



ALUMNI SUPPORT “FASCINATING” CAREERS FAIR

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CALENDAR:

Sixth Form House Dodgeball, Christmas Jumper Day, School Production - Full rehearsal, Oliver! School Production – Primary Schools Performance, KS4/5 House Chess, Oliver! School Production, Y7 and Y11 Reports issued, Y10 Film Studies Trip and Y12 Dance Event at Arlington Arts. Plus information about the School Carol Concert.

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Industry Webinar: Environmental Health

VACANCIES:

Examinations Invigilators

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More Evers Fundraising! Congratulations to more 9E2 students - Oli, Rose, Isambard and Kira-Mae who made cakes for the cake sale and were supported by their tutor group in selling cakes at lunchtime. They managed to raise over £50 for West Berkshire MENCAP so a huge thank you to them for their efforts in supporting the House Charity!

PE:

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Don't forget!

Book your tickets for Oliver!

Donate to Save the Children for our Christmas Jumper Day!



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Mrs Seward, Head of Business & Economics and Careers Lead at St Bart's, explained, *“The Careers Fair is a key event in our wider Careers Education Programme. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore the huge range of career choices open to them. It allows them to ask employers in person any questions they may have about roles, the world of work or routes into careers. I am so grateful to all our visitors for giving their time so generously and for their wonderful encouragement of our students. It was great to have such a range of organisations represented and also that so many former students were involved in supporting the morning”.*

The school liaised with the wider school community, including alumni, staff, parents, governors and local organisations to arrange for representatives from different career fields to support the initiative. The volunteers generously gave their time to chat to students, who explored the different stands and completed a specially designed booklet to record their conversations. Following the discussions, students then spent time in tutor sessions reviewing all they had learned and their experiences.

William (7P2) said, *“I’m really interested in engineering and I was fascinated to see how something big like an aeroplane is made up of so many small parts. It was great to find out more.”*



Faith Pitchford, HR Employee Experience Administrator at Siemens and one of the many St Bart's alumni involved, commented *“This was such an enjoyable experience and I was delighted to be involved. It is great to be back at my former school, chatting to students about their own aspirations and hopefully passing on some helpful advice and inspiration. I really look forward to coming back and supporting future career and enrichment opportunities – particularly around pathways into STEM careers.”*

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Calendar

Sixth Form House Dodgeball	Wednesday 6 December	P5
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 7 December	Please see below
School Production - Full rehearsal	Thursday 7 December	Hall, all day
Oliver! School Production – Primary Schools Performance	Friday 8 December	Hall, 12.00
KS4/5 House Chess	Friday 8 December	C117, 12.10 – 12.50pm
Oliver! School Production	Monday 11 December	SOLD OUT! Hall, 7.00pm
Y7 and Y11 Reports issued	Tuesday 12 December	
Y10 Film Studies Trip	Tuesday 12 December	Sky Studios, London. 12.50 – 6.30pm
Y12 Dance Event at Arlington Arts	Tuesday 12 December	3.30 – 9.30pm
Oliver! School Production	Tuesday 12 December	Hall, 7.00pm. See below.
Oliver! School Production	Wednesday 13 December	Hall, 7.00pm. See below.

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

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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.



Oliver!

Finishing touches are being made and final rehearsals taking place for our spectacular School Production of Oliver! which opens next week with performances on Monday 11, Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 December. Monday night is already sold out! So do buy your tickets soon by logging on to [your ParentPay account](#).

School Carol Service

As the festive season approaches, we would like to extend a very warm invitation to all our families to join us at 7.00pm on Tuesday 19 December for our annual Christmas Carol Service.



The school's annual Carol Service is always a spectacular celebration of Christmas, featuring traditional and modern musical items, readings and singing in the beautiful setting of the historic St Nicolas Church. The service will include performances by the talented School Orchestra, Senior Band and School Choir, as well as smaller ensembles.

