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Subject Choices Information and Y11 German Trip to Reading University,
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University - Visitor Talk, Y10 Subject Parents’ Evening.

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Mr King

Thank you, we have been deeply touched by comments and memories of Mr King, who sadly passed away earlier this month. He clearly influenced so many lives and was held in the highest regard.

A number of people have asked about his funeral. At this time we do not have details of arrangements.

We, as a school, are considering ways in which we might mark his service to the school and will be glad to share more information about this with our community in due course.

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Year 13 students, Pavlo, Danil and Maksym (Year 12) delivered a powerful poem in Ukrainian and English, whilst Masha (Year 13) kindly thanked St Bart's staff and students for the way they've been welcomed. Masha and Karyna (Year 11) then laid a wreath in memory of those who have lost their lives to the war and those who have bravely fought to defend Ukraine.

Dr Fitter said; "It is important to our school community to mark this anniversary and our continued support of Ukraine and, in particular, our Ukrainian students. These students joined St Bart's under extremely difficult circumstances for themselves and their families and yet they have still brought so much to St Bart's, their peers and their studies. They all deserve a bright future".

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Calendar

Theatre Performance - German - selected students Y8, Y9, Y10	Wednesday 28 February	Hall, P5
Y11EP Poetry Live	Thursday 29 February	Reading, All Day
Y8 Parents' Curriculum Information Meeting	Thursday 29 February	Remote, 6.30pm
Y8 Issue of Y9 Subject Choices Information	Friday 1 March	(online)
Y11 German Trip to Reading University		All day
Y10 CCF WHT Weekend	Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 March	
Y7 Author Visit	Monday 4 March	Hall, P1/P2
Y12 History - Portsmouth University - Visitor Talk	Tuesday 5 March	P4/P5
Y10 Subject Parents' Evening	Tuesday 5 March	4.30-7.00pm

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The PA's ever popular Quiz & Chips night is back!

Friday, 15 March 2024, from 7.00pm

Adults £13, staff £11, students £9

Includes fish & chips.

Bar & Raffle

Tickets can be bought at stbartspa.co.uk.

Staff Run 10K

On 27 May, St Bart's staff members will be running in the Newbury 10K. We are raising money for the house charities: Newbury Cancer Care, Mencap, Guide Dogs and Swings and Smiles. Any donations would be greatly appreciated! You can make donations on [ParentPay](https://www.parentpay.com).



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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Industry Webinar: Radiography

Tuesday 5 March 2024, 6.00pm. 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 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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GRADUATION TRIP TO BATH

During the Autumn Term, 14 students from Years 8 and 9 took part in the scholarship programme that was run by The Brilliant Club (www.thebrilliantclub.org).

In a series of university style tutorials, led by a PHD tutor in their specialist field, students learned about different types of culture and leadership practices around the world. At the end of the programme, they wrote a 2000 word essay with the



title “Analyse the effects of culture on leadership practices”. All 14 students worked excellently throughout and managed to graduate from Bath University in February. Students had a tour of the university, and then attended a graduation ceremony to celebrate their hard work and achievements.

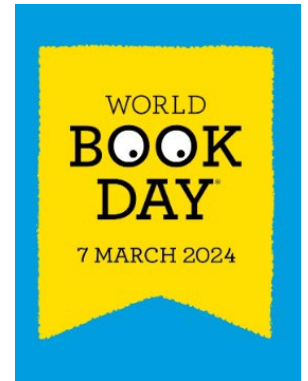
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WORLD BOOK DAY

Once again, we’re turning World Book Day (March 7) into a week of activities, this year based around the theme of book recommendations, and we ask you to encourage your children to get involved.



It starts on the Monday with another visit from our patron of reading, the acclaimed Peter J Murray, who will be talking to Year 7 about his latest book, *The Darker Side of Wight*. As well as featuring a very scary and bloodthirsty-looking bunny on the cover, it’s billed as a compendium of spooky stories from the place not so far from here that Peter calls “the Isle of Fright”. And we didn’t even plan that tie-in with “gothic writing”! No doubt he’ll be discussing his hugely popular Mokee Joe series, too, and signing copies.



