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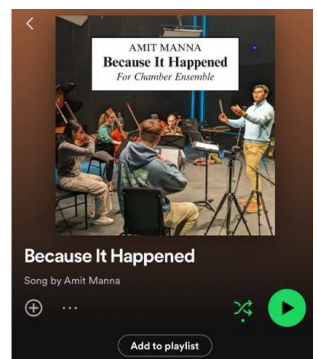
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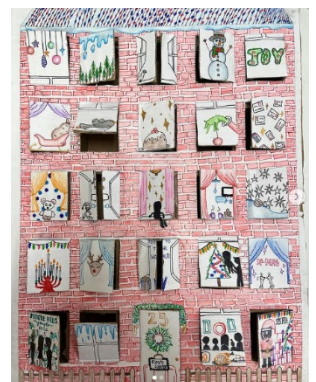


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Winter Weather Procedures



Remember you can find our [Winter Weather Procedures](#) on the parent portal page of our website. Crucially, should extreme conditions necessitate a closure on health and safety grounds, or a later start to the school day, information will be provided as quickly as possible via:

- The school email system
- St Bart's website www.stbarts.co.uk (homepage)

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[Year 7 Rugby](#)



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An impressive 60 students received a special mention for achieving 8 or more 7-9 grades at GCSE whilst another 31 were awarded prizes for best progress. The evening was concluded by a speech from one of our ex-students, Ciara Seward, now a very accomplished cardiothoracic nurse who inspired our students to pursue their dreams despite any obstacles. It was wonderful to see the school hall filled

with prize-winners and nominees, alongside their parents, staff and governors. It was a very fitting occasion at which to celebrate a truly outstanding group of students.



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Calendar

KS3 Careers Fair	Thursday 30 November	Hall, P1-3
Y11 Interview Day	Friday 1 December	Hall, all day
KS4/5 House Chess	Friday 1 December	12.10 – 12.50pm
Wembley Football Trip - England v The Netherlands	Friday 1 December	4pm - midnight
Y7 Christmas Parties	Monday 4 December	Hall, 4.30 - 6.00pm
Y10 and Y12 Reports issued	Tuesday 5 December	
Y8 Box Clever Performance – 'A Christmas Carol'	Tuesday 5 December	Hall, P1-5
Y13 Subject Parents' Evening	Tuesday 5 December	Remote, 4.30 – 7.00pm

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

Christmas Jumper Day and St Bart's Christmas Menu



As in previous years, St Bart's will take part in Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. We are encouraging all staff and students to reuse jumpers from previous years.

Christmas Jumper Day is on Thursday 7 December. Students come to school in normal uniform, except that their blazer is replaced by a Christmas Jumper. Please log on to [your ParentPay account](#) where you will find the option to make a donation as a new payment item.

On the same day there will be a special menu served in the canteen. Students can choose between paninis filled with turkey & cranberry, cheesy pigs in blankets or brie & cranberry finished with chocolate rice crispy cakes available from the canteen.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Industry Webinar: Healthtech

Tuesday 5 December 2023, 6.00pm to 7.00pm. This webinar is suitable for all year groups and anyone, students, parents/carers and staff, is welcome to join in. If you require any further details, please email: careersguidance@adviza.org.uk. The webinar will be recorded and become available on the Past Webinars page so that it can be viewed again at a later date. Bookings are free and can be made via the [Events page on the Careers Portal now](#).

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

All the following roles start on 8 January 2024 (or as soon as possible after) on a permanent, term-time basis.



HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)

We are looking for an HLTA to join us to provide expertise and guidance to support students. You will work with staff in lessons, teach small group interventions and support students in overcoming barriers to learning and attainment. Ideally you will hold HLTA status, but we would consider someone with the right skills and experience who is willing to undertake the qualification.

HOURS: 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.

SALARY: £25979.00 - £27803.00 gross pa (£13.47 - £14.41 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £17858.70 gross pa.

TEACHING ASSISTANT – Personalised Learning

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 fewer hours, to fit in with individual and school requirements.*

SALARY: £23114.00 - £24702.00 gross pa (£11.98 - £12.80 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £14565.92 gross pa for 29 hours and 40 minutes pw.