It is free to attend, St Bart's PA will be serving refreshments and everyone is welcome. Donations of mince pies would be very gladly received. Please drop them off at Reception.

CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Industry Webinar: Environmental Health

Tuesday 16 January, 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

EXAMINATIONS INVIGILATORS

Have you got an eye for detail? Do you enjoy working as a team? Would you like a rewarding job on a casual basis?



We are searching for Examinations Invigilators to join us in the New Year on a casual basis.

You will conduct examinations in accordance with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) awarding body and to have a key role in upholding the integrity and security of the external examination/assessment process.

HOURS: By negotiation and agreement during the main exam periods (and practice exams) when external invigilators are required.

SALARY: £13.49 per hour (including holiday pay), equivalent to £22737.00.

To find out more details and to apply [click here](#).

Closing date: Monday 8 January 2024

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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YEAR 7 CELEBRATE A GREAT FIRST TERM

Earlier this week, we held our Year 7 Christmas Party. As we draw to the end of our Year 7s' first term at St Bart's, it was a great chance for students to celebrate all their many successes from the last term, whether this was in lessons, clubs, the many school competitions, making new friends or even just conquering their timetable and finding their way around school!

Year 7 took over the school hall and were resplendent in their Christmas jumpers and sparkles. They were joined by many of our House staff, Year 7 tutors and our Assistant Headteacher (KS3) Miss Thorne. Students enjoyed some great party food and music was provided by Mr Edens on the DJ Decks. Thank you to the many House Captains and Barts Ambassadors and staff who organised the party and enabled it to take place. It was great to see everyone having fun on the dance floor.



We hope all our Year 7s had a good time and are enjoying being part of the St Bart's community.



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YEAR 11 STUDENTS GET 'REAL LIFE' INTERVIEW EXPERIENCE

Following the KS3 Careers Fair, the school also held our annual Year 11 Interview Day. The event offers Year 11 students a 'real-life' opportunity to practice their interview technique and etiquette with representatives from the world of work.



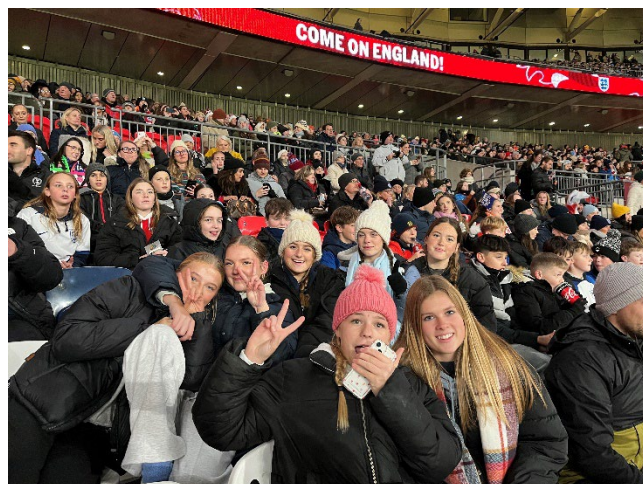
Prior to the day, students spent time in their PDP sessions, examining skills required for work, researching career choices, producing CVs and letters of application. On the day itself, each student benefitted from an individual mock interview and feedback on their performance from interviewers. The experience is designed to help prepare students for future pathways, whether this be Sixth Form, alternative further education, an apprenticeship or employment.

The event is supported by the Education and Business Partnership West Berkshire, who work in partnership with businesses to improve the employability skills of young people. More than 30 business volunteers gave their time generously and organisations involved included AWE, Barclays, Gardner Leader, Handelsbanken, Microsoft, OpenText, New College Swindon, Priors Count Foundation, RAL Space, Sky, Shoosmiths, Splunk Vodafone and West Berkshire Council. A huge thanks to all involved.

