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an apprenticeship assessment day to prepare students for making strong applications to major companies. Students discovered more about Vodafone's apprenticeships, learnt about what employers are looking for in applicants, gained personalised feedback on interview technique and participated in a series of Group Tasks specifically designed to put their teamwork, problem solving and presentation skills to the test.



Jake Randall, Vodafone Data & Insights Specialist Apprentice, said: "It was a great experience to once again facilitate a mock assessment day for St Bart's School with Vodafone, and to see how much we helped some of the visiting students in their preparation for life after further education. As a second-year data analyst apprentice I was very much bucking the trend by pursuing an apprenticeship over the conventional university route. I am on a great scheme here at Vodafone and I have realised all the benefits it can offer. I was really keen to share my experience with other young people and give them the best opportunity to jump on the apprenticeship bandwagon. We've built a great mutual relationship with St Bart's School, with

young people's futures placed firmly at the centre. We look forward to continuing to work with St Bart's."

Owen Chetwood, Year 13 St Bart's student, said: "Visiting Vodafone HQ and learning from brilliant members of the Vodafone team was such a valuable experience and has really motivated me to apply for a Level 6 degree apprenticeship at a top company. The interviews and in-person group assessment activities made clear exactly what an employer is looking for in an apprentice, and hearing the stories from the apprentices themselves was inspiring. I would highly recommend this day to sixth form students next year."



Mr Wilder, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, said: "We are hugely grateful to Vodafone for sharing their outstanding venue and their knowledge and advice. We are lucky to be the only school in the area to have this close relationship with Vodafone and utilise the invaluable opportunities they provide for our students in their ambitions to secure these competitive placements at major companies across the UK. Our students were outstanding and gained so much from the experience. Last year, we had students who secured Level 6 degree apprenticeships at top companies such as AWE, FMB Engineering and M&S, and we will continue to support students in the apprenticeship programme this year. We have had so much interest from students for this type of initiative and I can announce that we will be repeating this apprenticeship support masterclass day in January 2025 to allow as many sixth form students as possible to participate. It is fantastic when local employers can offer their time in this way to support our young people. We'd love to hear from any other companies who feel they could work with our Apprenticeship programme in any way."

Calendar

Space Consultation - Open Meeting	Thursday 18 January	WCC, 5.30pm
Young Carers - Meeting	Friday 19 January	W116, 1.50-2.50pm
Berks Schools X Country Championships	Saturday 20 January	Newbury Showground. All day
Y12 & 13 Athens Trip - Information Meeting for Parents/Students	Monday 22 January	WCC, 5.00 – 6.00pm
KS4 Courses Information Issued to Y9 online	Wednesday 24 January	
Y11C/D Poetry Live	Wednesday 24 January	Oxford. All day
Y11 Interviews - Internal Candidates (1 of 2)	Wednesday 24 January	P4-5
Sixth Form House Basketball	Wednesday 24 January	P5
PDP Parents' Information Evening	Wednesday 24 January	WCC, 6.00 – 7.00pm
Parents' Association Meeting and E Safety Session	Wednesday 24 January	6.00pm. See below
Y9 Vaccinations	Thursday 25 January	All day. See below
Y11 Selected Students Post-16 Destinations Fair	Thursday 25 January	P5. See below
Post-16 Destinations Fair - Invited Parents	Thursday 25 January	4.30-5.30pm. See below

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

Parents' Association Meeting and E-Safety Session for Parents/Carers - Wednesday 24 January

As mentioned in [last week's BartholoNews](#), Paul Graham, Health and Wellbeing in Schools Coordinator for West Berkshire, will be speaking on the subject of E Safety before the Parents' Association meeting from 6.00 - 6.45pm. He will signpost resources and look at how to start positive conversations. Though not essential, we would be hugely grateful if you could indicate your attendance on this [form](#) so that we may get a sense of numbers attending. All attendees will be welcome to stay on for a discussion of wider Parents' Association issues from 7.00pm.

Y9 Vaccinations - Thursday 25 January

Year 9 parents are reminded to please complete the electronic consent form (one for each child) via [Vaccination Consent \(berkshireimmunisations.co.uk\)](http://berkshireimmunisations.co.uk) and insert your school's unique code: **BK137465**. This form should be submitted by 9am, one full school day before your session to ensure your child receives their vaccinations. If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, please complete the form as a non-consent. Please see the letter sent to Year 9 parents on Monday 15 January for more information.

