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All students at St Bart's considering an early entry for Oxbridge or Medicine are supported through the experience, to make the best possible application. The Sixth Form's programme includes advice and guidance with wider reading and super-curricular studies, work experience, personal statements, aptitude tests and submission of written work, preparation for interviews and support with the decision process.

Mrs Lane, Head of Sixth Form at St Bart's said, *"We are proud of all our students at St Bart's Sixth Form. It is a very exciting time of life and we always seek to support our students in whichever next step they are looking to take, whether this be an apprenticeship, work or University, from STEM to the Arts. It is always a privilege to work with our talented and hardworking young people. Alex, Isabella, Laura, Miguel, Owain, Sophie and William have succeeded in the rigorous and highly competitive Oxbridge entry process. It is a significant achievement and we are very proud of them all."*

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Calendar

Sixth Form House Dodgeball	Wednesday 7 February	P5
Y9 Subject Parents' Evening	Wednesday 7 February	Remote - 4.30-7.00pm
Inclusion Coffee Morning	Thursday 8 February	WCC 8.30-10.00am
Y9 Holocaust Talk	Thursday 8 February	Hall, Period 1
Y10 House Football	Thursday 8 February	(Q1 Released)
Y11 Interviews - External Candidates	Thursday 8 February	3.45-6.00pm
Davis & Evers House Evening	Thursday 8 February	6.30pm-8.30pm. See below.
Y13 - Reports Issued	Friday 9 February	
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HALF TERM – Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February

Y12/Y13 Athens Trip	Thursday 15 February	Returns Tuesday 20 February
Y9 Deadline for return of KS4 Options Choices	Monday 19 February	
Y11 Interviews - External Candidates	Tuesday 20 February	3.45-6.00pm
Y10 Separate Science Day	Tuesday 20 February	All day
Curnock & Patterson House Evening - Rehearsal	Tuesday 20 February	3.30pm

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



Davis & Evers House Evening - Thursday 8 February, 6.30pm

Come along and see a range of talents from singers to magicians, and maybe a few special guests on stage! There will be a bar for refreshments, a cake sale and a raffle where you could be in the chance of winning a meal voucher for the Watermill, tickets to Cotswold Wildlife Park, vouchers for a new wine bar in town or a round of golf for four people at Sandford Springs and lots more exciting prizes! All proceeds go to our two House charities, Mencap and Swings and Smiles. Get your tickets on [ParentPay](#). See you there!

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5-11 FEBRUARY 2024

#NAW2024

IT'S NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Live Online Q&A session for Students and Parents on T Levels

Thursday 8 February 2024, 5.00 - 5.30pm. Live Q&A session dedicated to parents and students hosted by Sparsholt College Group Business Development Manager (Industry Placements), Graham Ayrton, and Work Placements Officer, Luke Higley. Find out more about T Levels and get all your questions answered! [Register here.](#)

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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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

National Apprenticeship Week 2024 runs from Monday 5 – Sunday 11 February. It's the 17th annual NAW, an annual, week-long celebration of apprenticeships and everyone involved with them. The week celebrates the value, benefit and opportunity that apprenticeships bring, and this year the theme is 'Skills For Life'.

We spoke to two former students, Faith and Harvey, who chose to follow the apprenticeship route after graduating from St Bart's.

Faith Pitchford (St Bart's Alumni 2019) now works in Employee Experience for Human Resources at Siemens. Her career journey into Human Resources and People Management began with her apprenticeship at Stryker, the multinational medical technologies corporation.



Faith said: "As part of BTEC in Business course at St Bart's, I was given the opportunity to complete two weeks of work experience with the HR department at Stryker. I enjoyed it immensely and it enabled me to build a working network at the company. Following this work experience, Stryker suggested I consider applying to their apprenticeship programme. The apprenticeship lasted for 18 months and at Stryker I gained experience in human resources, events management, compliance and accounts alongside pursuing my CIPD Level 3 qualification. It gave me the confidence to move forward with a career in Human Resources at Siemens, where I am involved in piloting three global employee experience projects whilst also completing my CIPD Level 5 People Management associate degree."

Harvey Rainbow (St Bart's Alumni 2018) graduated from his degree apprenticeship with BMW in September 2021 and is now a procurement specialist within the automotive sector.

Harvey said: "After leaving St Bart's I started a Level 6 degree apprenticeship in Business sponsored by BMW. I wanted to earn whilst I learnt and to achieve a degree without having to pay for this. I was also motivated to gain work experience and skills that would set me aside from competition. St Bart's fostered a combination of key values, skills and attitude, which made my transition from education into professional life seamless. Some of these principles are accountability, politeness and respect. The teachers at St Bart's were always willing to offer coaching and mentoring whenever it was sought out. Some of the advice I received still sticks with me today."



