



## LANGUAGES' WEEK 2023



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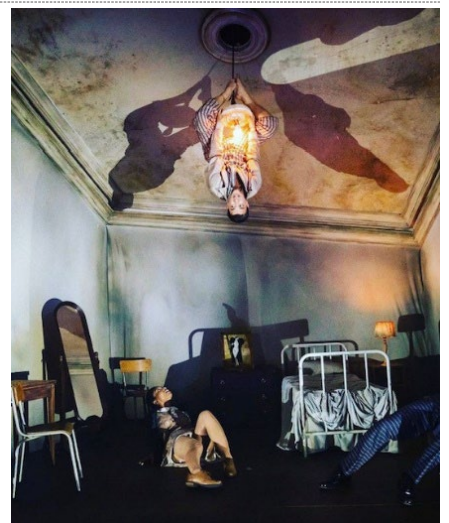
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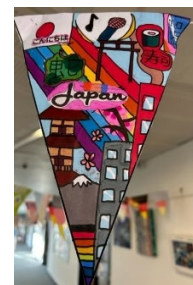
We also did not want to limit the celebrations to one day, and so dedicated the week to celebrating different languages from across the world. As well as the bunting flags, there were different meals in the canteen with culinary delights from a range of countries, a treasure hunt to find staff who speak different languages from different faculties, and translation activities for our older year groups and also a general knowledge quiz to celebrate famous inventors, mathematicians and historical figures. There has been a real buzz about the cultural richness learning a language can bring and as they say in Spanish: *'un idioma nuevo es una vida nueva'* = *a new language brings a new life!*



1<sup>st</sup>, Noemi Osmani (7D2)



2<sup>nd</sup>, Elsie Smith (8E2)



3<sup>rd</sup>, Imogen Rumens, (7E2)

Runners up:



Eleanor Payne, (7E1)



Roba Shadoufa, (8E2)



Nazar Zhdanov, (7E3)



Bhavika Shourie, (7E3)



Reem Shadoufa, (8E1)

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## Calendar

Whole School Harvest Assembly	Wednesday 4 October	
Y12 & Y13 German Day at the Goethe-Institut	Thursday 5 October	All day, London
Y7 & Y8 Footgolf Festival	Thursday 5 October	Park House School, 3.15pm
KS3 Awards Evening (Y10 students)	Thursday 5 October	Hall, 6.30pm
Y11 CCF Army/RAF Night Ex	Friday 6 & Saturday 7 October	
Y10 Separate Science Day	Monday 9 October	All day
Y7 Settling-In Evening	Monday 9 October	Hall, 5.30pm
Year 7 Curnock and Davis - Outdoor Activity Day	Tuesday 10 October	New Forest
GCSE Dance - Exam Choreography Day	Tuesday 10 October	
Y11 Selected Students Developing Life Skills Workshop	Wednesday 11 October	WCC, All day
Y11 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 11 October	Remote

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

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### SPOTLIGHT: IBM Early Careers Webinar

Tuesday 17 October, 6.30 – 7.15. Online. Listen to the many different opportunities we have available at IBM and hear from some of the current interns about their experience so far. Find out more and register [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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## VACANCIES

### **PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER**

**We are looking for a full-time, term-time Pastoral Support Worker to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis.**



We are looking for someone to work with students supporting their mental health and well-being and developing positive relationships. You will develop good communication between home and school, providing support to parents to help them understand their child's needs and to build an appropriate home environment.

Working in school with students, teaching staff, house staff and pastoral leaders, you will monitor and evaluate the impact of intervention and attend triage meetings to discuss case supervision. Additionally, you will also provide home visits to support students not attending school.

**HOURS:** 37 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.00pm, with some flexibility of hours possible through discussion with line manager, term-time only, plus 5 training days. Included in the 37 hours pw you will need to be able to commit to occasionally working 2 hours per week flexibly in the evening, particularly when working with families.

**SALARY:** £27852.00 - £30151.00 gross pa (£14.44 - £15.63 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £24196.84 gross pa.

To find out more details and to apply, please go to <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/-1921389>.

**Closing date: Sunday 8 October 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 Email: [recruitment@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@stbarts.co.uk)

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### **2023 HARVEST APPEAL**

For this year's harvest appeal, St Bart's will be donating to two immensely impactful local charities- Loose Ends and Fair Close Centre.

Loose Ends is a fantastic drop-in Centre in Newbury, run by volunteers, which has served over 5,000 meals and distributed more than 2,500 food parcels in the past year.

Fair Close Centre is an independent Centre providing a friendly place for elderly citizens to eat home-cooked meals, supplied by volunteers, as well as activities for them to enjoy. They have also started a drop-in centre for families who are struggling and have arranged with West Berkshire Action for Refugees to allow them to share our facilities once a week so they can organize cooking sessions for asylum seekers currently living in hotels so that they can cook and eat together as there are no cooking facilities or communal dining areas in the hotels.



We spoke in the whole school assembly to encourage the school community to donate to help people in need. 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.