Post-16 Destinations Fair - Thursday 25 January

Thursday 25 January – Year 11 parents' drop-in 3.30pm – 5.00pm, School Hall. This is an opportunity to speak to a range of Post-16 providers about the courses they offer including Newbury College, Basingstoke College of Technology and Sparsholt College.

This will be particularly useful if your Year 11 child has not yet made any applications for next year, or if they have applied to sixth form but want to consider a back-up plan.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Work Experience at Corn Exchange Newbury

Applications close on **4 March at 10am**. This work experience placement will be taking place from Monday 8 July - Friday 12 July for 6 young people. This work experience week will give you great insight into how a large arts organisation runs. For more information and the application process, please visit [their website](#) or contact Careers in the Arts project facilitator, Aimee Winch, at aimeew@cornexchangenew.co.uk

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

TEACHING ASSISTANT (Personalised Learning)

To start as soon as possible, 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 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 £15889.21 gross pa for 29 hours and 40 minutes pw.

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: Monday 29 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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OBE FOR ALUMNI LUCY OTTLEY

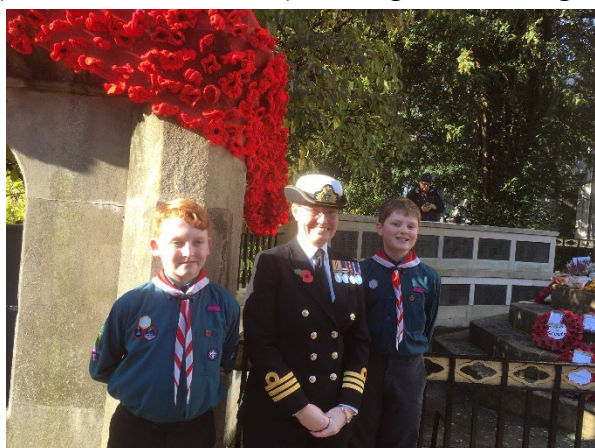
We were so pleased to hear that former student, Lucy Ottley (née Bell), has been awarded an OBE in the King's 2024 New Year Honours List.

Lucy studied her A Levels (Human Biology, Sociology and Theatre Studies) at St Bart's from 1994-96 and also spent two years as part of the Navy contingent in the Combined Cadet Force where she became one of the four Divisional Officers in the Section. It was this time which inspired her to follow a career into the Armed Forces.

Following her time at St. Barts, Lucy spent 23 years in the Royal Navy where she specialised as a Logistics Officer and achieved the rank of Commander. As well as serving on board numerous ships, she has served with the Royal Marines in Norway, Mine Clearance in the Mediterranean and Arabian Gulf and Land Operations in Afghanistan, Eastern Europe and the Far East. She also led the Royal Navy Servicewomen's Network for the last three years to improve the lived experiences of servicewomen and encourage others to achieve the best from their careers.



In addition, in July 2021 Lucy was invited to become a special advisor to the Secretary of State for Defence (then Ben Wallace MP) to bring about change to Tri-Service policies to address recommendations made in the Atherton Report, the House of Commons Defence Committee (HCDC) inquiry into the lived experiences of servicewomen published on 21 July 2021.



Lucy with her nephews on Remembrance Sunday

All recommendations, as well as a number of other initiatives, were successfully delivered over the proceeding two years. It was also during this time that Lucy led the project for the Royal Navy to collaborate across their Diversity Networks to raise the profile of some of the service's best people and deliver an awards ceremony, which not only celebrated the diversity of the workforce, but brought the networks together to successfully achieve better support and conditions for all in the Royal Navy.

These projects were undertaken whilst remaining employed in a High Readiness Operation Headquarters with regular deployments abroad, which included Eastern Europe and Korea.

Speaking about her OBE, Lucy said: "I am delighted to have received my state honour in the King's New Year Honours. It is important for everyone to thrive in their workplaces, so to be recognised for this work, which I undertook voluntarily in addition to my primary role, is a huge achievement for myself and I share with my former naval servicewomen's network colleagues."

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The Textiles Department's termly competition continues... The St Bart's Sewing Bee! Every term a student from each class is awarded the Textiles 'Sewing Bee' and is given a certificate and a Textiles themed prize. This award is not just for great quality work, it is for being an excellent Textiles student as a whole, including organisation and demonstration of the Bart's Values within lessons.