Here are a few links you might find useful if you are keen to discover more about apprenticeships:

- [National Apprenticeship Week](#)
- [The Student Zone](#)
- [Our Careers Page](#) - We update this page regularly with new opportunities that might be of interest to students and parents/carers.
- [The Apprenticeship Guide](#)
- [Apprenticeship Search](#)

'The Parent's Guide To' has also produced a [free guide](#) for parents, explaining why apprenticeships are the best option for some students, either after GCSE or sixth form.

Parents and carers might also be interested in The [Parent Perspective Podcast](#), a collaboration with Amazing Apprenticeships and Not Going To Uni. The podcast is hosted by broadcaster and journalist, Rachel Burden, and features accompanying resources for parents and carers to use with their child(ren).

St Bart's library also has a great selection of resources for students to explore apprenticeships, including books and lots of informative posters. During National Apprenticeship Week, the library will be hosting the 'Apprenticeship Arcade' - a series of fun and engaging games that students will be able to access on their devices or the library computers. The games have been devised by Amazing Apprenticeships and are an interactive and fun way for students to explore and learn about apprenticeships.



Sixth Formers interested in following an apprenticeship route can join the Sixth Form Apprenticeship Programme. The group meets regularly to explore the types of apprenticeships available, to understand what employees are looking for from candidates and to support students with developing the skills required to make a successful application. As part of the programme, recently [BartholoNews](#) reported on the apprenticeship support masterclass for 45 St Bart's Sixth Form students, held at the Vodafone Headquarters Conference Pavilion. Vodafone managers, employees, graduates and apprentices took students through a 'mock' version of an apprenticeship assessment day in preparing

students to make strong applications to major companies.

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CURNOCK WIN HOUSE FILM

Over 90 students across all year groups gathered with their teachers, parents and friends to walk the red carpet for our second House Film competition last Thursday. Students had been working on script-writing, acting, camera work, lighting and sound as well as set, costume, hair and make-up since last September. House teams produced a Junior (Y7-10) and Senior entry (Y11-13).



The films were judged by two St Bart's Alumni: Holly Choules, a multi-skilled operator working with Zest4.tv, the production company, and Reece Broughton, Studio Production Manager at Pinewood Group Limited, who said he had an, *"amazing time last night revisiting [St Bart's] showing off some clear future talent!"*



The results were as follows:

Senior House Film Winner: Davis
Senior House Film Runner-Up: Curnock
Junior House Film Winner: Curnock
Junior House Film Runner-Up: Davis

Overall, the judges decided to award the win to Curnock. Both winners and runners-up in each category will now have the opportunity to see their

films on the big screen at Vue Cinema on Tuesday 27 February. You can view all the films entered on the [Media and Film Youtube account](#).

Well done to everyone who worked so hard on their amazing films.

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STUDENTS' WRITING SUCCESS

Last December, an open invitation by the new, independent publisher Junoberry Books, to take part in a Christmas writing competition was sent out to all St Bart's students. [Junoberry Books](#) are keen to work with young writers to help encourage creative writing and develop the next generation of writers. Their Seasonal Short competition challenged young writers to submit a story between 500 and 2,000 words in length. The style and form of the story was completely up to the writer, but it needed to be inspired by Christmas in some way.



The competition received hundreds of entries from across the country and we understand the standard of the stories was very high in all age categories. St Bart's were therefore delighted to receive a communication from the publisher confirming that St Bartholomew's School was the most successful school across the country in terms of entries that made the shortlist and long list, This is a huge achievement, with nine students either being longlisted or shortlisted for their work. Their entries will now be published in an upcoming book.

Congratulations to shortlisted students Joseph Bai (7E3), Barrie Speirs (8E2), Tabitha Cook (10P2) and Sophie Bunce (11E1) and also to those students who made the Long List - Polly Cook (7P2), Ada Swift-Marshall (8E1), Dunia Lourenco Ribeiro (8P3), Jess Carter (9C1) and Natalie Stables (10P1). They will also all receive a £10 book token from Dr Fitter, who met with the students last week.

Well done to all who wrote in with entries, as it demonstrates a great deal of initiative and talent!

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS TRIP

St Bart's strives to demonstrate to its students the huge range of careers options available to them, no matter where their interests lie, and last week, a group of Year 10 students went to the offices of the publisher, Oxford University Press, to discover where a degree in English could take them, as well as other career paths available to them to access this interesting sector. The students were lucky enough to meet a large range of publishing professionals, all offering an insight into their jobs and how they got into publishing. After a quick stop at the huge bookshop, Blackwell's, it was on to a tour of the



world-famous Bodleian Library. One of the students, Luca Forrester, commented:



“Last Tuesday, I went on an English trip to learn more about what publishing is. After visiting the Oxford University Press, I have learned just how much goes on inside a singular production of a book, the history of the press and how many words the Oxford English Dictionary has defined in its years. At lunch, we went to look around Blackwell’s bookshop, where I saw a sign that they house 160,000 volumes of books - over two and a half miles of shelving! Afterwards, we went to have a tour around the Bodleian Library and looked around an exhibition about Chaucer, who was an English poet and author who was ahead of his time. After the exhibition, we were guided around the

Bodleian Library, having an insight into lectures and the past history of Oxford University, and how they have every single book published in the UK. Overall, it was a great experience and I got to learn lots of new things that I hadn't even thought about before.”

