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We are excited for all the opportunities that await our current students this year.

Whether you are already a St Bart's family or joining us for the first time, we want to ensure that are fully informed of these opportunities as part of our community. Our weekly newsletter is an excellent source of information about school events, activities and student achievements and we hope that you will find time each week to browse the stories. You can also follow St Bart's on our school social media channels, simply click the icons at the bottom of this newsletter. Finally, I am delighted to say that in addition we will be shortly launching our new and improved school website and we look forward to sharing more on this with you in the coming days.

I wish you and your family a happy and successful year ahead, and thank you again for your continued support. We'd also like to welcome the following new staff members this term...

Mrs Rebecca Costambeys	Assistant Teacher
Ms Cecile Durand	Teacher of French
Miss Laura Parsons	Teacher of Dance
Mrs Anna Rosier	Teacher of English
Miss Anna Schmandt	Teacher of English
Mrs Kylie Cowell	Teacher of Maths
Mrs Sam Ludlow	Teacher of Geography
Mrs Fiona White	Teacher of Food

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## Calendar

Y11A Geography Fieldwork Trip to Rushall Farm	Wednesday 11 September	9.00am-3.45pm
Y11B Geography Fieldwork Trip to Rushall Farm	Thursday 12 September	9.00am-3.45pm
Train to Teach Online Session	Thursday 12 September	Online, 6.00-7.00pm. <a href="#">See page 13.</a>
KS4 & KS5 Drama Performance and Workshops	Tuesday 17 September	Hall and Foyer, all day
Y11 GCSE Dance NEA Filming	Wednesday 18 September	WCC, all day
YEAR 9 Battlefields - Parents Information Evening	Wednesday 18 September	Hall, 5.30pm
PA AGM	Wednesday 18 September	6.30pm, Wormestall Meeting Room. See below on page 3.

## Co-Curricular Clubs

A huge range of clubs, activities and curricular enrichment options is available to students at St Bart's. From drama to sport, music to chess, debating to dance; there is something for everyone. Turn to [page 10](#) for a list of clubs available this year.



## Parents' Association Dates for 2024/25

### Annual General Meeting, 18 September 2024, 7.00pm

All parents are welcome to join us at our Annual General Meeting where we will review the past year, form the committee and plan the year ahead. Venue: St Bart's, Wormestall Meeting Room.


### Social Evening, 11 October 2024, 7.00pm

Join other parents for a fun evening of cheese, wine tasting and a themed quiz. £22pp or £15 for non-drinkers. Price includes a warm bread roll, a cheese platter, a glass of wine and compered blind wine tasting. PA and Chego's bar with tasting table. Prizes for the winning teams. Suitable for adults only. In association with Chego's. Venue: St Bart's, School Hall.


### Christmas Craft & Food Fair, Sunday 10 November 2024, 11.00am

Bookings are now live for the annual Christmas Fair. To find out more and to book a stall, please visit the PA website at [www.stbartspa.co.uk](http://www.stbartspa.co.uk). Venue: St Bart's, School Hall.

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# Open Evening 2024

## Tuesday 24 September

### 5.00pm – 7:45pm

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### SPOTLIGHT: Adviza Sector Webinar: Adult Care

Wednesday 25 September 2024– 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Bookings are free and can be made via the [Events](#) page on the Careers Portal now. 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.

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## DAVIS THIRD TIME HOUSE CHAMPIONS!

Last week in our first full school assembly, students waited to hear the results of last year's House Championship. Our Houses have a fantastic history stretching back over 100 years and this decades' old competition is an integral part.

In the 2023/24 Sport Shield, covering over 150 matches and 13 different sports, Davis were victorious with Curnock narrowly pipping Evers and Patterson to 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Citizenship Shield considers attendance, awards and charity work, and Patterson beat off contenders, Evers, to win this for the second year running!

The Arts and Enrichment Shield was won by Curnock, having swept the board in House Drama, Dance, Arts and Junior Film competitions.