All of KS3 are in the process of receiving an old-fashioned paper voucher that they can exchange at “all good bookshops” for a special WBD publication or use to get £1 another book purchase, and WH Smith are kindly giving us enough free books to give a copy to everyone in Year 8, which is great news. On RM Unify, any student (or member of staff) can also recommend a book using the special tile and be in with a chance of winning a £5 Amazon voucher in a raffle. Recommendations will be rolled out during a lunchtime on a mobile display board for maximum publicity!

Building on its excellent “Blind date with a book” initiative that saw 100 free books given away to interested students last term, the Library is again at the heart of our WBD plans. In addition to their by-now-traditional design-a-bookmark competition, Mrs Hewetson and Mrs Kirby are also organising a couples-in-literature quiz that we’re calling “Paired to Perfection”, which will involve 40 staff volunteers wearing badges that show one half of a famous literary duo, with students having to match each pair and name both the characters and the book they are from. With thanks to the staff book group for the suggested pairs, the texts range from established classics to student-friendly YA fiction. All competition entries (by individual students) will be put into a hat for a prize. Students should look out for the Google form heading their way on Satchel One if they wish to take part.



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Happy reading – and recommending!

PAUL INSPIRES STUDENTS



On Thursday 22 February, we were delighted to welcome Paul Hannaford back to St Bart's to speak with our Year 8, 10 and 12 students about knife crime and drugs. Paul is an ex-drug addict and offender who turned his life around and now dedicates his time educating young people on drug addition, alcohol, gang life, gun and knife crime, prison life, self-harm and bullying.

Paul's talks are tailored to each year group and are powerful and emotive, conveying a strong message of the reality of the consequences that can follow poor decisions

You can find out more about Paul's work [here](#).



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GIRLS WALK FOR MENCAP

These girls from 9E2, Joanie, Rowan, Kruthi and Sophie completed a sponsored walk around Wash Common and Enborne. The walk was 6 kilometres and they used an OS map that they had, with help, marked the route on with help. The walk took the girls two hours to complete. We are very grateful to the girls raising money for Evers' House charity, West Berks MENCAP, as they raised £22! Thank you girls.

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PE

Southern Inter-Counties Cross Country.



Congratulations to Charlie (12C3) and Jack (11D2) who both represented St Bart's at the Southern Inter Counties Cross Country.

There were ten Berkshire runners in the senior boys' race, representing different schools from across the county.

Midway through, Charlie was second Berkshire runner. With the leading blue vest in his sights, Charlie overtook him after the last hill and finished as first Berkshire athlete.

Both boys have qualified for the National competition later this month.





Year 7 Football

The Year 7 boys' Football team beat Kennet School, 7-0, in the league. Players of the match were two of the centre midfielders, Jude and Owen. This was a super team performance in which the boys played with composure and skill beyond their years. Well done!

Year 10 Football

The Year 10 boys played some excellent football at Trinity School in the annual 'B' team tournament. With some close scoring games, the Bart's boys excelled in beating Trinity and John O' Gaunt, whilst just missing out against Park House and Kennet.

Mr Wilder says; "Many of these boys turn up week after week in training and all of them are so important to me and the Year 10 football squad. Some excellent individual displays, but most importantly, both A and B teams are really coming together as brilliant teams. The building continues and the future looks bright. Watch this space." Players of the tournament were Lukas, Louis, Tyler and Christian.



U16 Football

A big well done to the U16 girls' football team who are through to the semi finals of the County Cup after beating Denefield School very convincingly 8-0. Well done to Meg, who was awarded player of the match.

Year 8 Netball

The Year 8's took part in the second round of the netball league at Kennet School. The A Team had a fantastic win against a strong St Gabriel's School team, beating them 15-10. They then came up against Park House School and lost, 5-10, in a very competitive game. Eva M was awarded best player in both matches.



The B's played a couple of friendly matches against

The Willink School and Park House School B, winning both of those. They then faced St Gabriel's A in a league match and tried really hard to get on the score sheet, but St Gabriel's ran away with the win. Best players were awarded to Ellie and Neve.

Senior Netball

Well done to the Senior Netball girls who demonstrated their skills and expertise on the Netball court on Wednesday at Kennet School.

They had an excellent game and they won 44-15.

Player of the match was Grace Cussans.



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