



## CURNOCK & PATTERSON HOUSE EVENING

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## PE:

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## **Primary Schools County Indoor Athletics Event, Friday 8 March 2024**

Please be aware that the school site will be especially busy at the start and end of the day, as a number of local primary schools will be attending this event on our site. Please read the full notice on page 2.

## **Parent Governor Election**

We have received three nominations for the Parent Governor Election. Ballot papers were sent home via students yesterday so please look out for them. The deadline for returning them is 3.00pm on Tuesday 12 March.



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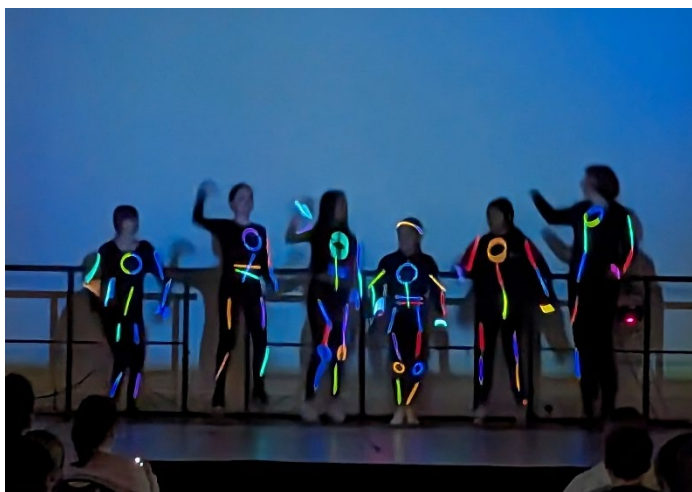
Our staff sketch this year, “Barts Budget Masked Singer” gave rise to lots of audience participation and hilarity (well done to the Year 7s for singing along to “I’m Just Ken”!!)



Drinks and snacks were served on the night by our team of Year 11 Ambassadors and helpers, and a raffle table laden with prizes also helped the night along. The evening was a great success, and we raised a total of nearly

**£870**, which will be split between Curnock’s House Charity, Newbury Cancer Care, and Patterson’s House Charity, Guide Dogs.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so we are really grateful for everyone who came along and supported us – thank you! Massive shout outs also to our brilliant performers, House Captains, Ambassadors, helpers, backstage, Tech Team and Mr Weller and everyone else who helped us – **you are amazing!**



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## Calendar

|  |                  |                            |
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| Y7EP Gamelan   | Thursday 7 March | Hall, All Day              |
| Theatre Performance - French - selected students Y8, Y9, Y10 | Thursday 7 March | Hall, P4                   |
| Y13 Media Studies Revision Conference                        | Friday 8 March   | BFI, London. 7.15am-6.00pm |

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| Primary School Athletics Competition          | Friday 8 March               | Sports Hall, P1-P5 (see page 1) |
| Y7-11 Netball Trip - Team Bath v London Pulse | Friday 8 March               | Bath University, 4.00-10.45pm   |
| Y11-13 National Schools Lacrosse Tournament   | Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 March | Aldershot, 8.30am-4.00pm        |
| Y13 Politics Revision Day                     | Monday 11 March              | London, all day                 |
| Y9G Geography Trip                            | Wednesday 13 March           | Kew Gardens, 4.00pm             |

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

### Primary Schools County Indoor Athletics Event, Friday 8 March 2024

We will be hosting the Berkshire School Games event in our Sports Hall this Friday, 8 March. Please be aware that the school site will be especially busy at the start and end of the day, as a number of local primary schools will be participating. Please consider whether your child could walk some or all of the way to and from school to help alleviate congestion. If this is not possible, then please take extra care when driving through the site. If students arriving by car could be dropped off earlier than usual, this would help the traffic flow and reduce delays.

### Non-Uniform Day: Friday 15 March 2024

We will have a non-uniform day on Friday 15 March to celebrate Red Nose Day. This [national fundraiser](#) is about having some fun and raising money to support people whose lives are incredibly difficult. Year 9 will also be participating in a 1-mile fun run on Luker Field during their PE lessons to help encourage even more donations. Finally there will also be a Cake Sale in the Hub at break, so please make sure your child has some money with them so they can buy a cake and support this great charity. [You can support all these activities by making your donations here](#). To increase the impact of your donation, you can Gift Aid it. Thank you in advance for helping us raise as much money as possible.



