



# BARTHOLONEWS



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We hope our Year 11s enjoyed the occasion and their gift bags. We echo Mr Bandy in wishing them all the best in their exams and thank them for all they have contributed to school life and the St Bart's community. We look forward to welcoming many of them back to Sixth Form on September, and for those who move on to new adventures, we wish them the best of success in their new endeavours.

## 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.



## Calendar

Y13 Final Assembly and Parade	Wednesday 8 May	Hall/Hub P1 & 2
GCSE EXAMS START	Thursday 9 May	
Y8 HPV Vaccine dose 1 (and catch up session for other year groups)	Thursday 9 May	All day
Ten Tors Event	Thursday 9 May	10.00am onwards
Year 8 Evers - Hurst Castle Trip	Monday 13 May	8.50am – 4.30pm

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

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### SPOTLIGHT: Industry Webinar - Early Years Childcare & Education

Wednesday 22 May 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](mailto:careersguidance@adviza.org.uk) The webinar will be recorded and 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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The workshops were held in Block E, which was once Bletchley Park's World War Two communications centre where they handled incoming and outgoing messages, encryption using machines such as Typex, and the distribution of material throughout the organisation. The Year 12 workshop on Past, Present and Future Encryption looked at the principles that have led to secure modern day encryption and sending messages using symmetrical and asymmetrical methods, before discussing the future of cryptography with a focus on Quantum Computing. Verity (Y12) said, "The Bletchley Park trip was a really good opportunity to understand the practical applications of what we learn in class, and the influences of World War Two on the history of computing."

The Year 10 workshop focused on Codes and Ciphers. From Ancient Greece to the modern day, people have been using increasingly complex codes and ciphers with the intention of communicating secretly and keeping information secure. The students enjoyed the rare opportunity to use a genuine Enigma machine and worked together to decipher messages during their challenge to crack six different codes in 15 minutes. Some of the codes they had to crack included transposition, Caesar and rail fence ciphers.

During their exploration time, students got the chance to learn more about the Bombe machines and they also visited some of the special exhibitions, including the Intelligence factory and the Art of Data exhibit. Overall, it was an excellent day out, as expressed by Charlie (Y10), "I had a really good time, it was a very interesting trip and would consider re-visiting".



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On Friday 26 April, an audience of Citizenship, Politics, History and Law students from Year 10-13 welcomed political journalist Iain Dale for a discussion about the state of politics.

Iain has had many years of experience in the political sphere, meeting every prime minister since James Callaghan. A radio presenter for LBC, he also regularly makes appearances on Good Morning Britain. He has also chaired Conservative party leadership debates and is a former parliamentary candidate.

After some opening remarks from Iain, Mr Langton then went straight to some student questions. Questions revolved around what to expect from the general election this year and about Iain's interview experiences. Who was the most frustrating person to question and what makes a good dialogue?

The session was recorded for Mr Langton, Mr Castel and Mr Wilder's 'Politips' podcast which they have been producing for over a year now. Although primarily aimed at A Level Politics students, it's interesting to anyone with an interest in politics or current affairs. You can listen to the episode with Iain Dale [here](#). Iain said, 'students were really engaged and asked some fantastic questions'.



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## BARTHOLONNEWS COMPETITION

This newsletter goes out weekly to staff, students and parents/carers, with a circulation of over 4800. We are looking for a BartholoNews title design for the school year 2024/2025. Last year, the winning student design (below) was by Mavis in Year 13.

The new winning design will head up this newsletter throughout the new school year and will include a by-line for the student designer. You will also win a certificate to include in your portfolio of work and a £30 Amazon voucher.

This is a great opportunity to have your work seen by our whole school community. It would look great on personal statements, CVs or even House Colour applications!

### Design Brief

- The design should be bold and clear and must feature the newsletter title, BartholoNews.
- It should include our school logo or space for us to add the logo
- The design can be in any style or media
- [Download and use the Design Template](#) (also available from the Art office, top floor Curnock) and to ensure your design has the correct dimensions.

### Competition Rules

- The competition is open to any current St Bart's student
- The deadline is midday on **Friday 7 June 2024**
- Entries should either be sent to [bartholonews@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:bartholonews@stbarts.co.uk) or delivered to the Art office (top floor Curnock) - remember to tell us your name and tutor group.

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## YEAR 11 PIZZA PARTY

Year 11 have been working extremely hard as their exams loom closer and closer. On Wednesday 1 May, the English and Maths departments held a Pizza Party to celebrate over 50 students who have put in an extraordinary effort and attended over 10 additional revision sessions since December.

Never before have 18 large Dominos pizzas been eaten so quickly.

Well done Y11, and good luck over the next few months!

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## PE

### Congratulations to Our Year 11 Sports Leaders



Congratulations to our Year 11 Sports Leaders who have been excellent throughout their 2-year course. As a cohort, you have been extremely supportive to school, and house events and have been superb role models in our Primary schools, delivering inspiring and inclusive sessions throughout the two years. Very well done to you all – you should be very proud of your achievements.

*Mrs Leach*

### U16 County Cup Final

Our U16 Girls' Football team played in our first ever County Cup final for that age group on Wednesday 1 May. The girls played Bohunt School from Reading in another well-fought game. Sadly, the girls lost 4-1 thanks to



some fantastic long-range efforts and despite us having the better chances, we couldn't find the net more than once.

