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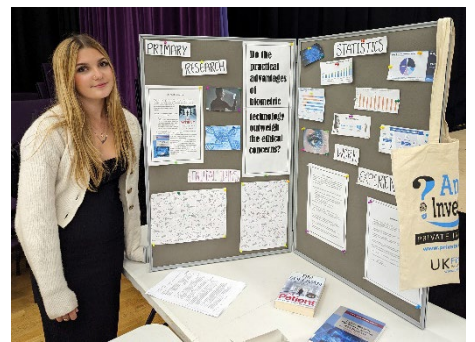
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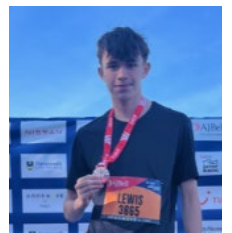
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We began the evening with the instrumental category, which included rousing renditions of 'Cantina Band' (Curnock), 'The Pink Panther Theme' (Davis), 'Pirates of the Caribbean' (Evers) and 'Phantom of the Opera' (Patterson).

Year 8 took the lead in the composition class, all performing Salsa inspired pieces that they had composed themselves.



Curnock's Choir

The final open choral class saw 'Welcome to the Black Parade' performed by Curnock, 'A Nod to Pitch Perfect' by Davis, 'Pompeii' by Evers and Patterson bought us 'Livin' on a Prayer'.

Our 2023 adjudicator was Ashley Morris, General Manager of the Newbury Spring Festival and our thanks go to him for making the final call between some amazing performances and offering all the performers some lovely words of encouragement.

The final results were:

House Instrumental – Patterson



Year 8 Composition – Davis

Leadership Award - Miriam Cooper (Patterson)

First place: Patterson



House Choir - Patterson

Second place: Davis

Joint third: Curnock and Evers

A number of students and staff were involved in back stage tasks which were instrumental to the overall success of the night. Thank you to them. Well done to everyone involved.

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Calendar

Sixth Form dismissed for Home Study	Thursday 2 November	2.10pm
Sixth Form Open Evening for September 2024 entry	Thursday 2 November	5.30 – 8.00pm See page 11
CCF AT weekend	Friday 3, Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 November	Isle of Wight
Y9 House Netball and Rugby	Monday 6 November	9J Released, P4
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GCSE Autumn Exam Series starts	Tuesday 7 November	Ends 13 November
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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Year 10 Astrophysics Taster Morning - online

Date: Saturday 2 December 2023 (registration open now, closes 24 November)

Venue: Oxford Physics Department

Audience: Students in Year 10

If you are in Year 10 (or equivalent) and you are considering studying physics or astrophysics at university and would like to know more about your options and what this might look like, then this event is for you! We're going to be showcasing some of our favourite bits of the subject through interactive workshops, and talking about what it's like to study physics at university. There'll be a chance to put all your questions to a panel of current students too. Come and join us!

More information and booking: [Click here for more information and to register for this event](#) (booking is open and will close at 5.00pm on 24 November)

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

HEALTH & SAFETY AND MEDICAL CO-ORDINATOR

We are looking for a Health & Safety and Medical Co-ordinator to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis.



We are looking for someone to co-ordinate the Health & Safety and medical systems across the school ensuring compliance with H&S regulations, policies and guidance. You will liaise with all staff throughout the school as necessary regarding audits, training and reporting. Working with the Estate Manager, you will support the coordination of H&S across the Site Team as well as being the Lead First Aider in school.

HOURS: 35 hours per week, term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata, plus 3 weeks to be worked in the holidays.

SALARY: £24054.00 - £25878.00 gross pa (£12.47 - £13.41 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £20989.53 gross pa.

To find out more details and to apply, please go to <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/-1916260>.

Closing date: Monday 13 November 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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David was the youngest of four brothers all of whom are Directors of the local wood yard on the outskirts of Hermitage. He joined the ONA committee in 2012 and contributed to a range of activities including playing in the annual cricket match versus the school 1st XI and in total served seven years on the Committee.

David will be sorely missed by all of us at St Bart's and the ONA who were lucky enough to know and work with him.

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SIXTH FORM BRITISH MUSEUM TRIP

On 17 October, the A Level English Language students travelled to London. They enjoyed a seminar at the British Library about accent and dialect, looking at the use of dialect vocabulary and non-Standard English constructions in music as well as historical examples of “slang” English in the British Library’s collection. During this fascinating talk, students learnt about how Newbury is on the frontier of accent change in the UK (between a more South Western accent and a Southern Received Pronunciation accent), particularly in relation to the Bath Vowel but also

in terms of dialect vocabulary. Students then moved to Dr Johnson’s House where they learnt about the history of dictionaries and why Johnson’s dictionary was so important; students also looked at the changing meanings of words and learnt how to deduce the etymology of a word just from looking at it. It was a great day and students and staff learnt a lot!

