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### PE:

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**Flu vaccinations** will take place in school for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 students on **Tuesday 28 November 2023.**

Please read the [Flu information leaflet](#) and [E-Consent Flu letter](#). Please complete the consent form (link in letter) as soon as possible, even if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated.

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Three Teams of Year 12 Silver participants also took part in their DofE Expedition earlier in the year. They too had to deal with unseasonably hot weather; all participants had a challenging, but great expedition and they all passed.

37 Bronze and Silver DofE participants have worked really hard and have passed their Award, they were presented their DofE Certificate and Badge from Dr Fitter, the students are:



### BRONZE

Lucy Jones  
Finn James  
Eva Barker  
Kirstin Butler  
Megan Purcell  
Mawgan Bird  
Eish Mahajan  
James Holland  
Jacob Glendenning

William High  
Matilda Roberts  
Archie Goddard  
Isaac Rutter  
George Buckett  
Megan Wharry  
Ethan Ward  
Amie Smith-Mas  
Saba Williams

Daisy Haydn-Jones  
Gwen Wharry  
Jack Strutt  
Lily Walke  
Madelyn Macgregor  
Amelie McKenzie  
Lucy Bennett  
Mohammad Jaffer Andagi  
Max Lewis

Aryan Agarwala  
Leaha Butt  
Charlotte Orwako  
Tait Wright  
Beatrice Cratchley  
Hermione Cratchley  
Lauren Bailey  
Sophie Lystor

### SILVER

Lewis Hanna

Ben Wigmore

If you were unable to receive your certificate on Wednesday, please collect it from the Reception.

An ex St Bart's DofE student completed her Gold Award and went to Buckingham Palace to collect the award, here's her account...

*"Over the last five years I have completed my Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. It all started in Year 9 when we were all encouraged to sign up for Bronze and I thought I would give it a go. Signing up was one of the best decisions I've ever made and I have had some of the best experiences over the last five years thanks to DofE."*



*I did my Bronze expedition on a really hot July weekend during the World Cup. Having done my Bronze expedition I signed up for Ten Tors where I walked over 35 miles across Dartmoor. This needed training for beforehand and the training contributed to my Silver DofE. Having completed my Bronze and Silver, I wanted to see how much further I could go, so I had the paperwork all sorted out before we went into lockdown, which meant I could start working towards my Gold award as soon as I was 16.*

*Doing my Gold during the pandemic meant I had to be creative about the activities I did, which included a lot of walking. I already enjoyed walking a lot but through doing my Gold DofE I walked at least 30km every week, which meant that when I did my expedition I was well prepared and could enjoy the experience.*

*I volunteered as a gymnastics coach, passing on experience from over a decade of my own training. I also volunteered as an NCO in CCF during my A Levels because I enjoyed being a cadet so much I wanted to ensure the next students had just as good an experience as I did. Another section of the Gold Award is a residential. I spent a week in Snowdonia rock climbing with cadets. This reignited my love of climbing, which I have carried through into my first year of university, and I am now part of my university climbing society with a role next year to teach others to climb.*

*All of this culminated in me being invited to Buckingham Palace for a garden party to celebrate achieving my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Completing the Duke of Edinburgh Awards was a life changing experience that*

*has given me the motivation to get involved in so many opportunities and I can't wait to see where the future may take me."*

*Jennifer Scourfield  
Former student*

### **New Year 9 DofE Participants**

After the Year 9 DofE assembly at the end of the month, all parents/carers will receive an email with the DofE enrolment letter, joining instructions and costs.



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## **Calendar**

Sixth Form House Rugby	Wednesday 8 November	P5
Y8 House Netball and Rugby (CD Released)	Thursday 9 November	P1
Remembrance Day Service	Friday 10 November	11.00
Y9 Author Visit	Friday 10 November	Hall, P4 and P5
Sixth Form Winter Ball	Friday 10 November	Hall, 6.45 – 10.30
Y13 Reports issued	Tuesday 14 November	
Y13 A Level English Trip - Globe Theatre	Tuesday 14 November	All day
Y11 PRACTICE EXAMS BEGIN	Wednesday 15 November	(Finish Weds 22 November)
Y12 UCFB Wembley Trip	Wednesday 15 November	All day

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

### Non Uniform Day for Children in Need

#### Friday 17 November

We will have a Non Uniform Day on Friday 17 November for Children in Need.

