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The evening was opened with a special welcome from Maxine Smiles Cooke, School Sports Network Manager, and then followed by an eye watering performance from Felix Clements who was a Breakdancing semi-finalist on last year's Britain's Got Talent.



Invitees were also privileged to hear an inspirational talk from Lesley Owusu who represented GB at World, Commonwealth and European Stages in the 400m.

The presentation of awards followed with plenty to celebrate.

Congratulations to the following students and team who thoroughly deserve their awards, presented by Felix Clements and Lesley Owusu, for outstanding performances and commitment to their sport and leadership throughout last year.

### **Sports Performer of the Year: Beth Maclean (11D3)**

Beth was highly commended and presented with a trophy for her outstanding netball achievements, which include her selection to the Surrey Storm short squad, competing at the School Games in Loughborough and winning a gold medal.

Beth also achieved very highly in athletics where she achieved excellent results in the 800m and javelin and qualified to represent the County.

### **FA Footballer of the Year: Isla Clare (11D2)**

Isla Clare was highly commended and presented with a trophy for her outstanding achievements in Football. She played for Swindon and later in the season was offered a 1-year contract with Chelsea U16s, which is a fantastic achievement. We all wish you good luck for this year and future years ahead.

### **Young Leader of the Year: Amelie Goodwin (11C1)**

Amelie Goodwin won this award for her excellent leadership skills and dedication to supporting numerous after school clubs and festivals, including School Games opportunities and support in primary schools. She has been an inspiration and is an excellent role model.

### **FA Football Team of the Year: U16 Girls Football Team**

Our U16 Girls Football Team won this award due to their hugely successful season which included getting through to the last 16 of the English Schools Cup and County Cup finalists.

Huge congratulations to them all, they should be very proud of their achievements.

Last, but not least, Mrs Leach, Teacher of PE, won an Outstanding Contribution to the Partnership Award for her work as a School Sports Co-Ordinator. Head of



Department Physical Education, Miss Ostinelli, said *“We’re thrilled that Mrs Leach’s work has been recognised with this award. She has worked tirelessly to promote participation in sport for all students by organising alternative PE co-curricular activities, working with feeder primary schools and developing opportunities for student leadership in PE. She’s an integral part of the team here at St Bart’s and inspires colleagues and students alike. Her award is very much deserved.”*

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## Calendar

Y11B Geography Fieldwork Trip	Wednesday 2 October	Reading Town Centre, 9.00am-3.45pm
Whole School Harvest Assembly	Wednesday 2 October	
Y13 Cambodia Trip: Parents’ Information Evening	Wednesday 2 October	Hall, 5.30pm
Y11C Geography Fieldwork Trip	Thursday 3 October	Reading Town Centre, 9.00am-3.45pm
Y7 & 8 Footgolf Festival	Thursday 3 October	Hall, 4.00pm
KS3 Awards Evening (Y10 students)	Thursday 3 October	Hall, 6.30pm
Y10, 11 & 13 Social Sciences Trip	Friday 4 October	Shepton Mallet Prison, 8.00am-4.00pm
Y11 CCF WHT weekend	Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October	
Y12/13 English Trip	Tuesday 8 October	The British Library & Dr Johnson’s House, London, All day
Y11 Parents’ Evening	Wednesday 9 October	4.30-7.00pm

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

### **Wear Blue for Berkshire Youth School Non-Uniform Day, Thursday 10 October**

Students are invited to wear an item of blue or dress all in blue for just £1. All proceeds will go to Berkshire Youth to raise funds to operate more youth clubs in the community. [Turn to page 12 for more information.](#)



### **Wine and Cheese Evening**

**Friday 11 October at 7.00pm in the Hall**

*Don’t forget to book tickets for the latest St Bart’s PA Social at [www.stbartspa.co.uk](http://www.stbartspa.co.uk)*

Join fellow parents for an evening of cheese, wine tasting and a themed quiz. Tables of eight (book individually or as a team). Tickets are priced at £22pp or £15pp for non-drinkers and include a cheese platter, warm bread rolls, a glass of wine (optional), compered wine tasting and quiz. A PA Bar and Chego’s wine tasting table will also be available and there will be prizes for the winning quiz team. Have a fun night out and support the school.