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ENGLAND V NETHERLANDS WEMBLEY TRIP

On Friday 1 December, 90 students from Year 7 to Year 13 went to Wembley Stadium to watch England Women play the Netherlands, and it ended up being an exciting game. England didn't start off well, conceding 2 good goals early on, meaning we were 2-0 down at half time. We were confident that England could get back into it, and we predicted a 3-2 win for the Lionesses during the half-time break.



Not long after the start of the second half, Georgia Stanway brought us back into it, with Lauren Hemp soon equalising a minute later. The score was now 2-2, and 5 minutes of extra time had just been announced. We were still confident England could win. In the 91st minute, Ella Toone, who had recently been subbed on, scored the winner for England, and the crowd went wild. All of the St Bart's students were jumping up and down with happiness, and we now waited for the final whistle. When it was eventually blown, the Lionesses had made an incredible comeback, and we celebrated on the coach journey back, through all of the London traffic, with Miss Bilcliff's expert DJing. A big thanks to Miss Bilcliff for organising this trip, it was a great success!

Erin Cahoon and Ruby Wiltshire (13C5)

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OUR FESTIVE 'JOLABOKAFLOD'



The Christmas holidays are around the corner and this festive season we are hosting our very first Jolabokaflod.

Jolabokaflod is Icelandic for 'Christmas book flood' and is a tradition for people to give books as presents on Christmas Eve, so that friends and family can enjoy a cosy night in.

St Bart's is inviting our students to give a book to one another- whether it is a new or second-hand book in good condition they have at

home that they would like to wrap up and give to a friend, or a second-hand book that they can choose at school in our 'Book Grotto'. Students should visit the Library for more information!

If you are doing a clear-out before Christmas and would like to donate a book, please send them in with your child to be handed into to the Library (or at Reception if an adult is bringing them in).

In the Library, we will have books students can choose from as well as wrapping materials, so no student who wants to participate will go without a present if they would like to offer a gift to someone.

We will celebrate Jolabokaflod together on Friday 15 December at Activity Time when books can be exchanged. Please discuss this with your child and encourage them to take part. Students wishing to take part can sign up using a Google form sent out this week on SatchelOne.

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PE

Year 7 Rugby



The Year 7 boys' rugby team played their final match of the season, against Park House under lights at NRFC.

St Bart's won the first half two tries to one, and scored again in the second half, but Park House won by four tries to three by the final whistle.

Every St Bart's player played really well, and the boys are looking forward to a rematch next year. Player of the match was captain, Zack Shore.

Year 7 Football

The Year 7 girls' football team took part in the West Berkshire league finals at Trinity School.

The B team beat Park House School B team convincingly, 5-0.

The A team beat The Willink School, 6-2, in the 3rd v 4th play off game to bring home the bronze medals, finishing 3rd overall in the whole league. Well done to all who played.





U16 Football

Our U16 girls' football team secured a hard fought victory against Oxford High in the 4th round of the English Schools' Cup. The girls went 1-0 down extremely early on but battled hard to go in at half time 2-1 up with goals from Carys (a fantastic volley!) and Ellie who nipped in at the back post. A fantastic defensive effort in the second half, with some great saves from Matilda, led to us holding on to the win. A special shout out to Evie and Eleanor who ran the line and did a fantastic job!

Well done to all girls involved and bring on the next round!

U18 Football

Last week saw the last round of league fixtures for our U18's.

Our A team drew their first game, 0-0, against St Gabriel's School, beat The Downs School, 1-0, and won, 1-0, against Kennet School B Team.

Our B team won, 1-0, against Kennet School B team, drew, 1-1, against Mary Hare School, and beat The Downs School, 1-0, and beat Park House School, 7-0.

Well done to all players involved.



