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In the video you can clearly see Her Majesty being shown around, whilst students put on an impressive gymnastics display in front of the Wormestall building! Just three years after the visit, the decision was made to join the boys' school with the Newbury County Girls' Grammar School to form St Bartholomew's School as we know it today.

[Watch the video here.](#)

Our sincere thanks to Patrick for sharing both this very special video and fond memories of his grandmother.

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Calendar

Y11 Selected Students Developing Life Skills Workshop	Wednesday 11 October	WCC, All Day
Y11 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 11 October	Remote, 4.30 – 7.00pm
Year 7 Evers and Patterson - Outdoor Activity Day	Thursday 12 October	All day
Y12 A Level PE & BTEC Sport Trip	Thursday 12 October	Bath University, 8.30am-4.00pm
Y12 & Y13 Destinations EXPO	Thursday 12 October	Newbury College, 10.20-12.30
Y10 CCF Army and RAF Field Day	Friday 13 October	
Y10 CCF Navy Field Day	Friday 13 October	
Y10 Intro to Social Sciences Trip to Newbury Police Station	Friday 13 October	P4&5
House Music Rehearsal	Monday 16 October	Hall, All day
Y13 Fine Art & Y12 Graphics & Photography Trip	Monday 16 October	Oxford, All day
Parents' Association Meeting	Monday 16 October	WCC, 7pm. All welcome.
Y11A Geography Trip	Tuesday 17 October	Reading, All day
A Level English Language Trip	Tuesday 17 October	London, All day

Y12 & 13 Dance Trip	Tuesday 17 October	Arlington Arts, 6.30 – 10.30pm
House Music Performance,	Tuesday 17 October	7.00pm. Tickets are available now on ParentPay .
Y11B Geography Trip	Wednesday 18 October	Reading, All day
Y8 Author Visit	Wednesday 18 October	Hall, P1 & P2
Student Academic Senate (Y13)	Wednesday 18 October	Hall, P4
EPQ Presentation Fair	Wednesday 18 October	Hall, After school

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: City Century Legal Work Experience – Years 12 & 13

This is an in-person Work Experience Day taking place on Wednesday 25 October at the prestigious Queen Elizabeth II Centre in the heart of London. There are two sessions taking place during the day, a morning session from 9:30 AM – 13:00 PM and an afternoon session from 14:00 PM – 17:30 PM. Please select your preferred time slot, [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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GOETHE INSTITUT VISIT

Recently we took Year 12 and Year 13 students studying German to the Goethe Institut in London. This is a worldwide cultural institute aiming to promote knowledge of the German language abroad and fostering international cultural collaborations.

"Visiting the Goethe Institut was a great experience. I particularly enjoyed learning about how having a qualification in German is attractive to employers. The German film we watched also gave me further historical insight."



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Mabel Rayner (13C5)

KEY STAGE 3 AWARDS

The KS3 Awards Evening took place last week to recognise the effort and determination shown by our current Year 10 students throughout their first three years at St Bart's. It was amazing to see so many students rewarded for their commitment to both subjects and their houses, as well as recognise those who have achieved their Gold Awards. Deputy Head Student, Avni Prashar, was there to help celebrate and made an inspirational presentation to the Year 10 students. Staff and House Heads, alongside Vice Chair of Governors, Campbell Smith, and Foundation Governor, Trevor Emberlin, awarded prizes. There was fantastic support among the



students as they enthusiastically applauded every prize winner.

The final presentation celebrated those students from each House who received the most nominations. The winners were:

Curnock – Annabelle Prowse

Davis – Isla Clare

Evers – Casper Nolan

Patterson – Tabitha Cook

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MRS HEWETSON ON SHORTLISTING PANEL FOR SPARK! BOOK AWARDS

Last week, we received the exciting news that our very own Mrs Hewetson, St Bart's Librarian, has been asked to join the panel of the Spark! Book Awards.



Spark! Book Awards was founded in 2020 with the mission to build excitement and enjoyment in reading in all schools. Spark! believe that children should engage in a wide range of quality literature that represents all readers from across our diverse communities. In 2022, the charity formed a partnership with The Open University to provide a gateway to some great book choices for children and ensure access to books for all.

This is an award where the students decide the winners. Publishers are invited to submit books that fit the criteria and a panel of teachers and librarians narrow these

submissions down to the shortlists. This year, for the first time the Awards will include an 11+ category for secondary schools and the panel will include Mrs Hewetson!

