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The proceedings were ably led by Miss Thorne, Assistant Headteacher, with awards announced by our Heads of Faculties and Subjects, as well as our Heads of House. Presenting students with their Gold Awards was Daisy Hutchinson, Governor, and, in the final presentation, Tricia Ray, Charitable Foundation Trustee, handed out trophies to those students from each House whom received the most nominations. The winners were:

- Curnock: Alexa Brown
- Davis: Freya Machon
- Evers: Oliver Comber
- Patterson: Millie Taylor



It was fantastic to see so many students celebrated and to see and hear the wonderful support from their families and friends, who enthusiastically applauded every prizewinner.

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Calendar

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| Y11 Parents' Evening | Wednesday 9 October | 4.30-7.00pm |
| Y13 Cambodia Trip - Parents' Information Evening | Wednesday 9 October | 5.30-6.30pm |
| Blue for Berkshire Youth – Non-school Uniform Day | Thursday 10 October | Hall, 8.30am. See below |
| Y10 Ski Trip - Parents' Information Evening | Thursday 10 October | 5.00-7.30pm |
| Y7-12 Chinese Trip | Thursday 10 October | Kung Fu Panda Oriental Buffet, Newbury |

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| Y9 Battlefields Trip Departs | Friday 11 October | Returns Sunday 13 October |
| Y10 CCF Field Day | Friday 11 October | |
| PA Cheese & Wine Tasting Evening | Friday 11 October | 7.00, Hall. See below |
| Y7 Settling-In Evening | Tuesday 15 October | Hall, 5.30pm |
| Y10 Separate Science Day | Wednesday 16 October | |
| Y12 PE & Sport Trip | Wednesday 16 October | Bath University, 8.30am-4.00pm |
| Y13 EPQ Showcase | Wednesday 16 October | Hall, after school |
| French Immersion Trip - Parent Information Evening | Wednesday 16 October | WCC, 5.30 – 6.30pm |

[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.

[Please click to make your donations in ParentPay](#)



All proceeds will go to Berkshire Youth to raise funds to operate more youth clubs in the community. [Turn to page 11 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

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.



ST BART'S SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 24 October 2024

5.30pm-8.00pm

St Bartholomew's School, Newbury

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Siemens Apprenticeships

Want to build the future of tomorrow? A future that comes in all shapes and sizes, from everyday tech to robots and AI? Siemens have apprenticeships open for applications in Chippenham and London. [Find out more here.](#)

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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VACANCIES

SITE SUPERVISOR & SITE SUPERVISOR (casual)

We are looking for both a permanent and casual Site Supervisor to join us as soon as possible.



We are looking for someone to become a member of our friendly and supportive Site Team, assisting in the day to day smooth running of the school. You will be involved in a wide range of caretaking activities such as being a key holder, delivery of post, setting up equipment and furniture in rooms and ensuring that the site is a safe environment for our extended school community at all times.

You should be a flexible team member who is a good communicator, helpful, well organised and able to work on your own with minimal supervision and with team members.

Hours for the permanent role: Up to 37 hours per week over 5 days, Monday to Saturday for full-time, with some flexibility required. Part-time working hours and pattern can be discussed at interview and could include evenings.

Salary for the permanent role: £23,114.00 - £24,702.00 gross pa (£11.98 - £12.80 per hour), pro rata if part-time – support staff national pay review pending. We also offer a generous local government pension scheme and 25 days holiday plus Bank Holidays (pro rata if part-time).

Salary for the casual role: £13.72 per hour (equates to a salary of £23,114.00 gross pa) – support staff national pay review pending. We also offer a generous local government pension scheme.

Closing date: Thursday 10 October 2024

TECHNICIAN: SCIENCE

We are looking for a part-time Technician: Science to join us on 4 November 2024 on a permanent basis.

If you are keen to support the work of teaching staff in the Science Faculty in order to raise student achievement, we would love to hear from you. Full training will be provided.

HOURS: 25 hours per week (Monday & Tuesday 8.00am – 12.00pm, Wednesday 8.00am – 12.30pm, Thursday 8.00am – 4.00pm, Friday 8.00am – 1.30pm), term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata.

SALARY: £23,114.00 - £24,702.00 gross pa (£11.98 - £12.80 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £13,388.28 gross pa.

Closing date: Tuesday 15 October 2024

To find out more details, and to apply, please [click here](#) and scroll to the link to browse jobs.

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 E-mail: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

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BLETCHLEY PARK: "I BELONG" COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIP

On Friday 27 September, we took ten Year 8 girls to Bletchley Park to take part in the "I Belong in Computing: Empowering Girls" event. This event was hosted by the NCCE's St Clement Danes Computing Hub, which serves schools across Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and West Berkshire. Bletchley Park, once the top-secret home of the World War Two Codebreakers, is a fascinating place to visit, offering immersive films and interactive displays.

