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As parents and carers, your child’s online safety can be an area of concern. We’ve uploaded guides on Whatsapp, Group Chats, Instagram, Snapchat, Tiktok, Trolling and Online Abuse to [our website](#). We hope you find them useful.

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One of the reasons for our sustained record of student success at St Bart's is down to our culture of high expectations of effort and conduct for all, students and staff. The vast majority of students work hard to achieve these high expectations - thank you. For the small minority of students who do not always manage to meet these high expectations, we will be tightening up on uniform, lateness and conduct for all at the start of the Spring Term.

I hope that you all have a happy and enjoyable Christmas and remain safe and well. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 8 January.

*Dr Fitter
Headteacher*

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Calendar

TERM BEGINS	Monday 8 January	
Y12/Y13 Dance Trip - Mayflower, Southampton	Tuesday 9 January	5.00pm-11.45pm
Y12 Vodafone Practice Assessment Day	Wednesday 10 January	Vodafone HQ, All day
Y11 Interviews - Internal Candidates	Wednesday 10 January	P4/P5, (Session 1 of 4)
Y10/Y11 Tate Britain, Art Visit	Thursday 11 January	8.50am-4.00pm
Y11 Interviews - Internal Candidates	Friday 12 January	P4/P5 (Session 2 of 4)
CCF Sunday Walk 2	Sunday 14 January	8.30am-2.00pm
German Exchange Parents' Information Evening	Monday 15 January	WCC, 5.00pm
Y13 Practice Exams Begin	Tuesday 16 January	(End 19 January)
Y8 and Y9 - Reports Issued	Tuesday 16 January	
Y11 Subject Parents' Evening	Tuesday 16 January	Remote, 4.30-7.00pm

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Industry Webinar: Civil Engineering

Tuesday 30 January 2024, 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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OLIVER! THE MUSICAL – CONSIDER YOURSELF...A HUGE SUCCESS!

Last week saw the return of our much loved whole school production. The Drama Department chose to perform Oliver! The Musical and entertain audiences with this much loved tale. This truly was a whole school production in every sense of the word. Not only did students from every year take to the stage but they were accompanied by our wonderful School Band, directed by Mrs Robertson and conducted by student, Edward Tyler. The production was supported by student stagehands and by a student tech team. Costumes and handkerchiefs were ably made by our Textiles students and the Art department supported on securing and creating the back drops and props that set



this Dickensian Scene. The school would also like to thank to Camp Hopson Funeral Directors, Didcot Girls' School and National Animal Welfare Trust for their additional support with props and costumes.



In order to offer as much opportunity to our students as possible, the Drama department chose to run and rehearse with two casts. The 'Twist Cast' took centre stage for the Friday Matinee, especially performed for Year 6s from John Rankin Junior School, Falkland Primary and St Nicolas Junior School, as well as the Monday evening performance, whilst the 'Oliver Cast' took centre stage for the Tuesday and Wednesday evening performances. The school hall was sold out for all performances and feedback form the audiences was wonderful.

Mrs Parkington, Drama Teacher and Director, said: *"I feel hugely proud of all the students who have thrown so much energy and enthusiasm into this production. It has been a real joy to direct them."*

Congratulations to all the students involved. Thank you also to Mrs Parkington (Director), Mrs Howe (Producer) and Mrs Hout (Choreographer) for their commitment to offering our students this wonderful opportunity and for supporting them in delivering a fantastic show. [Please see our website for more photos.](#)