TEACHING ASSISTANT: EAL (English as an Additional Language)

We are looking for a Teaching Assistant: EAL (English as an Additional Language) to join us on 8 January 2024 (or as soon as possible after) on a permanent basis.

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 where English is an additional language 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: 29 hours 40 minutes (29.67) 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.

SALARY: £23114.00 - £24702.00 gross pa (£11.98 - £12.80 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £15889.21 gross pa.

To find out more details and to apply, please go to <https://www.tes.com/jobs/employer/st-bartholomew-s-school-1002032> and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Closing date for all roles: Monday 4 December 2023

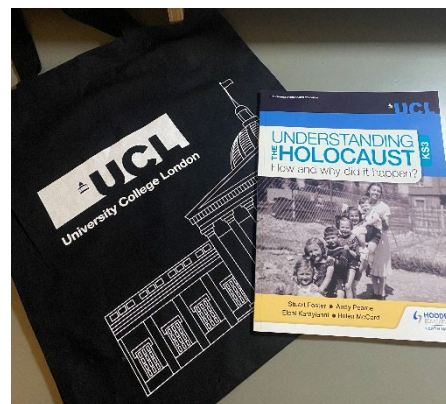
All applicants shortlisted will be subject to an online search. Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks.

Tel: 01635 521255 E-mail: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

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IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM LEARNING EXPERIENCE

During half term, Miss May (KS3 History Lead and Holocaust Beacon School Co-Lead Teacher) went on the Holocaust Beacon School residential weekend in London. The weekend started at the Imperial War Museum where Miss May had the opportunity to meet other lead teachers who were part of programme and visit the Holocaust galleries at the museum. The Holocaust galleries were really powerful and focused on Jewish people and their lives, as well as their experience of the Nazi persecution and the Holocaust through letters, their belongings and other documents.



Day two and three of the residential took place at UCL, and Miss May was given the opportunity to work with experts and academics, focusing on misconceptions about the Holocaust and how we should teach the Holocaust. Miss May also started to plan the History department's new Holocaust scheme of work, which will be taught to Year 9 students next year (current Year 8).



The final day involved a trip to the Wiener Library, which provides access to many primary sources in relation to the Holocaust. The library allows you to find out about Jewish people and their experiences through photos, letters, diary entries and other sources. Miss May hopes to include many of these sources within the History department's new scheme of work.

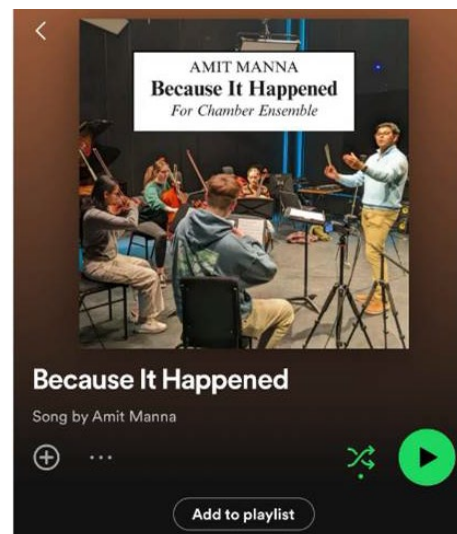
Miss May learnt a lot during this weekend and is looking forward to using all of the resources to develop Holocaust education at St Bart's.

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Former student, Amit Manna, graduated this summer from The Royal Northern College of Music - Music Conservatoire. Our Music department are *"delighted and truly humbled"* that he has dedicated his brand new music release to them.

'Because It Happened' is a piece for a chamber ensemble of two violins, two cellos and a piano, which was inspired by the Dr Seuss quote *"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."* The piece explores the emotions associated with letting go of something special to you, with grief and sadness as the central feelings at the start. However, as the piece progresses, the music becomes more hopeful and sonorous, with hints of happiness coming through to indicate the joy of having this wonderful thing happen to you.



We are pleased to be able to share this with you now, so do find it on [Spotify](#) or [You Tube](#).

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CALLING ALL ST BART'S ALUMNI!