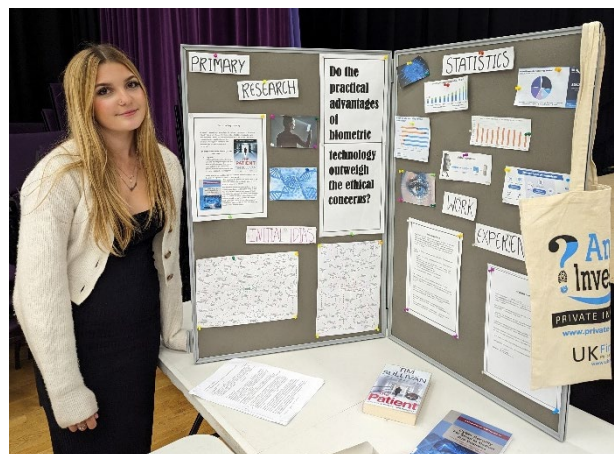


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EPQ SHOWCASE

In the week before half term, we held our annual EPQ Showcase in the school hall. The Extended Project Qualification (commonly known as EPQ) is a Sixth Form course. Students undertake independently led research in a topic of their own choosing, supported by a staff mentor and workshops on research and presentation skills. The research is documented and developed into either a 5,000 word report, an artefact or a performance. The EPQ is a fantastic opportunity for students to acquire and practise the skills to undertake extensive independent work and to write a dissertation.



The Showcase was an opportunity for our Sixth Form students to share and reflect on their experience and their project with our school community, which included the Sixth Form Team, tutors, teachers and Year 12.

The course is worth 50% of an A Level and represents a huge amount of work. Congratulations to all students who have successfully completed this course.



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HARVEST APPEAL SUPPORTS FAIR CLOSE CENTRE AND LOOSE ENDS

We were delighted to use our Harvest Appeal, in which you donated canned food, biscuits, chocolate, teabags, jam and cereals, in support of two local charities, Loose Ends and Fair Close Centre. Loose Ends is a drop-in centre in Newbury, supported by volunteers, providing nutritious food, clothes, and other essentials and a safe, friendly space where people can socialise. Fair Close Centre, opened by the Queen Mother in 1967, offers older people a place to spend time with friends, to meet new people and to feel involved and connected in a caring community.



On Wednesday 18 October, Sixth Form Students, Erin and Alex, accompanied by Year 8 students, Caitlin, Paige, James and Omar, visited both charities to deliver boxes of food and learn more about the important work they do. So much had been collected that it was necessary to make two trips in the van! The students not only had a chance to talk to the users of these charities but they were also sung to by some of the recipients at the Fair Close Centre!

Dr Fitter, said, "I really enjoyed hearing about the students' experience of delivering the food. The impromptu singing has sparked a desire in our Sixth Form students to return at

Christmas to do some carol singing. It's great that they are engaging with our wider community, as we encourage all St Bart's students to do. We look forward to future opportunities to work with these fantastic organisations."

Alison Martin, Loose Ends volunteer, said, "We were so delighted to meet the students and take delivery of the items that they have collected. They will be much appreciated."

The House that donated the most food will win a non-uniform day. The winners will be announced in full school assembly this week!

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Welcome back after half term from Team Curnock! Our new House Team looks a bit different this year, with Miss Forsey in place as our new House Head and Mrs Stevens as our new Progress and Achievement Leader – and both are fully immersing themselves in Curnock Life. Miss Forsey has this to say: "Curnock House has had a few changes, but between myself, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Hamblin, we have got off to a brilliant start and the three of us are looking forward to what the rest of the year has in store for us all."



Life in school was pretty busy last term, in particular for our new Year 7's. Not only did they enjoy their Bushcraft Adventure Day, they also had their Settling in Evening recently. Several of our students gave informative speeches to parents about their experiences so far regarding life at Bart's, and lots gave their time



to bake amazing cakes for a Bake-off style competition and fundraiser! Hayden (7C3) was our overall winner with his suitable spooky cupcakes – well done Hayden! Thanks also to our brilliant House Captains and Ambassadors who helped with this event. This cake sale raised over £150 to kick-start Curnock's fundraising this year for our House Charity, Newbury Cancer Care, together with a recent 9C3 bake sale which raised nearly £50. We have supported this fantastic local charity for many years now, and we are currently on the home run of hitting our magic £100K target for them –



watch out for more fundraisers coming soon to help us smash our goal!

Finally, good luck to all our Year 11 students with upcoming practice exams – you've got this! **CURNOCK, YOU ROCK!**

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WELL DONE SAM!