Cast List

Oliver: Vedha Krishnan and Lucas Wrzesinski Mr Bumble and Chorus: Robert Hall and Ella Plowman Widow Corney and Chorus: Clementine Barry Noah and Chorus: Katie Street and Suraya Johnson-Dawood Mr Sowerberry and Chorus: Heinrich Engela Mrs Sowerberry and Chorus: Poppy Franklin-Wilson Charlotte and Chorus: Daisy Wallis and Chloe Richardson Artful Dodger: Amy Oliver Fagin: Josh Wright and Lauren Woodley Nancy: Belle Prowse and Izzy Tucker Charles Bates and Chorus: Ursula Morrison and Ellie Bosley Bet and Chorus: Elle Bright and May Myers Bill Sykes: Charlie Holland	Chorus Avery Bass Penelope Starrs Imogen Hunt Sophie Newman Hannah Lang Floss Bloxsom Harry Godwin Chaitra Mandali Dotty Dolinski Joe Langdon Flo Dent Sasha Haydn-Jones Helena Mullaly Ellena Clare Charlotte Pearce Nela Griffin Ursula Morrison	Tech Crew Charlie Lloyd-Hole Oliver Mann Toby Youd Pharrell Shek Ollie Manton Blake Thomson Lawri Darbyshire Ben Maskell	Oliver Band Members Conductor Edward Tyler Strings Astrid Wilson-Gignoux Swathi Sivabalan Alma Kingdon Cole Bowers Oscar Heelan Wind Hannah Bates Katherine Carney Miriam Cooper Tom Giles Will Heslop Miss L Boggett Brass Lawrence Mullaly (Trumpet) Zoe Gray (Trumpet)
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Old Sally and Chorus: Elizabeth Mearkle-Mist Old Lady and Chorus: Tabitha Cook Mrs Bedwin and Chorus: Lucy Oliver and Sophie Thomas Dr Grimwig and Chorus: Macey Seamons Boy and Chorus: Shreeya Agarwala 1st Women and Chorus: Suraya Johnson-Dawood 2nd Women and Chorus: Lauren Bailey Night Watchman and Chorus: Paige Warren 1st Bow Runner and Chorus: Joe Langdon 2nd Bow Runner and Chorus: Ada Swift Marshall Man and Chorus: Jenna Ledwith 2nd Man and Chorus: Chloe Godfrey 3rd Man and Chorus: Eleanor Peake 4th Man and Chorus: Tilly Seamons Mr Brownlow, Chairman and Chorus: Max Lewis			Matilda MacAulay Issac Giaever-Enger (Tuba) Percussion Daniel Jones Ms F Maunders Keys Charlotte Robertson Joel Tancred-Nesbit Mrs G Robertson
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KS5 AWARDS EVENING



The annual KS5 Awards Evening was held on Monday 18 December. The awards evening was opened by our Headteacher, Dr Fitter. We were lucky enough to have Dr Robert Conway, Emergency Medicine Physician, as our guest speaker, who attended St Bart's from 2006-2013. Dr Conway gave an informative, insightful and inspirational speech reflecting on his time at St. Barts and his career so far.

During the evening, over 80 prizes were awarded to last year's Year 13 students to celebrate their fantastic achievements. Subject Prizes were given, as well as 19 Major Awards for contributions to many aspects of school life outside the classroom. We celebrated the success of 27 students who received Special Prizes for academic achievement at A Level. It was wonderful to welcome back prize winners, nominees and their parents to celebrate an outstanding group of students.

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YEAR 10 HANDS-ON SKY STUDIOS EXPERIENCE

On Tuesday 30 November, Year 10 Film Studies students (and two Year 12s) journeyed to the West London home of Sky TV.

Students were able to see the sheer scale of the Sky 'campus', where over 7,000 people work, and saw both the Sky News and Sky Sports News studios. The highlight of the afternoon though was working in groups, supported by Sky employees, to come up with an idea for a film trailer, shooting it on high-end cameras utilising green screen technology and then editing it all together. The highly amusing finished products were then



screened for all the groups to appreciate.

Lucas (10C1) said, "I really enjoyed the studio space where we made our film trailers and my favourite part was working under pressure, trying to figure things out as a group. I learned how the news is broadcast and how if they go over their timeslot they get fined £100,000, so being precise is really important!"

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CHRISTMAS CREATIVE WRITING AND BOOK GROTT

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up of our whole-school Christmas Writing Competition who received Amazon vouchers for their creative efforts. Well done to Harriet (7E2), Liv (7P1) Gauravi (9C1), Abigail (8P3), Tabitha (10P2), Bella (12D1) and Paige (8C2) not pictured. The task was to write an alternative story or poem that continues the famous lines "Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house" and the entries were judged by a panel of sixth-form literature enthusiasts.