**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](http://stbartspa.co.uk).

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### SPOTLIGHT: ADVIZA WEBINAR: Year 12 Options

Wednesday 13 March 2024, 6pm to 7pm. The webinars will be recorded and become available on the Past Webinars page so that they can be viewed again at a later date. If you require any further details, please email: [careersguidance@adviza.org.uk](mailto: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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## NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

### Our Students' Future Careers Start Here! #NCW2024

It's National Careers Week (NCW), (4-9 March), and so it's a great time to highlight some of the careers resources and information available to St Bart's students.

Please do visit our Careers [Opportunities](#) website page for some interesting links including:

- A Parents' Guide to National Careers Week, which gives parents a chance to learn more about different careers paths their children/child can take,
- Articles on types of Apprenticeship available, the pros and cons of University and T-Levels explained,
- A Job Profile of the 'best job in the UK' (according to job search site, Indeed).



At St Bart's our [career programme](#) is supported by the careers company Adviza. Adviza are running a series of industry webinars in the coming weeks, including Diagnostic and Therapeutic Radiography, Film & TV, Construction, Early Years Childcare and Education, and Interior Design. If these webinars are of interest to you or your student, please do visit the [Adviza Events](#) page for more information.

St Bart's are also very fortunate to have a Level 6 qualified careers Adviza Advisor at the school. If your child requires a priority appointment with Mrs Amanda Gill, the careers advisor, requests can be made via email to Mrs Seward, [dseward@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:dseward@stbarts.co.uk).

Our School Library is also a great place to start exploring careers, with brochures, booklets and leaflets to browse and access to the [eCLIPS](#) site, another Adviza resource which offers information on





over 1400 jobs. This week the Library are running a NCW careers quiz for Years 7-10. The aim of the quiz is to get students exploring the Careers section in the Library and the online careers support that is available to them.

One such online resource is [Unifrog](#) – the Destination Platform that we use in school. All our students have access to Unifrog and it enables them to explore careers, university and apprenticeship information, complete self-assessment tests to identify next steps or possible careers and to complete CVs, UCAS personal statements and apprenticeship applications. It also enables students to create an ongoing record of key achievements and



activities, which are regularly reviewed with their tutors. Please do encourage students to log-in and demonstrate the site to you.

Finally, St Bart's arrange a number of events throughout the year as part of our Careers Programme. This includes an Interview Skills Day for Year 11 and KS3 Careers Fair and Enrichment Talks for Sixth Form. If you work for an organisation or business who would like to inspire the next generation of employees by supporting these events, please do get in touch by contacting our Career Lead, Mrs Seward – [dseward@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:dseward@stbarts.co.uk). Thank you!

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## ALUMNI AWARDS FOR FILM



On Monday 26 February, a select group of enthusiastic Year 12 Film students attended the 10<sup>th</sup> WJEC / Eduqas Moving Image Awards ceremony, held at the prestigious BFI Southbank, in support of two of last year's alumni, who were shortlisted for their A Level Media coursework. We were delighted that Callum Doddington (Warwick) and Harvey Miller (Bournemouth) won their categories, for Best Music Video and Best TV Sequence, respectively, and we followed up the ceremony by networking with prize-winners and judges at a post-awards reception! Despite an adventurous train journey home, our students came away inspired – we look forward to entering our best work again this year!

The winning videos, along with all House Films, can be seen on the [St Bart's Media & Film Youtube account](#). Like, subscribe and share!

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## CHINESE NEW YEAR



On 26 February, a group of students and Mrs Ndagire spoke to our Year 12 and 13 students about the Chinese New Year in the Sixth Form enrichment assembly.

Chinese New Year (also known as Spring Festival) is a festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. It marks the

end of winter and the beginning of spring, and begins on the new moon that appears between 21 January and 20 February. Celebrations traditionally take place from Chinese New Year's Eve until the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the year.

Head Student, Callum, spoke about the significance of the Chinese New Year, the lessons it teaches and reflections that it inspires. You can [read Callum's full speech here](#).



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## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

On Saturday 2 March, our student company, Flame Fortune, attended the Young Enterprise fair at The Lexicon Shopping Centre, Bracknell.