[Oxplore.org](https://www.oxplore.org) is a digital resource from the University of Oxford. As the 'Home of Big Questions', it aims to challenge those from 11 to 18 years with debates and ideas that go beyond what is covered in the classroom. Big questions tackle complex ideas across a wide range of subjects and reflect the kind of critical thinking students undertake at university. It is aimed at raising aspirations, promoting broader thinking and encouraging intellectual curiosity - underpinned by the latest discoveries and research from the University of Oxford.

A big well done to Sam (8D1) on having his essay shortlisted for the 2023 Big Oxplore essay competition. The Oxplore Essay Competition is for students at non-selective state secondary schools across the UK. Students in Year 7-9 are invited to write an 800-word response to one of the following essay questions:

- Should the purpose of charities be to make themselves redundant?
- Should billionaires be expected to engage in philanthropy?
- Discuss, in detail, the work of a charitable organisation. In what ways have they succeeded? What could they have done better?



Sam answered the question of "Should billionaires be expected to engage in philanthropy?" This is a considerable achievement in a national competition with an exceptionally strong field. Congratulations Sam!

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GREAT SOUTH RUN

Well done to those students and staff who completed the Great South Run including Mr Evans, Miss Fuller and two sixth formers Ellie (12C4) and Lewis (12C7) who completed the 10 miles in an amazing time of 1:19.43 raising a massive £755 for Time to Talk. Well done Lewis for raising funds to help other young people in our community.

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PE

Year 7 Football

All those boys who have been to rugby club but didn't get to play in the first round of matches were selected for home matches against Kennet and Park House.

The boys played really well, and made lots of progress during the matches.

Players of the matches were Evan McCowie and Samuel Baudoin.

39 boys have already played for school this term, when some schools are struggling to field one team.



Well done Year 7! (Unfortunately, several of the boys missed the photo as they had House Music)

Year 10 Go Lead Football Activators

Well done to the Year 10 Barclays Go Lead Football Activators who have now completed their training to become football leads.

The girls have worked hard in the Summer Term and in the Autumn Term so far to train and become confident in delivering football sessions to our Year 7 & 8 girls. As a final part of their training, they had to organise a football tournament, which included designing a poster and team sheets advertising the tournament and then running the tournament.

Well done leaders and thank you for continuing your support after half term with the Year 7 & 8 Football Club.



Basketball Festivals

16 students who took part in the Key Stage 3 Basketball Festival at Little Heath School.

Each team played 4 games against other West Berkshire schools.

Lots of fun was had by all.



Our Year 9-11 boys took part in the annual West Berkshire Basketball festival at Trinity School. No scores were taken as it was all about participation and enjoying playing Basketball, which the boys definitely did. Well done to all involved.

Year 9 Rugby

The Year 9 Rugby team lost to local rivals Park House School in the County Cup. It was a game of two halves with Park House in full control at the end of the first half with the score at 14-0. St Bart's then came out a different team in the second half and brought the score back to 14-12 with 5 minutes to play. At this point, the game could have gone either way with some great rugby and desire on show. In the final minutes, as St Bart's

were pushing for points, Park House managed to find a breakthrough to score again, which was also converted. The game finished 21-12. Every single player should be proud of themselves with the heart and desire shown in the second half. St Bart's look forward to putting it right in the return fixture in the West Berkshire league. Player of the match was Henry for his great work at the breakdown.

Year 10 Rugby

Year 10 hosted Weydon School from Surrey. Weydon could only bring one substitute due to transport, but St Bart's fielded one team in the first half, and almost an entirely new team in the second half. The first half finished 10-10, a close game with some strong running, excellent phases and support play shown by St Bart's who get better every match. In the second half, St Bart's were very close to scoring, but the more experienced opposition won the match.

Player of the first half was Joe Hill for his Stewardesque proficiency under the high ball and evasive running with ball in hand. Players of the second half were the eight players who played their first match for school and played brilliantly - tackling, rucking and scrummaging well.

Year 10 Sports Leaders



The Year 10 Sports Leaders started the first of their two-week Cricket Leadership course with Mark Foster, Head of participation for Berkshire Cricket.

Throughout the afternoon, Mark led a series of activities and encouraged the leaders to set up their own drills and activities, giving them the knowledge to be able to deliver in Primary schools when they start their placements in January.

They have a second session after half term when they will be focussing on more specific cricket drills and will each then receive a Cricket Leadership Award certificate.

Thank you to Mark for giving up his time and supporting our students in their leadership Journey.

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Open Evening 2023

Thursday 2 November
5.30pm - 8.00pm

No booking required

Talks from the Head of Sixth Form
at 5.45, 6.30 and 7.15



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It's
Christmas!
...nearly

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS

We are looking for a piece of artwork to go on the front of the St. Bart's Christmas card

Your design must be flat and contain a high quality image/symbol/scene of Christmas.
Your design must not contain any text or cotton wool balls!

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