The Sixth Form Cup is competed for by Sixth Form students only, and includes various leadership opportunities, report scores and Sixth Form sports became another tussle between the top two houses, with Davis edging the win over Curnock.

The Academic Shield is the final component decided, with exam results and milestones considered as they come in. Again, Davis were victorious with Evers coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>.

So, overall Davis is our worthy winner, taking the House Championship Cup for an incredible third time.

House Head for Davis, Miss Suggitt, says, "Wow! Wow! Wow! Davis are House Champions for the third year in a row! A huge congratulations to all of Davis! So much effort has gone into winning this, whether it's taking part in a sports team, getting incredible results, putting in excellent effort into your lessons, getting involved in House Art, Dance, Drama, Music, Film, fundraising for Swings and Smiles and so much more! We are so proud of all of our Davis students. Davis Leavers really are Future Leaders! Here's to another year of excellence!"

The scores have been set back to 0 and the race is already well under way with Year 7 earning House points during Summer School. Good luck everyone!



## SLOUGH CENTRAL MOSQUE



As part of the GCSE RE course, Year 9 students had a unique opportunity to visit the biggest mosque in Slough during the July Curriculum Days. The aim of this visit was to provide students with an opportunity to see how the learning of the Islam they had completed throughout Year 9 in the classroom is lived out by Muslims in everyday life. Students received a warm welcome from an experienced team of volunteers who ran interactive sessions including; calligraphy, food tasting, wudu demonstration, Qur'an Q&A and Islamic clothing and optional dress up! After lunch, students observed the afternoon prayers in the main prayer hall. Our students were a great credit to the school and were highly praised by the team at the mosque for their engagement and good manners. We are privileged to have built up such an excellent relationship with

Slough Central Mosque over many years and we look forward to taking our new Year 9 cohort there at the end of this academic year. More information about the GCSE course, including the trip, will be offered at the Year 9 options evening.

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## EXAM RESULTS TO CELEBRATE

We are again celebrating another year of fantastic exam performance by last years' Year 11 and Year 13 cohort. The progress made by Year 11 students from when they started with us in Year 7 was once again extremely high and they deserve to be immensely proud of their achievements. Their hard work and dedication, supported by their parents and their teachers, has truly paid dividends.

At GCSE, over 83% of all grades were at grade 4 or higher and over 35% were at grade 7 or higher. A total of 54 students achieved at least 8 GCSEs at grade 7 or higher, with Lily Walke, Arpit Bhabra,



*Photo by Newbury Weekly News*

Isaac Rutter, Megan Purcell, Martha Fitch, Shreya Tripathi, Jacob Glendenning, Sam Dickens and Clara Zeferino achieving an extraordinary total of 70 grade 9s between them. The cohorts' performance ensures that students can smoothly progress to further study, with all doors open to them.



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In Year 13, 30% of all grades achieved were at A\* to A, with 10% of all grades being A\*, and over 79% of grades were C or better. 45 students gained at least 3 A\*/A grades or better, with 11 achieving at least 3 A\*. Special mention must be made of the achievement of Alex Scourfield, Eleanor Jeffery, Edmund Tyler and Miguel Zeferino who all gained at least four A\* grades.

Six students who held offers from Oxford or Cambridge have the grades required to start their courses. More than 200 St Bartholomew's students will be taking up places at universities across the country and many others have secured places on competitive apprenticeship programmes. Whether students have progressed to St Bart's Sixth Form, taken up places at college, university or on an apprenticeship programme, or are travelling other new pathways, we wish them all the very best as they move on to the next stage of their lives. Their successes lie not just in their academic progress, but also in the way in which they have been a real asset to the school as a whole, acting as excellent role models who have made a really positive contribution to the wider school community.

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## CALCULATORS

All students in Years 7 to 11 should have a calculator with them as part of their school equipment every day. Year 7 students will not require a calculator in Maths until at least the week beginning 23 September this term.