Last term, Year 7 students last term produced some fantastic monster stuffed toys and Year 8 students a cultural patterned drawstring bag.

Well done to last terms' winners and runners up!!



Y8

Runners up: Alfie Terry, Lucy Oliver, Paige Warren, Luc Weaver, Ada Swift Marshall, Martha Waterfall, Elsie Smith, Lottie White, Lara Tubbs, Olivia Vajdova, Hanika Prashanth

Winners: Harriette Sheffield, Theo Scott, Sam Taylor, Elodie Wright



Y7:

Runners up: Imogen Rumens, Abby Hodkinson, Elliot Stevenson, Bella West, Abigale Laidlaw-Field, Darcey Herdman, Alex Rowe, Rosie Gibbons, Caitlin Black, Tanishka Shiravadekar, Jana Alharbat, Evie Wakeham

Winners: Millie Pinnock, Joseph Hunter-Smart, Alice Rumens, Rafferty Muir

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MFL CHRISTMAS KARAOKE

Before Christmas, the MFL Department held its annual, highly competitive karaoke competition. MFL teachers start preparations for this soon after the half term break and it is taken very seriously indeed. After an initial first round of 12 entries, the French, German and Spanish Assistants made their selection and the final was held with six classes battling it out live on the stage in the hall. This is what the students had to say about the event:



"For the karaoke, we practised in class a brilliant Spanish song. We enjoyed spending 10-15 minutes in lessons building up to the competition, singing our hearts out! It was nerve-wracking doing the performance, but it was a great performance with a well executed dance! We learnt the lyrics and a little dance. It was a really fun experience."

Students from 9KSpP

After a close score, the winning class was Miss Wright's Y8 German group singing 'Schnippi Schnappi' with masks, a dance, solos and chorus, it was very slick and extremely well performed.

A huge thank you to Mrs Wood for organising the whole event and to Mr Edens and Mrs Wilcox for being our esteemed judges.

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YOUNG CARERS

Young carers are children and young people under 18 who take on caring tasks and responsibilities within their family that most of us only do as adults. The term does not apply to the everyday and occasional help around the home that may often be expected of, or given by, children in families.

At St Bart's, we want to make sure that we know all of our young carers, so that we can keep an eye on their progress, promote opportunities both inside and outside of school and offer support to help them achieve their full potential.

We recently sent out a letter to all our students we believe are Young Carers. If you did not receive this letter and believe your child might be a Young Carer, please let us know. You can do this by contacting your child's House Office, or by emailing Mr Bastable (Deputy Headteacher) on jbastable@stbarts.co.uk.

For more information on support for young carers in the wider community, please contact Young Carers West Berkshire on 01635 503090 or my emailing EarlyRHub@westberks.gov.uk

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House Drama 2024 has launched! This event is a hugely important tradition in the school calendar and has been running at St Bart's for many, many years! Whilst the tradition has slightly evolved over time, House Drama remains true to its origins!



Each House will create a devised play lasting 25 minutes based on anything they think an audience will enjoy to watch! Year 12 students write and direct the production, whilst Year 10 and Year 8 students perform the roles and help backstage.

This always proves to be a hilarious evening of entertainment and this year House Drama will take place on Tuesday 23 April from 6.30pm. We strongly encourage as many Year 10 and Year 8 students as possible to get involved with this opportunity and we look forward to welcoming friends and family for a hilarious evening of entertainment.

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JACK'S LONDON MARATHON FOR TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

Best of luck to Jack Watkins (St Bart's Alumni -2023 cohort), who will be running the 2024 London Marathon in April. Jack is running in memory of his best friend Toby, who lost his battle with cancer at the age of just 17. Jack is raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust and says, *"Toby was the bravest person I will ever have the pleasure of meeting, always positive and thinking of others. This is why I am raising money for a*



charity which supported my best friend, and will continue to do so for others, ensuring that people like Toby can get the care, treatment and support that they deserve.”

We are positive that Toby would be immensely proud of Jack for his efforts, as indeed we are at St Bart's. If you would like to donate you can do so on [Jack's fundraising page](#).

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PE



U13 Football

Well done to the U13 girls' football team who are through to the next round of the County Cup after beating Bohunt School 5-0 last week.

Well done to everyone who played. It was a great team performance with some lovely goals being scored.

Y8 Football

Year 8 boys' football team played their first league game against Park House in a very closely fought game. St Bart's came away the winner 1-0.

Player of the match was Ross Hoult.



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