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We wish our Class of 2024 all the very best for exam season and beyond. We are with you all the way!









See more photos on our website!

BOOK RETURNS REQUEST - Y11 & Y13

Now that we are approaching exams and nearing the end of this academic year, we would like to remind parents that your son's / daughter's textbooks, library books and laptops (if they have one) should be returned to the Library by Friday 21 June 2024, at the latest. Of course, students will still be using these resources to complete their studies, but please can you ensure that any resources belonging to school are returned once students have completed their exams. Please can students hand them to a member of the Library staff so we can check that your account is clear. Many thanks for your help. Students can come and speak to us in the Library if there are any questions or concerns.

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Calendar

| Year 8 Curnock - Hurst Castle Trip | Wednesday 15 May | 8.50am – 4.30pm |
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| Y10 House Rounders and Softball | Thursday 16 May | P2 (Q released) |
| Y12 Young Enterprise Regional Final | Thursday 16 May | Akeley Wood 6th Form College, 1.30 – 8.30pm |
| Y12 Subject Parents' Evening | Thursday 16 May | Curnock Block, 4.30 – 7.00pm |
| Year 8 Patterson - Hurst Castle Trip | Wednesday 22 May | 8.50am – 4.30pm |
| Sixth Form House Dodgeball | Wednesday 22 May | P5 |
| Parents' Association Meeting | Wednesday 22 May | 7.00pm, WCC. See below. |

View all school events in our online calendar. Click here to go straight there



PA Meeting on Wednesday 22 May

St Bart's Parents' Association would like to welcome all parents and carers to join them at the next PA Meeting on Wednesday 22 May at 7.00pm in Wormestall Conference Centre. The focus for the meeting will be student reports, including the colour coding system, comments and how this is applied. All parental feedback and questions are helpful so please do join us if you are able.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Industry Webinar - Sports

Wednesday 5 June 2024, 6.00 - 7.00pm. 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 The webinar will be recorded and will become available on the Past Webinars page so that it can be viewed again at a later date. 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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VACANCIES

LIBRARY ASSISTANT

We are looking for a part-time Library Assistant to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis.



We are looking for someone to assist in the provision of a library and information service to the whole school. The role will include the issuing and return of resources, supervising students in the Library and supporting the Librarian in their duties.

HOURS: 20.5 hours per week, term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata and an additional 1.5 weeks to be worked in the summer holiday. The working pattern will be:

Monday – 10.30am to 2.30pm, Tuesday – 10.30am to 2.30pm, Wednesday – 11.45am to 4.15pm, Thursday – 10.30am to 2.30pm, Friday – 11.00am to 3.00pm

SALARY: £23114.00 - £24702.00 gross pa (£11.98 - £12.80 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £11395.91 gross pa.

To find out more details and to apply, please click here. Closing date: Thursday 16 May 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 Email: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

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CURNOCK'S 100K!

Curnock House celebrated a special milestone as, following a donation this month of £11,500 to Newbury Cancer Care, they announced that they have now raised over £100,000 for their nominated charity.

Dr Fitter, Mrs Hamblin, Sixth Form House Captains and Curnock Year 7 students welcomed Paul Millard (Founder and President), Dave Ormrod (Chair of Trustees) and Helen Milroy (Director of Operations) from Newbury Cancer Care to present them with a



cheque for this fantastic milestone figure. Also joining the presentation was Mike Hart, former House Head of Curnock who was instrumental in establishing the charity link with Curnock House. The sun shone as the party all gathered in the school's Heritage Garden.



Curnock has been fundraising for Newbury Cancer Care since 1987. Following the cheque presentation, Dave Ormrod spoke of the work of the charity to support local people who have been diagnosed with cancer or other life-threatening illnesses. He told the students how the money raised by the school had already helped to fund the Rainbow Rooms, based at the West Berkshire Community Hospital, and of how the recent donation will further the charity's plans to provide more of these important spaces, including a garden to be aptly named the Butterfly Room. The charity presented students with a plaque to mark the achievement.

Mike Hart spoke of his pride of his association with St Bart's and Newbury Cancer Care, he told the gathered students how delighted he was that they were continuing to fundraise and urged them to keep up the good work and to set themselves the future target of one day hitting £150,000!

Dr Fitter said, "I am so proud of our Houses and all that our students have achieved for their nominated charities. I believe it is so important that students feel part of our community, and also that they strive to contribute to that community. From larger House



Evening fundraisers to individual students raising money through cake sales or personal challenges, every penny helps and reaching this £100,000 has been a huge collective effort over the years. I hope that this achievement motivates all our students and reminds them of how we can all make a difference"

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STAFF RUN TO RAISE

On 27 May, St Bart's staff (pictured below) will be running the Newbury 10K! We are raising money for the Bart's house charities - Newbury Cancer Care, Mencap, Guide Dogs, Swings and Smiles. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated! You can find us on Parent Pay.





ALUMNI TALK: CAREERS IN TECHNOLOGY

Our sincere thanks to Tom Moores (St Bart's alumnus) who recently paid a visit to the school in order to meet with our Year 11 and Year 12 Computer Science students and advise them on careers in technology. Tom is in his third year of a BSc (Hons) Cyber Security and Forensic Computing at the University of Portsmouth and is completing a work placement at Ntegra, a specialist technology practice.

Tom spoke to our students about considering what they wanted to accomplish in the next five years. He spoke about the importance of researching the different post-18 options available



to them, reflecting on what they enjoy and are good at, and about not being afraid to try new things, including work experience (paid or unpaid) in different fields. His presentation covered what soft skills employers are looking for in the technology sector, such as communication, collaboration, time management, critical thinking and adaptability. Finally, Tom gave students some tips on how to break into the industry by using networking tools and gaining new skills and certifications, as well as some ideas on job searching and building a top CV.