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TERM DATE REMINDER

Autumn Term ends

Wednesday 20 December, school day finishes 12.30pm

Spring Term

Monday 8 January – Thursday 28 March

Student Half Term

Monday 12 – Friday 16 February

Staff Training Day

Wednesday 31 January

Summer Term

Monday 15 April – Thursday 25 July

Student Half Term

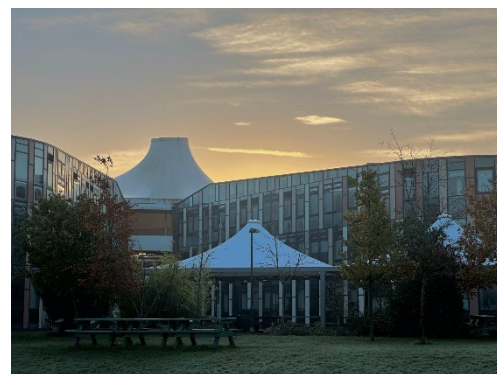
Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Bank Holiday

Monday 6 May

Staff Training Day

Thursday 4 July



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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



Outstanding Teacher Training with the OTT SCITT and Downland Alliance partnership



INFORMATION EVENT

Wednesday 13th Dec 2023 at St Bart's, 5.30pm-6.30pm



GET INTO TEACHING

Come and meet members of the team to find out details about our teacher training courses,
Secondary placements at Kennet School, St Bartholomew's School and The Downs School
Primary placements across West Berkshire.

We'll tell you more about who we are, what we offer, and how to apply for our courses.

If you are thinking about becoming a teacher, attend one of our events!

Whether you are a teaching assistant, a career changer or you graduate in the summer of 2024 and would like to train to teach because you want to make a difference to young people's lives, training to teach could be the next career move for you!



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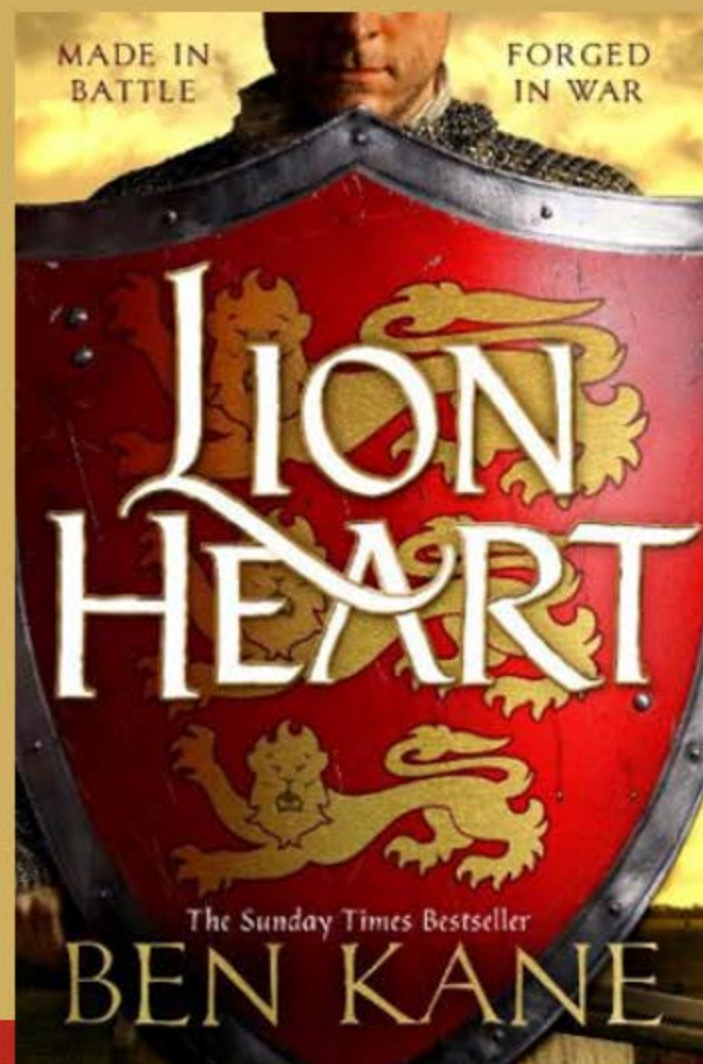


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