An early start was required to get their trade stand set up and ready to sell to the public at 10.00am. A lot of work was put in prior to the event – designing and preparing the stand, ensuring there were sufficient products to sell and organising a rota for the day. The event was an excellent opportunity for students to discuss their products with the general public, and some sales revenue was also generated!

As part of the area Young Enterprise competition, the students also received a visit to their stands from the judges. They were asked questions about their production and marketing strategy and were observed in their selling technique. Although not prize winners on the day, the students gained great tips about how to improve their trade stand before the area final at the end of April.

Well done to the students who took part – Jennifer, Sash, Robert and Sreelakshmi.



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## JAZZ WORKSHOP



Last week the Music Department enjoyed a jazz workshop led by arranger, composer and trumpeter, Mark Armstrong, and supported by Benji and James from National Youth Jazz Orchestra (NYJO). Alongside his many roles in the UK Jazz industry, Mark has been Artistic & Music Director of NYJO for over a decade. Mark did a wonderful job of putting all the students at ease and inspired some fantastic improvisation work and aural musicianship. The group was also joined by

students from Downe House School, and together they built up confidence in a variety of jazz approaches, which culminated in a stamina building afternoon performance! St Bart's would like to extend our thanks to Jane and Ashley, and the Newbury Spring Festival for sponsoring this event.

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## ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

As part of their GCSE Citizenship course, some of our current Year 11 students have planned and completed their own group action, which aims to change something within contemporary society.

All of our GCSE Citizenship students are required to complete an active citizenship project, which encourages them to research a contemporary issue of their choosing, plan a form of action and to carry this out. There has been real breadth in the type of active citizenship projects which our students have completed, ranging from lobbying our local MP, Laura Farris, to reducing the current voting age to 16 in England. Some of our students have also met and discussed their ideas of adapting our current PDP programme to include greater political education for all years, whilst a further group have campaigned to include greater acknowledgement and teaching of the Roma genocide for our current Year 12 students. There has also been some success with one group campaigning for greater funding and awareness of period poverty for school students, which included communication with our current Minister for Women and Equalities, Kemi Badenoch.

The students have also designed and implemented a new noticeboard in Davis block, which is designed to educate all St Bart's students about the political landscape and make suggestions for how they can get involved, and they are looking at setting up a Politics Club.

One of the great features of GCSE Citizenship is the expectation that students learn more about and attempt to change something of their own choosing. This helps to develop not only their skills of both primary and secondary research but in addition, their ability to analyse data and plan and carry out meaningful action. As a result, students not only develop their understanding of important exam related content, but they also understand how to campaign, using political engagement methods, such as lobbying, and how to use an e-petition.

### Support our Foodbank Campaign

One of our Year 11 Active Citizenship groups are currently campaigning to raise greater awareness of food poverty within West Berkshire. To do this, they completed their own independent secondary research, which illustrated the increased reliance for some members of our local community on charities including the West Berkshire Foodbank.

Students Swarnika, Meenakshi, Amie, Dovydas and Luke said: “We also invited the Schools Manager from West Berkshire Foodbank, Rosie Ginn, for an informal interview. It really helped us understand the importance of the work for the charity, the increased demand and how there was a need for specific goods. These goods are not always food items but can also be toiletries such as toothpaste and period products. The pandemic and cost of living has had a real impact on many and we want to spread awareness of the Foodbank and encourage our community to support the service.”

To support our students in their quest to raise awareness of the vital work, which the Food Bank provides to residents living in West Berkshire, we are asking for your help! If you are able to help contribute towards this food drive, please donate any of the following to the school: **adult toothpaste, wet dog food, shampoo, UHT milk, sugar (500g or 1kg), cat food (dry or wet), lunchbox drinks for children, long life fruit juice, custard pots and washing up liquid.** Students can take donations to the Sixth Form Leaders’ Office, which is in the Sixth Form Common Room.

For further information on how the charity operates and how individuals can access emergency food parcels, please visit [their website](#).

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## YEAR 9 AEROSPACE OPPORTUNITY

St Bart’s have recently learnt about the STAAR (Summer Time Advanced Aerospace Residency) Programme 2024. This is a residential camp at which students will have the opportunity to experience flight simulators, drone flying, explore the world of engineering in aviation and engage with industry professionals. It runs from 22 –26 July and from 29 – 2 August 2024 at Royal Air Force Museum Midlands.