We, along with some Y8 students, will be delivering the food donations to Loose Ends and Fair Close Centre. Please bring in donations to the House Offices by Monday 16 of October. Sixth Formers should take their donations to the Sixth Form Office. Thank you for your contribution. We can really make a difference as a community to help others in our local area.

*Avni, Callum and Jess - Deputy Head Students*

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## DISPELLING THE MYTHS OF OXBRIDGE WORKSHOP



Last Friday, the Year 10 students in the Stretch and Challenge community attended a fantastic workshop lead by Mrs Lane in the hall. They looked at what it takes to get a place at Oxbridge, and about dispelling the myths surrounding the universities and their entrance exams. There was also a panel of current and aspiring Oxbridge students for a Q and A in the last part of the workshop.

The students started by learning about the different universities and watching a guided tour of the campuses. They looked at the

myths surrounding Oxbridge and then how students actually live and work on the campuses. We then moved on to talk about the interview practise and have a go at some of the tasks that these universities have used in the past. Students particularly enjoyed the task where you had to communicate to your partner how to tie a shoe without using their hands! Another popular task that Year 10 tried was a role-play, where someone had broken the other's new phone and they had to tell their friend about it. After a short break, the students had a Q and A with a panel of students that either already had a place at Oxbridge, or were applying to go this year. Year 10 asked some good questions about work life balance, revision, and what they were doing when they were in Year 10.

The students had a great time, and especially enjoyed participating in all the different tasks. We look forward to running this again next year!



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## METAMORPHOSIS TRIP

On the 27 September, I went to watch a Frantic Assembly production of 'Metamorphosis' in Southampton along with Year 13, 12 and 10 students who are studying Drama. This play is about a young man called Gregor who turns into a bug, and how his family cope with this Metamorphosis. This play explores themes of family pressures, isolation and change. Frantic's classic use of movement retold the story expertly. They also explored the cost of living, which made the piece more relevant to a contemporary. This was a captivating performance, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Go and see it if you get the chance.

*Laura Swanson*



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## DJ HARRY PLAYS HMV

In September, [we reported](#) on Harry (7C2) being 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.

Now Harry has got a DJ set lined up at HMV this weekend. Do stop by and support him.

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## OLYMPIAN SUPPORT FOR OPEN EVENING



At our recent Open Evening, our Year 10 Living for Sport group had a great opportunity to work alongside athlete Mentors Toby Garbett and Susie Dear.

Toby has longstanding links to our school and as a previous Olympic rower and Tri athlete, he is always an inspirational figure for our students. This year, Toby introduced us to Susie Dear who is a current GB rower and is presently working towards a place in the Paris 2024 Olympics. Fingers crossed she is successful in gaining a place.



Both Toby and Susie worked on team building activities, including rowing machines, with our Living for Sport group and gave them an insight into working towards challenges. They also encouraged many of the visiting Year 6 students to try out the rowing machines.

A huge thank you to Toby and Susie for giving up their time and providing an excellent opportunity for both our students and our visitors.

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### PHOENIX LACROSSE SUCCESS



With the school's support, a team of girls from St Bart's competed as Phoenix Lacrosse Club in the Berkshire Schools Rally at Downe House on Wednesday. The team played brilliantly and came second.

The club also had a very successful time at the U19 South West Schools Lacrosse Rally at St Swithun's School in Winchester, when the team (all but one of whom go to St Bart's) played 8 matches and made it all the way to the finals in their group. Well done to all involved.

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### PE



#### U14 and U16 Netball

St Bart's entered two teams in the Pre-Counties Netball Tournament at Queen Anne's Caversham. It's a tough competition and St Bart's were looking forward to the challenge. The U14s had a tough first game to start with but they composed themselves and lost narrowly to St Mary's School and by only one goal to The Marist School, before being beaten by The Abbey School. The girls showed great resilience and lots of potential.



Player of the tournament was awarded to Violet Hughes.

The U16s got off to a flying start, winning against St Mary's, 10-2, but were then beaten by Wellington College and The Abbey School. The girls regrouped and went on to win three more games against tough opposition, showing some great team work and versatility, stepping up every time they took to court. They finished a very respectable 4<sup>th</sup>, and should be very proud of themselves. Player of the tournament was awarded to Anna Delavere. The highlight for all the girls were the croissants and cookies provided by Queen Annes!

### Cross Country Festival



Well done to the 30 students who took part in the Cross Country Festival at St Gabriel's. Great fun was had by all.

### U13 Girls' Football

Our U13 Girls' Football team played together for the first time last week in their English Schools Cup fixture against King Alfred's School, Wantage. We unfortunately lost, 3-1, and Miss Bilcliff still isn't sure how! The girls played really well together, considering it was their first match, creating lots and lots of chances which we couldn't take. Alice scored our only goal with a great finish. Despite the result, the future looks bright!





## Year 9 Rugby



Well done to the Year 9 Rugby team who drew 29-29 in a well contested friendly against Perrins School. Players of the match were Josh and James!

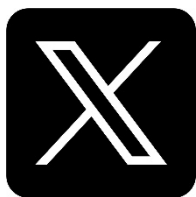
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