For Maths, students require a calculator with standard scientific functions. An appropriate calculator can be purchased via the [parentpay shop](#)

Note that the calculators for Year 9 to 11 sold via parentpay are different to the ones for Years 7 and 8, as Casio have changed their range, and while the old and new ones have all the same features there are some significant differences in how they work.

Students in Years 9 to 11 can purchase calculators which work in the style they are used to via the parentpay shop, rather than having to learn a new interface. These are no longer available in most shops.

Year 7 and 8 will be taught how to use the new style calculators, so should purchase the newer ones (listed as for Year 7 and 8).

Sixth form students will be advised by their class teachers on whether and what calculator is needed. Students taking Maths in the sixth form will be able to purchase an appropriate calculator through school later in September.

Please contact your child's Maths teacher if you are not sure what they require.



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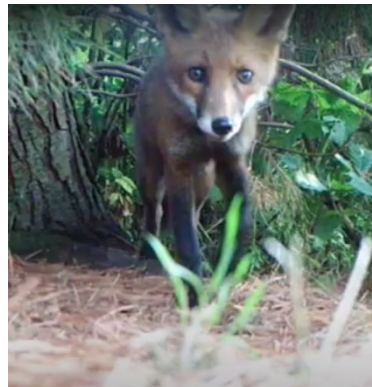


## NATURE WATCH

Since I first introduced you to Socks the Fox, our school's most cunning and mischievous resident, we've been busy observing her and her cubs. After carefully studying their antics (and some very sneaky shoe disappearances), we now believe there are at least three foxes that regularly visit our grounds.

Socks' taste for footwear continues to grow stronger! Our ever-expanding collection of scavenged shoes is proof – we now find a new 'donation' in the Nature Reserve at least once a week.

As always, if you have any more questions or thoughts about our furry visitors, feel free to reach out at [sustainability@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:sustainability@stbarts.co.uk). In the meantime, enjoy the latest photos of Socks and her cubs below, we hope they make you smile!



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## NATIONAL SWIM FOR OLIVE

During the first week of the summer holidays, Olive (11C1) swam at the Swim England National Summer Meet in Sheffield. She qualified for three events - the 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke. Olive had 3 great swims and she made the finals in two of her events finishing 10th overall in her age group for the 100m breaststroke and 7th in the 200m. She also achieved new personal best times in these distances. Overall it was a very successful first National level competition! Congratulations Olive.

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## JESSIE SELECTED FOR ENGLAND CAMP

Congratulations to Jessie (10C1) who was selected for an U15 England Football National Camp in the summer holidays. This was a huge achievement and Jessie thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The hard work and sacrifice she's shown for so many years is paying off!

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## HARRY'S DJ SUMMER

We've reported in the past about Harry's (8C2) promising DJ career. This summer Harry played festivals such as Boardmasters and Carfest and made celebrity DJ contacts such as Chase & Status and Judge Jules. He opened Reading Pride and finished the summer playing at a Newbury festival. Well done Harry!

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## LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property items on display in the reception area. This includes coats, blazers, shoes, trainers, water bottles, lunch boxes and more. If you lost something last term, or any Year 7's that came along to Summer School, and may have left something here, come to reception during break times or after school. **Property will be on display until Tuesday 17 September 2024, after which time items will be donated to charity.**



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## KEY CONTACTS REMINDER

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Attendance Hotline (Y12/13): 01635 576366

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Sixth form email: [sixthform@stbarts.co.uk](mailto:sixthform@stbarts.co.uk)

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# Year 7 Open Evening 2024

Tuesday 24 September, 5.00pm – 7.45pm



*"I love the variety of clubs and the fact we use Chromebooks and technology in our learning."*

*Ratul, Year 7*



**Open Mornings: Monday 30 September and Tuesday 1 October, 9.00am – 10.45am**

- High expectations for all
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*"I have really enjoyed Year 7. I have made so many memories and tried new things. I'm really looking forward to what I can do next!"*