You can donate to this excellent charity through ParentPay. To increase the impact of your donation, you can Gift Aid it.



[Please use this link to make your donations](#)

### Parents' Association Gift and Craft Fair

Our ever popular Christmas Gift and Craft Fair is on Sunday 19 November, 11am to 2.30pm in the Hall. Please join us and browse through a selection of unique gifts, decorations and festive items for sale and enjoy delicious refreshments from our Fair Cafe situated in the school canteen.

Alongside the Fair, we will run a fantastic Christmas Raffle. We have a lot of exciting prizes to win including £200 cash, hampers and much, much more! Tickets are £1 each. Tickets are on ParentPay until 2pm on Friday 17 November but will be available for purchase at the Fair.

Are you able to help us on the 18 or 19 November for a couple of hours? If so, please get in touch at [stbartspa@gmail.com](mailto:stbartspa@gmail.com).

- Saturday 18 November – 2.00 – 4.00pm. Setting up tables and signage
- Sunday 19 Nov – 11.00am-1.00pm or 1-2.30pm during the fair or 2-30-4.30pm packing tables away
- Make a cake or soup for our café
- Donate a raffle prize, or an item for a hamper



Please do bring friends and family and come and support our school and students.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### SPOTLIGHT: Green Careers Week

Monday 6 to 10 November. Providing students with an insight into careers that specifically protect the environment and will help the UK achieve its pledge of reaching Net Zero by 2050. A free guide for parents giving plenty of talking points about routes to green careers after GCSE or sixth form - [click here to download](#).

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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## TEXTILES TRIP TO BOURNEMOUTH



On Thursday the 19 October, Year 10 Textiles students spent the day visiting the Oceanarium in Bournemouth. Students observed, sketched and took photographs of marine animals and plants to use as inspiration for their current GCSE coursework, based on Coast. Here is what some students had to say about the trip:

*"My favourite part of the trip was when we got to go into the individual tunnels. It allowed us to get close and personal with the fish as well as see the coral and sea anemone in close detail."* Zoe

*"My favourite bit of the Textiles trip to the Oceanarium in Bournemouth was the bubbles that you could poke your head into, as they made it a very immersive experience letting you feel as if you are in the tank with the fish and let you see the detail of their scales up close. I also enjoyed walking along the beach and being able to experience the textures of the beach for inspiration for my final project"* Rafi



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## SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS OPEN!

It was fantastic to see so many of our Year 11 students and their families at the Sixth Form Open Evening last week. They were joined by many visitors from other schools also interested in what our Sixth Form has to offer them. It is an exciting time in a student's academic journey and we hope all those who joined us enjoyed exploring the subject choices and speaking with teachers and current sixth formers. There will be lots more opportunities in the coming school year for our Year 11s to talk about their plans and aspirations, and to ask further questions, including at the Sixth Form interviews in the New Year and at our Sixth Form Induction Days in the Summer Term.



A huge thank you to all the Subject Representatives and School Officers who volunteered to help at the Open Evening, as ever they were an amazing advert for the Sixth Form and we are very proud of them. Thank you also to all the teaching staff and support staff who gave their time and made the night possible.

If you were unable to make the evening, you can find the presentations by Mrs Lane, Head of Sixth Form, [here](#).

Applications to Sixth Form are now open and can be made via the application portal link on the Sixth Form [Admissions & Apply page](#) of our website. The deadline for applications is Monday 18 December. Students are encouraged to email [sixthform@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:sixthform@stbarts.co.uk) if they have any questions.