Applications are open nationwide to Year 9 students with an interest in aerospace science who demonstrate an aptitude for one or more STEM subject. All spaces are fully funded. [You can learn more about the application process here](#). If any Year 9 students are interested in applying, they should speak to Ms Thomson (E011) or their Science teacher.

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**HELP NEEDED**

**FOOD DONATIONS**

**DONATIONS TO THE SIXTH FORM HOUSE LEADERS OFFICE**

GCSE Citizenship students are looking for donations to deliver to West Berks Foodbank as part of their desire to play a part in local social action in their own community.

Please consider donating some of these priority items by 15 March:

Adult Toothpaste, Wet Dog Food, Shampoo, UHT Milk, Sugar (500G or 1KG), Cat Food, Dry or Wet, Lunchbox Drinks for Children, Long Life Fruit Juice, Custard Pots, Washing Up Liquid, Sanitary Wear - Pads and Tampons, Egg Noodle Nests, Tinned Meat Meals (Stew, Chicken, Hotpot), Razors & Tinned Ham or Corn Beef.

West Berks foodbank



“ I found the STAAR experience really motivating for what I want to do, and the stories told by professionals made me feel that there are many paths into what I want to be. ”

- Neil, STAAR 2023 Recruit

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## PE

### LetGirlsPlay England Football Initiative

On Friday 8 March, England Football's 'Biggest Ever Football Session' is back! The FA's aim is for girls to have the same football opportunities as boys in schools and clubs. #LetGirlsPlay is a campaign to influence and drive change, showing that football can and should be played by girls. It is bringing together a growing community of people of all genders, ages and backgrounds who want to champion equal access for girls, helping create independent, resilient young girls who will be a force for good in all local communities

At St Bart's we are supporting this by having girls' football tournaments in PE lessons on Friday 8 March with all Year 9 girls in P1 and P2 and Year 7 Curnock and Davis girls in P3. Please bring your shin pads!



We will also be celebrating the fact that we have had another great season of girls' football by winning some of the West Berkshire leagues, getting further than we have ever done in the English Schools' National Cup and now being in two County Cup semi finals. We have also been to Wembley to cheer on the Lionesses and are planning a girls' football tour to Germany next Easter.

### Year 7 Netball



The Year 7 netball teams had a very successful afternoon of games.

St Bart's A played Kennet School A and took a convincing win 16-0, with Hattie getting player of the match for her fantastic shooting.

The girls then played The Downs School and had another great win 14-3. Liv was nominated best player for her control in the centre court.

St Bart's B played Kennet

B and after a very close first half 1-1, the girls worked hard to win 5-1. Penelope was awarded player of the match.

They then played Theale Green School in a close game, finishing 4-3 winners, with great defensive work from Summer, a well deserved player of the match.





## Year 11 Netball

Year 11 girls continued their unbeaten record in the Schools League, The A's played The Downs and won 20-6, with Anna being awarded best player for her versatility playing Goal Shooter and Centre. The B's took two convincing wins over Theale Green School and Trinity School beating them 20-2 and 25-3 respectively. Daisy shone as Goal Defence, earning her best player in both games.



## Year 7 Football

The Year 7 boys' football team travelled to Maiden Erlegh School in round two of the County Cup.



The boys played well with a slightly depleted squad, in a close match which wasn't reflective of the score.

The final score was 3-1 to Maiden Erlegh.

St Bart's goal was scored by Tommy, and players of the match were Rupert and Jude.

## U13 Football

Congratulations to the U13 girls who won their quarter final against Newlands Girls.

It was a strong start from both teams, but St Bart's held their own. They were confident and strong in everything they did and played brilliantly.

The final score was 4-0 to St Bart's. Goal scorers: Eva x2, Anna and Rosie. Player of the match was awarded to Eva. On to the semi-finals!

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Introducing...

# House Art Competition 2024

## Theme: Every Day Life

Taking place this half term and next!

Ask your Art, Graphics, Textile teachers for  
information on how to enter.

**Dates: Monday 19 February– Monday 15 April**