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This was quickly followed by Year 11 Field Day. The Royal Navy (RN) section had an excellent day sailing at Theale, while the Army and RAF sections undertook a voluntary 24 hour/Overnight Exercise at Longmoor Training Area from Friday to Saturday lunchtime. There was a strong cadet and staff attendance and a superb activity, including plenty of blank firing for all in a variety of military exercises, was accomplished in fine weather.

The following week saw the new Year 10 cadets experience their first Field Day. The Army section travelled to Bramley Training Area and worked on a variety of fieldcraft activities, including basher building, cooking in the field and camouflage and concealment. The Royal Air Force (RAF) section travelled to the RAF museum at Hendon while the RN section did a local walk 'interrupted' by various command tasks/challenges.



The second weekend trip took place over the first weekend in November using the ever-popular Jersey Camp on the Isle of Wight as our base. Surprisingly, the ferry crossing was 'flat', given that Storm Ciaran had tracked through the day before departure. All 24 cadets and accompanying staff enjoyed Saturday's walk in challenging conditions. Those on the Freshwater to Jersey Camp route were hammered with two heavy hail storms in the morning, before conditions improved. The Sunday walks took place in fine

weather, affording excellent views of the surrounding landscape.

The following weekend, cadets and staff from the CCF represented St Bart's in the Remembrance Day parade in Newbury, marching through town and observing the two-minutes silence alongside other organisations.

The final event of the term was the first of the series of five Sunday walks which are targeted at preparing cadets for the Ten Tors event. The Year 10 cadets involved enjoyed good weather on the day and can now look forward to the rest of the training and preparation for this event over the coming term.



Calendar

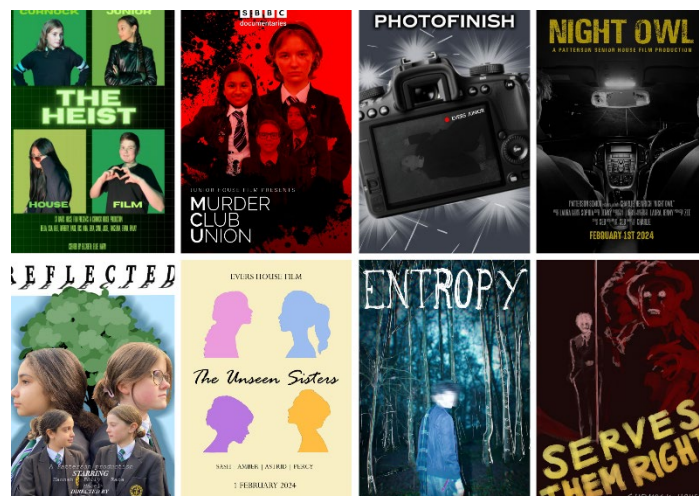
Staff Training & Development Day	Wednesday 31 January	
Sixth Form Articulation Regional Heat	Thursday 1 February	Milton Keynes, all day.
House Film	Thursday 1 February	Hall, 6.30-8.30pm (See below)
CCF Sunday Walk 3	Sunday 4 February	8.30 – 3.00pm
Y13 Business BTEC Work Experience Week	Monday 5 February	
Y12 & 13 A Level Music Conference	Monday 5 February	WCC/Music, all day.
Y7 House Football	Monday 5 February	(EP Released) P1
Y11 House Football	Monday 5 February	(R1 Released) P2
Y9 'Risking it All' Theatre Production	Monday 5 February	P4/5
Y11R Drama Performance Evening	Monday 5 February	5.30-7.00pm
Y8 & 9 Scholars Programme Trip	Tuesday 6 February	University of Bath, all day.
Y11 Box Clever Performance – Macbeth	Tuesday 6 February	E/P P1/2, CD P4/5
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Y11C Drama Performance Evening	Tuesday 6 February	Drama, 5.30-6.30pm
Sixth Form House Dodgeball	Wednesday 7 February	P5
Y9 Subject Parents' Evening	Wednesday 7 February	Remote - 4.30-7.00pm

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

House Film

On Thursday 1 February at 6.30pm in the Hall, the Film & Media Department will once again be rolling out the red carpet for students, parents and teachers, as we gather for a very special evening of film premieres and popcorn!

Last year, Davis were crowned the first ever St Bart's House Film champions. Will they do the double? Or will the crown pass to Curnock, Evers or Patterson? We can't wait for this particular twist in the plot! Don't forget to book your tickets – just £1.50 and now available on Parent Pay.



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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Sector Webinar: Veterinary Medicine

Wednesday 21 February 2024 6.00pm to 7.00pm. 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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HARRIETT WINS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION AND HEADS OFF TO REPRESENT ST BART'S



Congratulations to Harriett (13P3) who won the internal Articulation heat on Tuesday and will go on to represent St Bart's at the regional heat on Thursday 1 February.

Articulation is a public speaking competition, run by the National Gallery, where students must speak for ten minutes about a piece of art of their choosing. This is the first year St Bart's has entered.

Four students entered, Harriett and three Year 12 students: Mikey (D4), Laura (P3) and Oliver (C7). All four gave impressive presentations and made it extremely hard for the three adjudicators - Mr Robbins, Mr Keetch and Mrs Nicholls - to pick a winner. In the end it was Harriett's presentation, on a sculpture 'Anatomy of a Hug' by artist Luna Lu, which took the top spot.

The Regional Heat is at MK Gallery on Thursday 1 February and Harriett will compete against speakers from schools from across the South East of England.