St Bart's started the final slowly, giving away possession cheaply and being second to every ball and paid the price, going 2-0 down within the first 20 minutes. But, as always, the girls never gave up. They upped the intensity and deservedly got a goal back just before half-time, and on another day could have got another as Bohunt were clinging on.

We started the second half just as strong as we finished the first, playing some lovely football despite the torrential rain and chances came our way but we didn't take them. Bohunt then scored 2 more to run out 4-1 winners. Despite the score line, the game was a lot closer than it looks with our girls having the better of the second half. But things didn't go our way.

Player of the match went to Meg for her excellent work-rate and brilliant assist for Isla's goal. We are still so proud of every single player for even reaching the final and putting on such a competitive showing against strong opposition. A huge well done to everyone involved throughout the cup run - Matilda, Evie, Immy, Scarlett, Anna, Eleanor, Amelie, Carys, Lyra, Chloe, Isla, Eloise, Ellie, Meg and Mya.



No matter the result, history was still made and we will remember this team for years to come. A huge thank you to all the parents that came to watch and support, as well as Mrs Stevens, Mrs Leach and Mrs Shopland who braved the rain to support too! It's been an absolute pleasure taking these girls to fixtures and watching them grow as players, as well as people. We wish the Year 11 girls the best of luck in their forthcoming exams too.

### **Year 7 Cricket**

Well done to the Year 7 boys who represented the school in the Cricket league v Trinity School and won.

Players of the match were Joe for his batting, and Joe for his bowling.



## Year 9 Cricket

The Year 8 Cricket team played Bradfield in the County Cup yesterday afternoon. St Bart's competed well against a very strong Bradfield side. Bradfield batted first and posted a score 166/1. St Bart's made a good start to chasing down that total, but then runs started to slow down. Bradfield managed to get St Barts all out for 68 and will proceed into the next round. Player of the match was the new Vice Captain, Yudeesh, who scored the joint most amount of runs for St Bart's and got our only wicket. Player of the match was awarded to our new captain, Sidney. Well done to all involved!



## 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket: derby-day victory

Our highest-ever total of the new era (198-3) was recorded as a plucky Park House side and the increasingly persistent rain were beaten by a dominant 1st XI – the victory putting us into the final of the Toby Radford Trophy, although our opponents are yet to be determined. In truth, the game was rather a mismatch, but Bart's batted with such authority that it was a little disappointing not to break the 200 barrier. Everyone was a bit surprised when skipper Seb was bowled by a full toss for a masterly 28 off 14 balls, but Y10 Ray continued on his merry way to score 75 off 50 balls – his hooking and pulling being highlights – registering the second highest individual score since the reboot of cricket at this level in 2022. He was ably assisted by Y11 Vivaan's run-a-ball 48 not out and Y10 Leo's breezy 20 off 9 balls. Park House managed 66 in reply, but they never gave up or let their heads drop. Y12 Tom picked up 4-10 (the best bowling figures of recent times) and Y10 keeper Ava grabbed three catches; the last one, being the last wicket, was fittingly taken off her Y12 brother James's bowling, as he chipped in with 2-9. Y12 Jake also bagged a brace.

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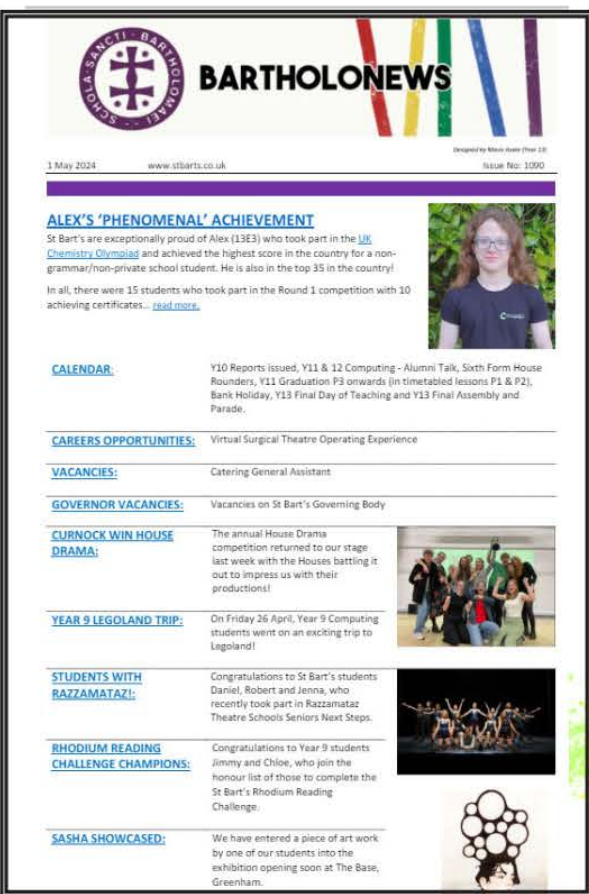


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### Summer Term

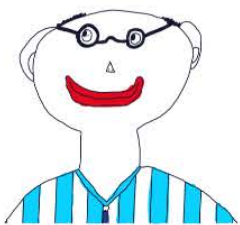
Day	Time	Activity	Age	Venue
Mon	6:00-7:30pm	Sport & games	11-13 years	Hungerford youth Club - Priors Road, Hungerford RG17 0AL

Day	Time	Activity	Age	Venue
Tues	4:30-6pm	Youth cafe Sport & Games	12-16 years	Berkshire Youth Waterside Centre, Newbury, RG14 1DS

Sessions restart from Tuesday January 9th and run weekly excluding school holidays

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