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On Tuesday 31 October, the Economics Department took 30 students to a conference 'The Post Pandemic, Post Brexit Guide to the UK Economy' in London. This conference was a fantastic opportunity for students to get an insight into the real world of Economics and the links with the world of politics. Students listened to various examples of how the theory they have learned is being applied in the real world. They also were able to hear about some new thinking in Economics, which considers the impact of economic growth on the planet.

The speakers at the event were –

- Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Shadow Secretary Northern Ireland
- Harriett Baldwin MP, Treasury Committee
- Dr Charles Smith, University of Wales, A Level Chief Examiner
- Professor Alan Manning, LSE
- Professor Kate Raworth, Doughnut Economics
- Mark Littlewood, Institute of Economic Affairs
- Vicky Price, Centre for Economics and Business Research
- Carl Emmerson, Institute of Fiscal Studies



*"It was a very enriching experience that gave me a first-hand view of what Economics was like in the real world. Doughnut Economics by Kate Raworth was, for me, the most interesting, as she gave a new perspective into how we should define economic growth in the 21st century."*

William Makant (13C6)

*"I found the Economics conference to be an eye-opening experience into the applications of Economics in the real world; having the insight into how studying Economics pays off provided an outlook into the subject which we, as a class, would not have seen otherwise. We were given an in-depth explanation of the use of the subject and its many different possible effects on our futures."*

Marco Pricopi (12C4)

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## NEWBURY MONOPOLY

Last week saw the launch of the Newbury edition of Monopoly and we are delighted to say that it features St Bart's! We are so pleased to have been recognised as part of the Newbury community and a key landmark in the town. If you are looking for a great family Christmas gift, this is perhaps one for the list. Choose your favourite token, tour your favourite sites (including the school!) and accumulate fortunes, but watch out for taxes, jail and bankruptcy. St Bart's also have a small number of boards that we intend to





use for rewards and recognition of student achievement. We are really looking forward to awarding these, and no doubt will have plenty of opportunities to do so.

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## KEY STAGE 4 AWARDS EVENING

**Thursday 23 November, 6.15pm in the Foyer then 7pm in the Hall**



The Key Stage 4 Awards Evening is an opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements. We are looking forward to presenting the awards to last year's Year 11 students on Thursday 23 November 2023. GCSE Certificates will be available for collection in the Foyer from 6.15pm (for students who have confirmed attendance) and the ceremony will start in the Hall at 7pm.

A message has been sent to parents/carers of students nominated for awards however all 2023 Y11 Cohort students and their parents are warmly invited to attend the event. If you have not already done so, please confirm your attendance by using [this form](#) or by emailing [gjenner@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:gjenner@stbarts.co.uk).

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## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE



The 2023-24 House Championship is well underway with all four Houses battling it out. Last half term saw House Music and Cross Country events take place as well as a busy sixth form competition. Currently leading the way are Patterson in Citizenship and Arts and Enrichment, Davis in Sport and Evers in the Sixth Form Cup. There is still much more to come throughout this year with House Film entering its second year of competition this term, as well as the Houses battling it out for who can collect the most coins in the upcoming Children in Need day.

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## PE

### Badminton

Well done to the KS3 girls who took part in the West Berkshire Badminton Festival at Kennet. All girls played really well and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to compete against other schools.

## U16 Football

The U16 girls played in round 4 of the English Schools National Cup against a very strong Didcot Girls' School team and won 7-2 - a great achievement.

Amazing football was played by all the girls, with Evie making some excellent saves. Player of the match was awarded to Anna.



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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**



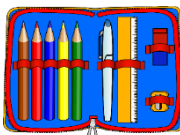
**Ruler**



**Eraser**



**Pencil Case**



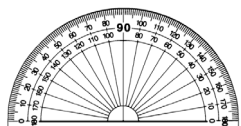
**Pair of Compasses**



**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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### Opens

Monday 06 November

### Private view

Tuesday 7 November 2023 5pm - 7pm

### Closes

Friday 15 December

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