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### SPOTLIGHT: Sparsholt College Open Events

Saturday 5 October and Saturday 9 November. Tour the college facilities and get a real taste of the courses on offer. Meet students and staff, find out more about transport, finance and learning support. [Click here to register.](#)

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 [Careers Guidance](#) and [Further Resources](#) on our website, in addition to information about how parents, carers and local businesses can [get involved](#) in our careers events.

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### 2024 HARVEST APPEAL

For this year's Harvest appeal, we are continuing to stay loyal to two brilliant local charities, Loose Ends and the Fair Close Centre.

Loose Ends is a fantastic drop-in centre in Newbury, run by volunteers, which has served over 5000 meals and distributed more than 2500 food parcels in the past year. The Fair Close Centre provide food, activities and entertainment to our elderly community. They have also started a drop-in centre for families who are struggling and have arranged with West Berkshire Action for Refugees to allow them to share our facilities once a week so they can organize cooking sessions for asylum seekers currently living in hotels so that they can cook and eat together as there are no cooking facilities or communal dining areas in the hotels



We spoke in the whole school assembly to encourage the school community to donate to help people in need. The suggested donations are:

- Tins of meat, fish, beans, vegetables and soup
- Tins of evaporated milk, custard, rice pudding and fruit
- Jars of jam and pasta sauce.
- Biscuits and tea bags
- Pasta and rice
- Cartons of long-life juice, and long-life milk
- Toiletries

NB: ring pulls are preferred if possible on tins

We, along with some Year 8 students, will be delivering the food donations to Loose Ends and Fair Close Centre. Please bring in donations to the House Offices by Monday 14 October. Sixth Formers should take their donations to the Sixth Form Office. Thank you in advance for your contribution. We can really make a difference as a community to help others in our local area.

*Milo, Will and Eve - Deputy Head Students*

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## JOHN WRIGHT

St Bart's was very sad to learn of the death of former St Bart's teacher, John Wright (aged 86), on September 26 in Basingstoke Hospital.

A distinguished scholar, John Wright arrived at the Newbury County Girls Grammar School in 1965 as the first male teacher to join the Girls' School. He taught Scripture (known to our current students as Religious Studies) and then retrained - spending the rest of his career teaching Sociology at A Level.

In 1975 when the School amalgamated with the Boys' School, to become the St Bartholomew's School we know today, John quickly made his mark. He was made Head of Evers House, a post he held for four years, during which time he injected his own brand of enthusiasm and clear values, with all students benefitting from his inspirational leadership. However, it was in his role as Senior Teacher in charge of behaviour for Years 7-11 that he made his greatest impact. He shaped the day-to-day running of school life with his vigorous and committed approach, which in turn promoted a sense of honesty and fair play.

Undoubtedly many former students, colleagues and parents will mourn his passing but his memory will always live on.

Our thanks to Mike Hart, former Head of Curnock House for sharing his memories of John, as Mike said "John Wright was a legend in the annals of St Bartholomew's School and his like will never be seen again".

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On Thursday 26 September, it was the European Day of Languages. At St Bart's, in the MFL Faculty, we like to celebrate all languages all week! We have had a lovely week celebrating the richness and diversity that learning different languages brings. Year 8 and Year 9 had an assembly to show how languages can open doors to new opportunities and how much it can enhance your professional profile if you have a language on your CV. We also explored our general knowledge about customs and traditions in other countries via a tutor time quiz. The canteen celebrated by preparing dishes from around the world with the Mexican enchiladas being the firm favourite I think! Year 7 and Year 8 students created their flags to show the differences in cultures of the languages they are learning here at Barts or shared the culture of the language that they speak at home. The flags joined together to make a wonderful bunting that certainly brightens the MFL corridor, making it a vibrant and welcoming space to enter. At the Open Evening, the Year 6 parents and students voted for their favourite and I am pleased to let you know the winners were:



Bhavik 7C1



Suraiya 7P3



Imogen (8E2)



Alesha 8C3

Runners up:

Matilda E (7C3)

Matilda P (7C3)

Aanya (7C3)

Michelle (7D2)

Tilly (7D3)

A huge thank you to all the students who took part in the competition. Also, a huge thank you to the parents who support Languages and help us promote the celebration of diversity and empathy that comes from understanding different languages and cultures.