We would like to say a huge thank you to Helen Lawson from OUP for organising the visit to her offices.

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BARTS 4 BEES

In September, we started a new co-curricular club focused on looking after our buzzy friends, the bees! Barts 4 Bees’ first challenge was to gain ‘Friends of the Honey Bee’ status from the British Beekeeping Association. To gain this award we had to give evidence of bee-friendly activities completed at school. So we have been busy with lots of bee-friendly activities including surveying the school site and identifying pollinator friendly flowers, learning how bees see ultraviolet light, planting an early spring nectar garden, delivering an assembly to Year 7 about the importance of bees, hosting a visiting beekeeper who taught us all about the life of the bees in the hive, learning how bees make honey, honey tasting, candle making...the list goes on!



We are very proud to announce we are now officially a ‘Friend of the Honey Bee’ school! With a few more weeks of winter left, we have more crafting activities planned whilst we wait for the bees to emerge from their winter cluster. Then we hope to visit some apiaries in the spring and start working towards having our very own bees at St Barts! Barts 4 Bees meet every Thursday 3.15-4.15 - come along to learn about these fascinating insects and get involved

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All students in Years 7 to 11 should have a scientific calculator as part of their everyday school equipment.

A suitable calculator can be purchased via the [Parentpay Shop](#).

When purchasing through school, please make sure you request the most appropriate one for you child by either selecting for 'Year 7' or 'Year 8 to 11'. Casio have changed their style of calculator significantly in the past year, so if you do need a new calculator for a student in Years 8 to 11, we recommend that you buy through school, as we have a stock of calculators of the old type, which students are already familiar with. Year 7 will be taught using the new style Casio calculator, which is now the one available in most shops.



Once purchased through the ParentPay, the calculator should be issued to students via their Maths teacher in a few days. If this does not happen, please ask them to come to the Maths office to ask for it, or email hscourfield@stbarts.co.uk to follow up.

Other items needed for Maths such as protractor, rulers and a pair of compasses can be purchased directly by students in school via the Maths office at activity time, all for under a pound. Students will need to bring cash for these smaller purchases.

Please encourage your child to check they have the equipment they need for all lessons, including a pen, pencil, rubber, protractor, pair of compasses and a calculator.

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PE

Year 7 Netball

St Bart's took two Year 7 teams to the league matches at Kennet School.



The A Team beat The Willink School, 15-1. Players of the matches were Rosie and Cece. They then had a very close competitive game against St Gabriel's School A losing, 6-7, in the last few seconds. Player of the match was Jessie for her fantastic attack and defence.

The B Team lost to Trinity School, 3-8. Player of the match was Emma. And they lost to

St Gabriel's B, 2-8. Players of the matches were Summer and Lilah.



Year 10 Netball

St Bart's A and B teams are both in the Super League because of their ranking last year, so the first league game was a Bart's Derby! The A's took the win in this fun competitive game, 21-4, with both defence shining, Izzy received player of the match for the A's and Ava B for the B's.

The A Team then played The Downs School and took a comfortable win, 18-5, with Tilly getting player of the match.



The B Team faced Kennet School A which was always going to be a tough game. At half time it was 0-14. St Bart's didn't give up and regrouped to put up a stronger performance in the second half, with the final score, 1-20. Ava B did the double, being awarded player of the match for a second time.

Year 11 Netball

The Year 11 girls' netball team played their first two fixtures and won both convincingly, Beating Kennet 16-6. Player of the match was awarded to Olive. They also beat Park House, 13-5, with player of the match going to Grace.



Year 7 Football

The Year 7 boys' football squad played against Park House School. The league match was played first with St Bart's winning the first half, 1-0, with a goal from Tommy Daily. Park House scored just after half time. St Bart's then went ahead, 2-1, with a super free kick from Tyler Williamson, and this was followed by a goal from Jude Harvey. The final local derby round 1 (Year 7) score was St Bart's, 3, Park House, 1.

The rest of the squad then played a tournament against Park House, with some excellent play showing the strength in depth of the year group, and over 40 boys represented the school. Player of the match was Tyler Williamson.

U16s Football

Our U16 girls played The Holt on Tuesday afternoon in the next round of the County Cup. The girls ran out 2-1 winners in a close contest. A cracking team goal, finished off by Chloe, won it for us, meaning we're into the quarter finals. Our first goal was scored by Isla who also got player of the match. Well done girls - onto the next round!



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