and Patterson tied for second place but with two other 1st places Patterson edged into second place, with Evers in 4th by only 1 point.

House Head for Davis, Miss Suggitt, says, "A HUGE congratulations to all our Davis students, what a fantastic achievement for a second year in a row! Mr Fry, Miss Moore and I are so incredibly proud of everyone. Every single Davis student has contributed to us winning the championship, whether it be taking part in a school event, getting house points, engaging in your lessons or fundraising for charity. It just goes to show that all those contributions, however big or small, can add up to big results! Can we make it a hat-trick? GO DAVIS!"

The 2023/24 Competition is well under way with points scored by the new Year 7s in Summer School already added to the tally.



CELEBRATING ANOTHER SUMMER OF EXAM SUCCESS

We are again celebrating another year of fantastic exam performance by last years' Year 11 and Year 13 cohort. The progress made by Year 11 students from when they started with us in Year 7 was once again extremely high and they deserve to be immensely proud of their achievements. Their hard work and dedication, supported by their parents and their teachers, has truly paid dividends.



At GCSE, a record figure of over 85% of all grades were at grade 4 or higher and well over a third of all grades were at grade 7 or higher. A fantastic 84% of students gained at least a grade 4 in both English and Maths, ensuring that they can smoothly progress to further study, with all doors open to them. A total of 60 students achieved at least 8 GCSEs at grade 7 or higher, with Erin Clark, Aayush Joshi, Vaibavi Lakshmi Narayanan, Charlotte Lethaby, Adria Rumbaускаite, Annabel Maclean, Imogen Ciochon, Daanyal Begg and Ben Wigmore achieving an extraordinary total of 95 grade 9s between them.

In Year 13, half of all grades achieved were at A* to B, and over 75% were at C or better. 22 students gained at least 3 A*/A grades or better, with eight achieving this high standard across four subjects. Special mention must be made of the achievement of Ollie Davey, Joe McClellan, Laura Mills and Aditya Sanyal in gaining four A* grades.

These results are particularly impressive given our open-access entry, providing opportunities for all students to achieve. Nearly 200 St Bartholomew's students will be taking up places at universities across the country and many others have secured places on competitive apprenticeship programmes.

Our students' successes lie not just in their academic progress, but also in the way in which they have been a real asset to the school as a whole, acting as excellent role models who have made a really positive contribution to the wider school community. Whether they have progressed to St Bart's Sixth Form, taken up places at college, university or on an apprenticeship programme, or are travelling other new pathways, we wish them all the very best as they move on to the next stage of their lives.

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VIVAAN IS UK WINNER

St Bart's are extremely proud to announce that Vivaan (11E3) has won the prestigious UK Junior Water Prize. This is a national STEM competition aimed at solving environmental challenges with a link to water quality and security.

Vivaan says, "My research was to develop a technology-driven system for smart houses that can detect, predict and report water quality, leakage and clogging issues in distribution pipelines. By predicting leakage issues in advance, the system has the potential to avoid leakage and mould problems, which cause serious health risks."



The system uses sensors, IoT, and AI technology. It collects and analyses the data from the sensors, and generates alarms in real-time if any water-related issue arises. The water security index is calculated to assess the safety of the water supply on the premises. The system can be scaled up for larger areas such as buildings, residential societies and cities."

Vivaan won a £1,000 cash prize, a trophy and certificate plus an all-expenses paid trip to World Water Week in August to take part in the Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition in Sweden.

He says, "After winning this competition at the UK level, I feel more motivated to continue my research and take it to the next level."

His entry has been published [here](#). This is an amazing achievement. Well done Vivaan!

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HARRY PLAYS TO THE CROWD

Harry (7C2) has just started St Bart's but his music career is taking off fast! He got spotted at Carfest by Chris Evans and was asked to play a DJ set in the main club tent to over 500 people on the Sunday night. His story has been picked up by the [Newbury Weekly News](#).



His mum says "It's all gone a bit crazy since then, and his story has been picked up by national TV, radio and newspapers. He's also being supported by the UK's top Drum and Bass stars Chase and Status and by the mighty Ministry of Sound in London. We are talking to agents and getting requests for gigs at more festivals and venues, so it looks like his music career is going to be taking off much earlier than we thought!"

Well done Harry, we look forward to following your progress.

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LUCY & APOLLO POWERING AHEAD IN THE NAVY

Two of our Royal Navy cadets attended courses in July. Lucy Gower did the powerboat course and Apollo Sheperia the Senior Leadership Course.

"In the summer holiday I went to HMS Raleigh, an RN training base near Plymouth, to do a power boating course. I was there for a week and I learned how to drive several types of boat - a RIB (rigid inflatable boat), a Halmatic and lastly a Champ. We were woken every day at 6am by an announcement "call the hands" - we then



put on our navy uniform, formed up into our dorms outside and marched down to the mess hall for breakfast led by the highest ranked cadet in our dorm. The other cadets were from all over the country, ranging from Scotland to the Channel Islands. By the end of the week, I had made many close friends and got a license to drive a powerboat that will be active when I turn sixteen.”