This was a valuable opportunity for our students. It is always fantastic to welcome back former students; their stories and advice are especially authentic and powerful. We know our students particularly appreciate hearing from those who have relatively recently sat in their seats, living the same experiences, and have now gone on to realise their ambitions – forging exciting careers. Thank you Tom, and we hope to welcome you back again soon.

If you are a former student who would be happy to support the school in this way, please do consider signing up to <u>our alumni Future First platform</u> and building your profile – this helps us connect with you.

And speaking of alumni...

We very much enjoyed reading the <u>recent BBC article</u> about England Cricketer and St Bart's alumnus, Lauren Bell, and her recent stratospheric trajectory into the women's international game. Lauren reflects on her breakthrough year, playing for England and her desire to inspire the next generation, saying "There will be more little girls in those crowds thinking, I want to be England's next fast bowler." What a great role model for our students.



BEE CLUB COUNTS

Last Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Equinix to the school. They have donated two agrisound pollinator monitors which were installed in the wildflower meadow and the nature garden. These monitors give us real-time data on the number of bees visiting these areas - they are so advanced they can even tell the species of bee from the frequency of the wing beat! Amazing!

Bart's for Bees co-curricular club can't wait to find out which species we have regularly visiting the school and

hope to use the data to increase our biodiversity. Find out more information about the monitors here.



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SUCCESS FOR ST BART'S SWIMMERS



Our congratulations to St Bart's students Olive (10C1), Lucy (12P7) and Chris (12C2) who recently qualified for the Swim England South East Regional Championships, held at Winchester and High Wycombe over the May Bank Holiday weekend. This is an extremely competitive field with the South East Region featuring many of strongest swimmers in the country so it is a fantastic achievement for all three students.

Olive, who swims for Newbury District Swimming Club, swam in the 400m Individual Medley and the 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke. Olive made the finals for three of her events, securing three new personal best times and coming 8th in the 200m breaststroke and 7th in the 100m breaststroke. Olive

then gained a Bronze medal in her final event of the competition in the 50m breaststroke, with a personal best time of 35.74. Amazing!

Lucy, who also swims for Newbury District Swimming Club, qualified for two events. Her first race was the 50m backstroke, where she finished 16th, before returning the next day for the 100m backstroke event. Lucy swam a new personal best time in the 100m and finished 12th in the region.



Chris competed in a total of six individual events plus two team events for Abingdon Vale Swimming Club and was able to achieve personal best times across his events. In the Team Events, as a member of the 4 x 100m freestyle relay team, he has qualified for the British National Championships to be held this summer in Sheffield. We wish them the greatest of success at this national level.



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PE

Year 7 Cricket

The Year 7 boys' cricket team travelled to play The Downs School in the league.

St Bart's batted first, scoring 66 runs for the loss of 5 wickets. The Downs School replied with 66 runs for the loss of 7 wickets.

With the runs tied, St Bart's won as they took more wickets. 11 different boys bowled, and 7 different boys batted this time.

Players of the match were Tommy, Sam and Evan who each took a wicket when bowling in a competitive cricket match for the first time.





Year 8 Cricket

The Year 8 boys' cricket team have had great success in their first two league fixtures. The boys have won both of their first games against Park House School and The Downs School. Player of the match against Park House School was Charlie Chalmers and against The Downs School was Charlie Bortoli-Holmes.

Year 8 Cricket

Our Year 8 girls recently played their last round of cricket fixtures at Kennet School.

The A team drew their first game, 21-21, against St Gabriel's School but won the second game, 50-27, against The Willink School.

The B team played Kennet B and won, 65-38, but unfortunately lost their second game against Theale Green School, 55-28.

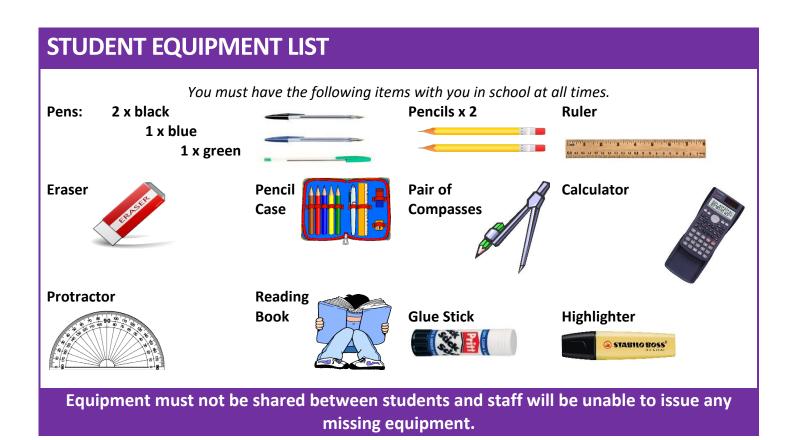




Year 10 Cricket

The Year 10 cricket team had their first match of the season away at Park House School. In less than ideal weather conditions, the boys bowled well to restrict Park House School to 62-7 in their overs, with wickets for Ranvir, Amos, Leo, Ray and, player of the match, Sam (3 wickets). St Bart's then scored 96-1 in their allotted time, with Leo (25 retired), Ray (18 retired) and Soorya (13 retired) the top scorers. Logan also chipped in at the end with a quick-fire 8 not out. Well done to all the boys involved, we now look forward to starting our County Cup campaign.

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