Mrs Hewetson said: "I am delighted to be part of this initiative. I just love discovering exciting new authors that we can introduce to St Bart's students. I am passionate about the importance of giving students access to new books, alongside the classics we all know and love. We want to expand horizons and ensure that there is always something for everyone on offer in our library"

BartholoNews will update our community when the shortlists are announced in early January and then it's over to our students to read, react and vote on the winners. Watch out for lots of exciting activities that the library have planned!

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KENYAN SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Following on from our recent article on the St Bart's international secondary school partnership link with the Ulafulu Secondary School in Kenya, the student committee have now had the opportunity to participate in a zoom meeting with their peers in Kenya. The students all introduced themselves, and Vedha (Year 9) told Mr Kennedy Oloo and his students more about St Bart's, including the importance of our house system and our uniform.

The committee then had the opportunity to ask Ulafulu students a few questions. We learnt from Femix that Ulafulu Secondary School has 600 students, that his favourite subject was Geography, that he was most proud of his school's academic record, that they also had lots of clubs on offer (including Music, Science and Environment) and that he wished the school had a scouting club. We also learnt that Femix loved football and was a Manchester City supporter, which pleased Miss Ostinelli!



The committee also discovered that the Ulafulu Secondary School motto was 'Knowledge is Power' and we shared with Mr Oloo that our own school motto, Ad Lucem, means 'Towards the Light'.

Finally, the committee had a chance to understand further which objectives the Ulafulu Secondary School would like to work in partnership towards. The laptops that we have already provided have proven to be very valuable and so we discussed providing further IT support for the library and more laptops for the school. We also spoke of long distance students having to walk to and from Ulafulu Secondary School, and whether we could support with transport, and about providing tools for the school's kitchen garden. Finally, Ulafulu Secondary School told us about the challenge of gender equality and the need to encourage and facilitate students, particularly girls, staying in education for longer. The committee will now spend some time planning how we might be able to further these objectives and they look forward to another call with our partner school soon.

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YEAR 7 TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

In 2022/23 we relaunched the Year 7 Tallest Sunflower competition. The seed was distributed from Year 7 Science teachers and house points were given each entry.

Well done to our winners!



Winner Jeannie (8P2)



Runner up Sam (8P2)

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HARVEST APPEAL REMINDER

A reminder to bring your donations for our 2023 harvest appeal which will be delivered to two immensely impactful local charities- Loose Ends and Fair Close Centre.

The suggested donations are:

- Tins of meat or fish: minced beef, stewed steak, pie in a tin, tuna.
- Tins of beans, vegetables and potatoes.
- Tins of evaporated milk, custard, rice pudding, fruit, soup.
- Dry foods: biscuits, pasta and rice.
- Jars of jam, pasta sauce.
- Cartons of long-life juice, and long-life milk.

Please bring in donations to the House Offices by Monday 16 October. Sixth Formers should take their donations to the Sixth Form Office. The House that collects the most food will get a special non-uniform day! Thank you for your contribution. We can really make a difference as a community to help others in our local area.



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Well done to Cole (12D3) who carried out his 8th annual charity concert recently. This was, as always, in aid of Wallace & Gromit's Children's Charity. He raised over £300, bringing the total raised since the first event in 2015 (he missed 2020 due to Covid) to over £4000!

Cole played a selection of classical and film music and even his own arrangement of Radiohead's 'No Surprises', where a video montage of himself playing percussion, piano and cello was the backing track. He was accompanied on the day by Susan Norman on piano. The event took place at The Bowlers Arms in Wash Common. This is a commendable achievement.



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Huge congratulations to Isaac who has just been awarded the prestigious position of principle tuba player in the National Youth Orchestra. Well done Isaac, your hard work and rigorous practice have paid off and you will no doubt have a wonderful time exploring some demanding and exciting repertoires over the coming months. We look forward to sharing your endeavours as you go along. This is fabulous news!

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PE

Year 7 Rugby



The Year 7 boys' Rugby team had their first match for St Bart's.

The boys who were selected this time played brilliantly, winning by 8 tries to nil.

Players of the match were Zach Davis, Joe Hunter Smart and Zach Shore.

Year 10 Rugby

The Year 10 boys' Rugby team played Park House School in the District League. Their effort and attitude was exemplary despite going down to a strong Park House team.



Players of the match were Harry Graham for his defensive work and Tristain Bourdoin for his direct running and fantastic individual try at the end.

1st XV Rugby

The 1st XV Rugby team travelled to Thame to play Lord William's School in the National Competition.

The match was very close, with the final score 21-7 to Lord William's.

Player of the match was Armand Graham, and a special mention goes to Ellis Farris who represented the Sixth Form whilst still in Year 11. He played the whole match at 2nd row and played excellently.

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

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