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HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTARY MAKER IN SCHOOL

Documentary maker and reporter, Mirek Gosney, joined us at St Bart's last week as part of our Beacon School programme of activities around Holocaust Memorial Day.

Speaking to our Year 12s during their enrichment session, Mirek described his recent documentary, 'Building Hitler's Empire', which delves into the true story of the Nazis' forgotten forced and slave labour programme. The documentary considers the perspective of Mirek's own Czech great-grandfather, Miroslav Jeřábek, who was conscripted and sent to work in Germany. Mirek spoke to our



students about economic exploitation, often involving global corporations, and about the difference between slave labour and forced labour, which offered some pay and freedom. He also explored the theme of forgotten voices, justice and recognition and whether you can ever truly compensate for some experiences.

Mirek also shared his experience of the making of documentaries and his reflections on his research and decision to remain a neutral voice. Following the talk, Mirek answered questions from our students and spent time sharing advice with those interested in journalism and film and documentary making.

Our thanks to Mirek for giving his time and sharing his story.

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POST-16 DESTINATIONS FAIR

On Thursday 25 January, Year 10 and 11 students and parents had the opportunity to attend a destinations fair held in the school hall.

A number of post-16 providers were on hand to discuss the courses they offer, as well as organisations that can support students in making choices. It was an opportunity for students to find out about alternative options post-16 and to investigate the option of following an apprenticeship route. Students were able to make applications and found the event very useful.

Thank you to the organisations who supported the event.

- [Basingstoke College of Technology](#)
- [Newbury College](#)
- [Sparsholt College](#)
- [West Berkshire Training Consortium](#)
- [Adviza](#)
- [Activate Learning](#) – who can provide information about Reading College, Bracknell and Wokingham College



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[Skoolkit has appropriate tracksuit bottoms in stock.](#) The PE department can also advise if required.

All uniform items are specified in the [Parents' Handbook](#).

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SPACE CONSULTATION

Thank you to those who have responded to our consultation on providing some additional space at Newbury Hall for the Sixth Form, and to those who attended the open meeting. We have put together a list of frequently asked questions which can be found [here](#) along with further information.

The deadline for any further comments is Monday 5 February.

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PE

Year 8 Netball

Well done to the Year 8 A and B team Netball players who played their first round of West Berkshire League netball fixtures at Kennet School.



A team results were:

Won 15-1 v Trinity A
Won 10-4 v Kennet A

B team results were:

Lost 10-0 v Kennet A
Lost 15-0 v Park A
Won 4-3 v Trinity



Year 9 Netball

Our Year 9 girls got their Netball season underway on Thursday afternoon. The A team beat St Gabriel's School A, 17-1, with player of match awarded to Mariella. Our B team lost to St Gabriel's B and beat Trinity School B, 10-0. The player of the match in both games was Ellena. Well done to all girls involved, a great start!



Sixth Form Netball

St Bart's Sixth Form netball team had their first league match on Wednesday and beat St Gabriel's School convincingly, 36-13. Player of the match was Bella Castle.



Year 7 Football

Year 7 played their first football fixture for the school, hosting Charters School from Ascot in the County Cup first round.

The boys played some brilliant football and showed superb team spirit and sportsmanship throughout.

St Bart's went up, 2-0, just before half time. Charters scored just into the second half, and the boys responded soon after to increase their lead, and then went on to score 3 more goals before the final whistle.

The final score was St Bart's, 6, Charters, 1. Goals were scored by Alex (1), Evan (2), Tommy (2), and Tyler (1). Players of the match were Rupert and Alex.



Year 8 Football

The Year 8 boys' Football team won their first round game in the County Cup against Luckley House School. The team performed fantastically and came away the winner, 9-0. Joint players of the match were Alden Willoughby and Rory McLellan.

Two teams of Year 8 boys also represented the school at the West Berkshire Football Tournament at Trinity School.



The tournament was a great success, with all teams playing each other.

There weren't any overall positions, but both teams played really well, scored some great team goals and enjoyed some good wins. Player of the tournament was Omar Shaker.

Year 9 Football

The Year 9 football team played Park House School in the first round of the West Berkshire League.

The A team played in the first half, which was a highly competitive match with some great football and well worked goals scored by both teams. The score finished 2-2. This is a great result considering Park House are currently in the sixth round of the National Cup. Player of the match was Ricky for his 30-yard volley that nestled into the top corner.



The B team lost, 1-0 in a match where 10 St Bart's students played their first football match for the school. The match was played in great spirits and was enjoyed by all. Player of the match was Lucas for his great defensive display.

Year 10 Football



St Bart's Year 10 A and B teams kicked off their District Cup campaign with great performances against defending champions Park House School. St Bart's A team held off a strong Park House side in the first half at 0-0. Park House went two goals up quickly in the second half but the Bart's boys fought back to 2-2 with superb goals from Harry Alston and Patrick Groza. In a tense final 10 minutes, Park House scored two outstanding goals to secure the game 4-2.

St Bart's B Team fought hard and played some superb football despite being defeated 2-0. Mr Wilder said, "I am proud of all the boys today - it took a lot of character to come back from 2-0 to get themselves back in the game. We are really developing as a squad and will be a real threat in the District Cup this season".

Players of the match were Stanley Herdman, Connor Bucknell, Harry Graham and Hector Marshall.

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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



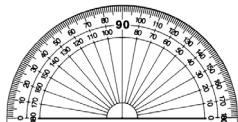
Pair of Compasses



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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