Lucy (11E3)

“The CCF (Royal Navy) Senior Leadership Course, I can honestly say, was one of the most fun and rewarding experiences I've ever had.

I met cadets from all over the United Kingdom, completed assault courses and dove face-first into a stream (multiple times), mapped Mount Edgcumbe Country Park and completed a sinking ship simulation. We got to practice and perfect our drill, and had the chance to create our own PLTs (Practical Leadership Tasks) and have them tested out and reviewed by naval officers and other cadets!

I left the week-long course with a new wealth of knowledge about our Royal Navy, a dozen new friends, and with tenfold the confidence I had before. I'd absolutely recommend it for all burgeoning young cadets!”

Apollo (11D2)

Both Lucy and Apollo are to be congratulated on their respective achievements. To secure a powerboat qualification before the start of Year 11 is excellent while any previous St Bart's cadet undertaking the RN Senior Leadership Course has not done so until the end of Year 12.

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STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

You must have the following items with you in school at all times.

Pens: 2 x black
1 x blue
1 x green



Pencils x 2



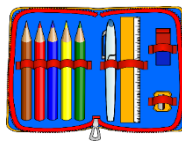
Ruler



Eraser



Pencil Case



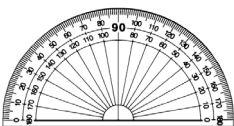
Pair of Compasses



Calculator



Protractor



Reading Book



Glue Stick



Highlighter



Equipment must not be shared between students and staff will be unable to issue any missing equipment.

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Visit the Parents' Association

Secondhand Uniform Shop



Just inside the Students' Entrance on the right

**Open on Fridays
during term time from 2.45pm to
3.30pm**

**Have you finished with your
uniform or PE kit?**

Donations welcome - at the shop on Friday afternoons or anytime via school reception (no white shirts please).

Volunteers are needed to help in the shop, for one hour on a Friday afternoon (term time). Once a month or once a term, it's up to you.

Please contact us at stbartspa@gmail.com

Help raise funds for your school!

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St Bartholomew's
School

Open Evening 2023

Tuesday 26 September

5.00pm - 7.45pm



- "A community of kindness and respect" (Ofsted)
- Exceptional GCSE and A Level results
- Comprehensive Year 7 Transition Programme including Summer School
- Diverse and contemporary curriculum
- Small class sizes (average 27 students)
- High expectations for all
- Valuing of individual talents
- Experienced Personalised Learning team
- Excellent co-curricular trips, activities and opportunities



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Watch our
school video
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Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider



Open Mornings

Monday 2 & Tuesday 3

October

9.00am - 10.45am

No booking required to attend open events

01635 521255



AUTUMN CO-CURRICULAR



MONDAY

YEARS 7-9 HOCKEY
YEARS 7-9 VOLLEYBALL
YEAR 8 + 9 FOOTBALL (COLLECT LETTER FROM PE)
YEARS 7-13 LACROSSE
YEARS 7-11 GIRLS RUGBY
ALL YEARS YOGA
YEARS 7-9 GIRLS BADMINTON

TUESDAY

YEARS 7+8 GIRLS FOOTBALL
YEARS 7+8 BOYS RUGBY
YEARS 9, 10 + 11 BASKETBALL
YEAR 11+ 6TH FORM NETBALL
YEARS 11 + 6TH FORM RUGBY
YEARS 7, 8 +9 TABLE TENNIS CLUB

WEDNESDAY

YEARS 7+8 BASKETBALL
YEARS 9+10 NETBALL
YEARS 11+ 6TH FORM GIRLS FOOTBALL
YEARS 11+ 6TH FORM RUGBY
YEARS 7-9 TRACK/HITT (PATTERSON BLOCK)
ALL YEARS - FITNESS CLUB (GYM)

THURSDAY

YEARS 7+ 8 NETBALL
YEARS 9+10 GIRLS FOOTBALL
YEARS 9+10 BOYS RUGBY
YEARS 7+8 - MARTIAL ARTS
ALL YEARS - BADMINTON

FRIDAY

YEARS 10 - 6TH FORM BADMINTON

**ALL CLUBS ARE
OPEN AND
MIXED UNLESS
SPECIFIED
OTHERWISE!**

**PLEASE ASK
AT THE PE
OFFICE IF YOU
HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS.**



ACTIVITY TIME CLUBS

TUESDAY

YEAR 8 OPEN AND MIXED BADMINTON

WEDNESDAY

YEARS 7+ 8 OPEN AND MIXED DODGEBALL
YEARS 7+8 OPEN AND MIXED BASKETBALL
YEARS 7- 9 OPEN AND MIXED FIVES CLUB
ALL YEARS - OPEN AND MIXED BADMINTON
GCSE PE INTERVENTION
ALEVEL PE INTERVENTION
BTEC SPORT INTERVENTION

THURSDAY

YEAR 9 OPEN AND MIXED BASKETBALL