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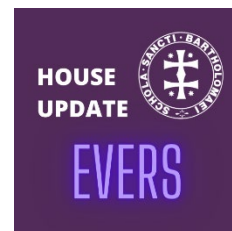
Readings from some of the writers' work preceded the exchanging of presents in our first Jolabokaflo, inspired by the Icelandic tradition of book-giving on Christmas Eve, in which some 60 students took part. Huge thanks to Mrs Hewetson and Mrs Kirby in the Library for co-ordinating everything and establishing our Christmas book grotto!

It's been a great term for avid readers at St Bart's and our Patron of Reading, Peter J Murray, has written us a letter with a

little puzzle to think about! Read it on [our website](#).

EVERS HOUSE UPDATE

As we come to the end of a busy Autumn Term, everyone in the Evers community is looking forward to a well-earned rest. All Evers students have worked tremendously hard in and out of the classroom. We have had lots of successful sports fixtures, Year 7 Activity Days, House Music, Staff Dodgeball, Children in Need fundraising and lots and lots of bake sales!



The Evers Office continues to thrive this year with Mr Edens, Mr Turner and Mrs Willcox. We are thankful for the positive atmosphere provided when Evers students pop in to see us. We are particularly pleased to see so many of our Evers students being rewarded for 100% attendance this term!

The Evers House Captains – Megan, Alex, Grace, Aadi and Morgan – have been SUPERB in leading our students in lots of different activities and initiatives this term. Megan continues to find ways of leading students in raising money for our House Charity, West Berks Mencap. So far this year, we have raised £780! Most recently the tutees of 9E2 held a cake sale raising nearly £60. Well done Oli, Rose, Isabella, Isambard, Aiden, Emily, Rayan, and Luke.

And Megan has raised nearly £200 with her raffle for this delicious-looking chocolate hamper!



Thank you all for your superb efforts in continuing to raise money for West Berks MENCAP 😊

Grace led our Evers House Music contributions, which was brilliant. It was so good to see so many Evers students involved in this – something we look forward to every year. Morgan and Alex have been pivotal in developing sports teams for our House competitions, while Aadi helped to take the lead in organising entertainment with other House Captains for the annual Year 7 Christmas Party.



We wish everyone in Evers a happy end of term and hope that you all have a great holiday! We look forward to a bright shiny New Year in 2024!

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FORMER STUDENTS AWARDS SUCCESS

We were absolutely delighted to hear this week that all four of our entries for the 2023 Eduqas Moving Image Awards have either been shortlisted or Highly Commended. This is the first time any of our students have been shortlisted for this prestigious national award, and we are looking forward to taking a party to join them at the ceremony, to be held at British Film Institute (BFI) Southbank in February 2024.

Harvey Miller (shortlisted) and Isaac Ayling (Highly Commended) have produced TV sequences, while Callum Doddington (Shortlisted) and Clara Allison (Highly Commended) have produced music videos, all of which are available to [view here](#). All four, pictured here at the Key Stage 5 Awards Evening, have gone on to study Media or Film at Bournemouth, Warwick and the Northern Film School, and we fully expect them to have successful careers in the industry.



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PE

Year 7 & 8 Basketball Festival



Well done to all the Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the Basketball Festival at Little Heath School. Students got to play matches against Kennet School and Little Heath. Great fun was had by all!

KS4 Basketball Festival!

23 boys attended the KS4 Basketball Festival on Tuesday but sadly only one other school attended. Therefore, all the boys took part in an inter-school tournament before 10 Year 10 and 11 boys stayed to play Kennet School. Kennet were extremely strong and provided some great competitive play, giving our boys a fantastic opportunity to play some full court Basketball. Well done to all those boys who came!



Senior Rugby

The Senior Rugby Team played in their third successive County Cup final against an always strong Reading Blue Coat side. Bart's struggled for territory and possessions against an impressive Blue Coat set piece, but still showed excellent defensive commitment as they have done all season, to stay in the game. However,



Bart's managed to win more balls in the second half and showed what they are capable of, scoring a well-worked team try. Bart's continued to have the better of the second half but couldn't quite find the scores to come back, losing 29-10. Congratulations to Blue Coat on the victory, and well done to the St Bart's players on what has been another successful and enjoyable season. As well as what promises to be a great football season, the boys also look forward to some 7s tournaments in the spring as well as the ONA game in March.

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