*Hannah, Year 7*

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# ACTIVITY TIME CLUBS 2024-25

<b>M O N</b>	12.10-1.10	Y7-13 Percussion Ensemble, P113
	12.40-1.10	Y8 & Y10 Open and Mixed Badminton Club, Sports Hall
	12.40-1.10	Y12 & Y13 Story Club, D117
	12.30-13.00	Y10 & Y11 Able Musicians Programme, P111
<b>T U E S</b>	12.10-12.40	Y7-10 Textiles Club, D011
	12.10-12.40	Y7 & Y9 Open and Mixed Badminton Club, Sports Hall
	12.10-12.50	Y7-13 Strings Symphonia, P111
	12.10-1.10	Y7-13 Brass Ensemble, P113
	12.40-1.10	Y8 Cyber First Girls Competition, W215
<b>W E D S</b>	12.30-1.00	Y7 Dance Club, P120
	12.30-1.00	Y7-13 Whole School Choir, P113
	12.30-1.00	Y7-9 Popular Culture Club, D117
	12.30-12.50	Y7-8 Open and Mixed Dodgeball Club, Sports Hall
	12.30-12.50	Y7-8 Open and Mixed Basketball Club, Sports Hall
	12.30-1.05	Y7-13 Eton Fives, Fives Courts
	12.40-1.05	Y7 & Y8 Scratch Coding Club, W210
	12.40-1.10	Y7-10 Manga Club, Library
	12.40-1.10	Y7-13 Debating Society, C016
<b>T H U R S</b>	12.10-1.10	Y7-13 Backgammon Club, E111
	12.10-1.10	Y7-11 MFL Booklet Club, E216
	12.10-12.30	Y7-13 Colour Me Calm Club, E211
	12.40-1.10	Y8 Open and Mixed Basketball, Sports Hall
	12.40-1.10	Y8 Cyber First Girls Competition, W215
<b>F R I</b>	12.10-12.30	Y12 & Y13 Geography Book Club, D210
	12.10-12.40	Y7-13 Science Origami Club, E016
	12.10-12.40	Y7-9 Humanities Club, D214
	12.10-12.40	Y12 & Y13 Poetry Social, C022
	12.10-12.45	Whole School Orchestra, P113
	12.10-12.50	Y7-13 Creative Writing Club, C019
	12.10-12.50	Y7-13 Jigsaw Puzzle Club, E016
	12.10-12.50	Y7 & Y8 Junior Dance Company, P120
	12.10-12.50	Y7-9 KS3 Drama Improvisation and Games, P010
	12.10-12.50	Y7-13 Chess Club, C117
	12.10-12.50	Y7-13 Geoguesser Club, E216
	12.10-12.50	Y7-13 Guardians of the Living Realm, E116
	12.10-12.50	Y9-13 Crystal Club, E017
	12.15-12.45	Y7-13 Lego Masters, D211
	12.15-12.45	Y7-13 Disney Lorcana Club, C016



# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 2024-25

<b>M O N D A Y</b>	3.15-4.00	Y8-13 Commercial Dance Club, P121
	3.15-4.15	Y7-9 Open and Mixed Volleyball Club, Sports Hall
	3.15-4.15	Y8 & Y9 Open and Mixed Football Club with external coach, Astro
	3.15-4.15	Y7-13 Open and Mixed Yoga, Gym
	3.15-4.15	Y9-13 Open Lacrosse Club, Wormestall Field
	3.15-4.15	Y7-11 Girls' Rugby Club, Luker Field
	3.15-4.15	Y7-9 Girls' Badminton, Sports Hall
	3.20-finish*	Y9-13 Film Society, C210 (*posters will display each week with running time of the film)
<b>T U E S D A Y</b>	3.10-4.00	Y7-13 Senior Band (grade 5 and above), P113
	3.10-5.00	Y7-13 AIW School Production Rehearsals, Hall, P010 & P013
	3.10-4.30	Y7-13 Train Club, C116
	3.10-4.00	Y12 & Y13 A Level ChemClub, E016
	3.15-4.00	Y8 & Y9 Dance Club, P120
	3.15-4.10	Personalised Learning Homework Club, D014
	3.15-4.15	Y7 & Y8 Girls' Football Fixtures or Open Practice, Astro
	3.15-4.15	Y7 & Y8 Boys' Rugby Fixtures or Open Practice, Browns Meadow
	3.15-4.15	Y11-13 Boys' Rugby Fixtures or Open Practice, Luker Field
	3.15-4.15	Y11-13 Open & Mixed Netball Club, Muga
	3.15-4.15	Y9-11 Open & Mixed Basketball, Sports Hall
	3.15-4.15	Y7-9 Open & Mixed Table Tennis Club, Gym
	3.15-4.15	Y9-13 Validus Dance Company, P121
	3.15-4.15	Y7-13 Barts 4 Bees Club, E112
	3.15-4.15	Y7-13 Dungeons & Dragons Club, C118
	3.15-4.15	Y7-13 Beginners Chinese Club, E217
	3.15-4.30	Y10-13 Graphics Catch Up Session, D114
	3.15-4.30	Y10 & Y11 3D Design Club, D013
	3.20-finish*	Y9-13 Film Society, C210 (*posters will display each week with running time of the film)
	3.30-4.05	Y7-9 Sustainability and Environment (Crest) Club, E116
<b>W E D N E S D A Y</b>	3.15-4.30	Y10 & Y11 3D Design Club, D013
	3.15-4.15	Y7-9 Boys Dance Club, P120
	3.10-3.55	Y9 Art Club, C214
	3.15-4.00	Y7 Science Club, E017
	3.15-4.15	Y11-13 Girls' Football Fixtures or Open Practice, Astro
	3.15-4.15	Y11-13 Boys' Rugby Fixtures, Luker Field/Browns Meadow
	3.15-4.15	Y9 & 10 Open and Mixed Netball Club, Muga
	3.15-4.15	Y7-13 Netball Friendly Fixtures, Muga
	3.15-4.15	Y7 & Y8 Open and Mixed Basketball Club, Sports Hall
	3.15-4.15	Y7-13 Running Club, Meet in Hub
	3.15-4.15	Y7-13 Tech Club, 1st Floor Patterson Balcony
	3.15-4.15	Y7-13 Kintsugi Club, D016
	3.15-4.15	Y12 & Y13 Business Club, W211
	3.20-4.20	Y12 & Y13 Problem Solving in Physics, E011

<b>T H U R S D A Y</b>	3.10-4.10	Y12 & Y13 Maths Club, C119
	3:10-4.10	Y7-13 Chess Club, C117
	3.15-4.00	Y12 & Y13 Chemistry Olympiad, E017
	3.15-4.15	Y10-13 Dance Technique Club, P120
	3.15-4.15	Y7-13 The Mycelium Resistance, E116
	3.15-4.15	Y7 & Y8 Open and Mixed Lacrosse, Wormestall Field
	3.15-4.15	Y7 & Y8 Open and Mixed Netball Club, Muga
	3.15-4.15	Y7 & Y8 Open and Mixed Martial Arts with External Coach, Gym
	3.15-4.15	Y9 & Y10 Girls' Football Fixtures or Open Practice, Astro
<b>F R I D A Y</b>	3.15-4.15	Y9 & Y10 Boys' Rugby Fixtures or Open Practice, Luker Field/Browns Meadow
	3.15-4.15	Y7-13 Open and Mixed Badminton Club, Sports Hall
	3.00-4.00	Y10-13 Open & Mixed Badminton Club with external coach, Sports Hall
	3.00-3.50	Y12 & Y13 CCF NCO Leadership Training, E110





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