We're currently working with [Future First](#) to relaunch our alumni programme. Our alumni do, and can, support us in so many ways. Over the coming months, we'd like to reconnect and build our network by reaching out to former students who have left over the years. If you are an alumni and you are not currently signed up to our alumni network, please join by visiting our [Alumni Hub](#).

It only takes a minute and it will enable us to stay in touch.

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3D ADVENT CALENDARS

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FUNDRAISING FLURRY

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(8C1). You truly are Curnock Champions!

Several **Curnock** students decided to run stalls at the recent Bart's Christmas Fair, in order to raise funds for Newbury Cancer Care. The students sold cakes, handmade cards and marshmallow snowmen and raised a total of £161.65! A massive well done to Scarlett (9C3), Keli (7C3), Eva (7C1), Nell (7C2), Jack (8C1) and Ellie



The first Great Curnock Bake Off took place last week and was a tremendous success with hundreds of cakes being baked by Curnock students from Years 7 right up to Sixth Form. Our strictly impartial judge, Mrs Jenner, was drafted in to decide the winners and they were:

Signature Bake: Keli Garavillas (7C3)
Technical Challenge: Chloe Johnson (9C2)
Show Stopper: Jenna Ledwith (9C2)
Commended bakes (as they were Curnock themed!): Hannah Bates (12C3)
and Zoe Chapman (9C2)

CURNOCK STAR BAKER IS...ISABELLA SIDDON 7C3!!

After the judging was complete, House Captains and Ambassadors came together to manage the hordes of students seeking to buy the cakes and raised a fantastic **£201** which will now go to Curnock's House charity: Newbury Cancer Care.



Evers students have been raising money for West Berks MENCAP.

Six girls from 8E2 tutor group: Abi, Summer, Elsie, Barrie, Robi and Ivy (not pictured) raised nearly £60 with their lunchtime cake sale. This is an amazing sum raised and their efforts are appreciated! Well done girls.

Oliver, Max and Michal, all from 9E2, had the wonderful idea to hold a stall at a local car boot sale. Everything they sold was in aid of raising money for West Berks MENCAP. The boys managed to raise nearly £80 on the day! A fantastic idea and we are very proud of the boys' ingenuity and as always, very grateful for their fundraising!



Patterson student, Harvey (10P2), has been super busy making his dog and cat treat baubles again this year to raise money for Patterson House Charity - Guide Dogs. Harvey gave up his weekend to set up his stall at the Cold Ash WI Christmas Fair on the Saturday and a stall at the St Bart's Christmas Gift & Craft Fair on the Sunday.

In total, he raised a massive £260.17! He's really pleased, as this is about £80 more than last Christmas. Patterson are so very proud of Harvey's continual fund raising efforts. Well done Harvey and thank you.

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ALL YOURS PERIOD BOXES

All Yours is a local organisation, set up in 2020 to provide some boxes of period products for people in our local community who are struggling to afford or access period products.

They provide two types of boxes - adult boxes and boxes for teenagers/children who are just getting to grips with their periods. These boxes contain day and night period pads designed specifically for younger bodies. The last posting dates for Royal Mail mean that the deadline for ordering All Yours boxes in time for Christmas is quite early this year, so you need to request boxes by Thursday 7 December if you need it to receive them before Christmas. Normal service resumes from 2 January 2024. All requests are free and confidential. You can request your All Yours box [here](#).



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PE

Year 7 Rugby

23 boys represented the school in floodlit league rugby matches v Kennet and Park House at Newbury Rugby Club. The squad consisted of boys who didn't get to play at the County Festival last week, and several played their first ever matches. In each match, the whole side was swapped around at half time, so everyone played half of each match. The boys beat Kennet by three tries to two, and drew the first half 2-2 with Park House, but the more experienced Park House School team won the second half. Players of the matches were Vinnie and Riley.



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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY MENU

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

From **12.10** To **13.10**

It's Christmas Jumper Day!

The canteen will be offering:

Paninis filled with turkey & cranberry, cheesy pigs in blankets or brie & cranberry finished with chocolate rice crispy cake.





Oliver!

**ST BART'S MAIN HALL AT 7PM
11TH, 12TH AND 13TH DECEMBER**

TICKETS £1.50

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENTPAY