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## OXBRIDGE ALUMNI RETURN TO INSPIRE OUR STRETCH & CHALLENGE YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Last week, we were pleased to be able to offer our Year 10 students, on the Stretch & Challenge programme, an opportunity to take part in a Q&A session with our very own Oxbridge panel. The panel consisted of alumna Siena Hickmore, who recently graduated from University of Oxford with a degree in History, alumnus Miguel Zeferino who left St Bart's this summer to start his degree in Engineering with the University of Cambridge and Imogen Ciochon, who is a current St Bart's Year





13 student and planning to study Experimental Psychology at the University of Oxford.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 10s to put their questions to Siena, Miguel and Imogen - students who, not so very long ago, sat where the Year 10s are now sitting and who have first-hand and recent experience of aspiring to, and ultimately successfully achieving, a place/offer for Oxbridge.

Questions included:

- What A Levels did they study?
- What they found hardest about the application process?
- How hopeful they had been about their application?
- What advice they would give their Year 10 self?
- Do you need to appear confident during an application?
- What is it important to include in your application and how do you make it stand out?
- How do you budget at university?
- How much independence do you have in Sixth Form and at University?
- And even, what houses they were/are in? – Siena (Curnock), Miguel (Davis), Imogen (Evers)!

Advice given by our panellists included finding a subject or area that truly interests you, so that you are prepared to work hard and explore beyond the curriculum. They also explained the importance of super-curricular activities, namely researching, engaging and reading around your chosen subject. They advised the students that you can always choose to change to your pathway at some point in your journey and that it isn't about achieving straight 9s but about demonstrating your passion for your subject/s and how you think around ideas and challenges. We heard about Miguel's drone that can now 'almost' fly after many failed attempts and about Imogen's earlier life experience that sparked her desire to learn more about how brains work. Siena also spoke about life at Oxford and the independence you have in your study and daily life.



We hope the Year 10s who took part were inspired to start thinking about where their own interests could take them. We'd like to extend our grateful thanks to Siena, Miguel and Imogen for taking the time to engage with those following in their footsteps.

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## PARENTS ASSOCIATION SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is very grateful for donations but request that, due to recent changes in some uniform items, we no longer require old style rugby shirts or trousers with logos. We still don't need white shirts, thank you.

All other uniform items, **in good condition**, particularly the new style outdoor sports top, black jumpers, ties and blazers are very welcome.

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# Uniform Shop



**Just inside the Students' Entrance  
on the right**

**Open on Fridays  
during term time from 2.45pm to 3.30pm**

**PLEASE DONATE!**  
Have you finished with your uniform or PE kit?

**We don't require old style rugby shirts, trousers with logos or white shirts, thank you. All other uniform items in good condition, particularly the new style outdoor sports top, black jumpers, ties and blazers are very welcome. Please bring donations to the shop on Friday afternoons or anytime via school reception.**

## KINTSUGI CLUB

At the first meeting of the Kintsugi Club, students had a great time fixing up Mrs Wall's plastic skeleton and a model of an ear. We carefully cleaned and put the pieces back together, bringing the items back to life.



Everyone enjoyed working on the repairs, and much fun was had by all!

Got a St Bart's jumper in need of repair? Bring it along to D016 on Wednesday 9 October from 3.15-4.15! We'll be teaching students how to fix fraying cuffs and darn holes in their jumpers. Some equipment will be provided, but if you have black wool or a darning mushroom (or even a tangerine!), please bring them with you. Come and learn some practical skills while keeping your jumper in top shape! [See page 13 for more information.](#)

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## PE

### House Dodgeball Results 2024

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A Teams:

1<sup>st</sup> – Davis

2<sup>nd</sup> – Curnock

3<sup>rd</sup> – Evers

4<sup>th</sup> – Patterson

B Teams:

1<sup>st</sup> – Curnock

2<sup>nd</sup> – Patterson

3<sup>rd</sup> – Evers

4<sup>th</sup> – Davis

## 8

### A Teams:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Evers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Davis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Patterson
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Curnock

### B Teams:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Davis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Curnock
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Evers
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Patterson

## 9

### A Teams:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Curnock
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Patterson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Evers
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Davis

### B Teams:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Davis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Curnock
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Patterson
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Evers

## 10

### A Teams:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Davis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Curnock
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Evers
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Patterson

### B Teams:

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Evers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Patterson
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Curnock

## 11

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- 1<sup>st</sup> – Patterson
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- 4<sup>th</sup> – Curnock

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### Years 7- 9 Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Festival

Congratulations to the 26 Year 7-9 students who took part in the Cross Country Festival which took place on Wednesday at St Gabriel's School. Students took part in teams of 4 and each student ran 1000m on grass and through the woods before handing over to their next team mate. This event was encouraging enjoyment and participation, which it certainly did, despite the rather monsoon like conditions! Well done to you all.





### Year 8 Rugby

The Year 8 Rugby team played against Park House in the opening round of the West Berkshire League on Wednesday night. The first half score finished 25-5 to Park House, which counted towards the league, so unfortunately Park House came away with the points. However, in the second half friendly St Bart's managed to take the information from the half time team talk on board and were 15-5 winners. Player of the match was Alex for his great ball carrying and his for his never give up attitude even when Park House scored their fifth try. Well done to Rupert, Joe, Zack and Freddie who were St Bart's try scorers.

### Monday Volleyball Club

The Monday Volleyball Club is once again proving to be very popular under the excellent leadership of Laura, one of our Sixth Form students, and Mr Force-Jones and Ms Prior who very kindly supervise this club every Monday.

The students thoroughly enjoy the sessions with many of them going on to Newbury Volleyball Club to develop their skills further and get the opportunity to play in competitive matches.

The Club runs on a Monday after school in the Sports hall from 3.15 – 4pm.



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# WEAR **BLUE** FOR BERKSHIRE **YOUTH**

**SCHOOL NON-UNIFORM DAY | 10 OCTOBER 2024**

**Students are invited to wear an item of blue  
or dress in all blue for just £1**

**All proceeds will go to Berkshire Youth to raise funds  
to operate more youth clubs in the community**

**Thank you for your support**

- Though we are celebrating and supporting the work of Berkshire Youth, the day is still a normal working day in a working environment and we respectfully ask for you to dress accordingly.
- We do not welcome ripped jeans or clothes with slogans, nor do we welcome any high heel / platform shoes, or cropped tops which leaves skin exposed, both for H&S reasons in science labs, cooking facilities and D&T workshops.
- We do welcome clothes that would be acceptable if you were allowed to wear casual clothes for example, in a Saturday, or after school job.
- If in doubt as to what this means, please check with your tutor, or another staff member first, as you may be asked to change into uniform if your school think your clothes are unsuitable for a working school day

**BERKSHIRE  
YOUTH**



**EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE  
PROVIDING SAFE SPACES  
INSPIRING CHANGE  
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES  
SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES**

To find out more about the work Berkshire Youth do please visit [berkshireyouth.co.uk](https://berkshireyouth.co.uk)



# Kintsugi Club



Wednesdays – 3:15–4:15 **D016**

**Mend with Gold – Find Beauty  
in Every Repair**



# Guardians of the Living Realm

Love nature? Mushrooms, foxes, moss, or birds?

As a Guardian of the Living Realm, you'll take charge of a kingdom or species, becoming its expert and protector.

Discover, document, and categorise the life forms on our school grounds, while creating your own title and traditions.

Dive deep into your realm and pass your knowledge to future Guardians.

If you're passionate about nature and exploring the world around us, this is the club for you!

**Friday Lunchtimes E116 12:10 - 12:50**

Feel free to bring lunch

This is also a perfect club if you are at all Neuro-spicy (Neurodiverse), with special interests and hyperfixations even tangentially related to nature.