Upon arrival, we were taken to the Auditorium for inspirational talks from Mandy Quinton (Computing Hub Lead – St Clement Danes School) and Su Adams (Ucantoo). Su spoke about her journey to owning a tech company, while Mandy shared how her daughter pursued a career in programming. Reflecting on the talks, Asmi (8P2) remarked, *"I was shocked to discover that only 20% of girls do GCSE Computing. However, I hope these numbers change in the future."*

Following the talks, we enjoyed a guided tour. Debra, our guide, was incredibly knowledgeable and brought the history of Bletchley Park to life. Approximately 75% of the workforce at Bletchley was female, and it was particularly fascinating to learn that female messenger riders were allowed to carry firearms on their



motorbikes—unheard of in those days! We also learned about the Polish contribution to codebreaking. In 1939, Polish mathematicians handed over their work on decoding the Enigma code to British and French authorities, having broken the code as early as 1932. This contribution was crucial, despite the Germans frequently updating their Enigma machines.



After a quick lunch, the girls took part in some self-exploration. They visited the Mansion, where the first Codebreakers worked before the workforce expanded into newly built huts and blocks. They explored Commander Denniston's Office and the Library, followed by a visit to Hut 8, where the team breaking German Naval Enigma messages operated. One of the highlights of Hut 8 was Alan Turing's office, which has been recreated to look as it did during World War Two.

Next, we headed to Block E for a workshop on "Past, Present, and Future Encryption." Block E was once Bletchley Park's World War Two communications centre, handling messages, encryption, and material distribution across the organisation. The workshop explored the principles behind modern-day encryption, and the girls tried a simulation of the Vigenère cipher before learning about symmetrical encryption.



We returned to the Auditorium for a final talk aimed at inspiring the girls to consider taking GCSE Computing. Alesha (8C3) commented, *"I really enjoyed the trip because I loved the inspirational talk. It was amazing to think about how many things we can do today, and that we were standing in the place where they broke the German codes, which helped win the war. I also loved exploring because there was so much to see, like the dining room, the rooms where they coded, the lake, the mansion, and so much more."*

The trip offered a unique blend of history and technology, leaving the girls inspired. Tanishka (8D1) summed it up perfectly: *"The trip was an amazing experience. I learned so much about the Codebreakers in WW2, and it was very interactive. Everyone was so friendly, and the activities were really fun. I'd love to go again and would definitely recommend it."*

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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. The House that collects the most food gets a special non-uniform day! 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 Student

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KATHERINE AT REAL TENNIS FRENCH OPEN!



Real tennis is the original racquet sport from which the modern game of tennis is derived. Today there are just 45 active real tennis courts in the world; rectangular indoor courts with high walls on all four sides and a high ceiling. In September, Sixth Form student, Katherine, took part in the 2024 Real Tennis French Open in Paris. She tells us about it...

"Last week I had the amazing opportunity to take part in the

2024 Real Tennis French Open. It was an incredible experience to be able to play amongst (and against!) the top seeded women in the world; in the singles semi-finals I had to play the world number two, something I will never forget! I also played in the doubles competition, which was a baptism of fire... I'd never played competitive doubles before, but it was a fantastic way to learn. The whole experience was a great way to meet the top players, as it was my first Open- hopefully the first of many! And it counted as the residential for my Gold DofE, which was a bonus!"



Katherine (13C1)

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PE

Year 7 Rugby

The Year 7 rugby team had their first games against Trinity School and Park House School. The full squad were brilliant, putting in exceptional performance in both games. They came away 35-0 winners in both games. Player of the match went to Dylan Wilson.



Year 10 Rugby

The Year 10 rugby team hosted Weydon School in the National Vase Competition.

St Bart's played brilliantly, scoring first, and dominating a lot of possession, making good ground through strong play in the forwards, and the whole team tackled brilliantly.

St Bart's led at half time and Weydon came back into the game and took the lead, but St Bart's responded brilliantly to level the scores.

The final score was 17-17. According to the rules of the competition, the away team progresses to the next round. St Bart's will now progress in the competition, but there is still a route to the final at Twickenham available. Player of the match was Josh Burgess.

U13 Football

Our U13 girls' footballers played their first round fixture of the English Schools Cup last Thursday against local rivals, Park House School. It was our Year 7s first taste of cup action and they were more than up for it! Considering it was the first time our Year 7s and 8s had played together, they played some excellent football - working really well as a team and trusting each other on the ball. Our girls ran out 7-0 winners but could have been so much more if not for a fantastic goalkeeping performance from the Park House keeper. Goals came from Alice, Freya and Olivia. Well played girls and bring on the next round!



U14 Football

On Monday, our U14 girls' football team played their 2nd round English Schools Cup game against St Helen & St Katharine School. After the disappointment of our first-round opponents giving us the win without even playing, it was great to see the girls back playing together again. The girls played really well and ended up comfortable 5-1 winners. Jessie got us off to a flyer with an absolute peach from long range, which really set the tone. Our other goals came from Alice (3) and Eva. In goal Helena made some great saves and we

had some fantastic last-ditch tackles from Maya to keep us well in control. It was a great result on Miss Bilcliff's birthday and a huge thanks to Bella's mum who baked homemade brownies, which went down a treat. Well done to all involved and bring on the next round!

U18 Football

The girls played a fantastic game last week, showing great teamwork and determination throughout the match. St Helen & St Katharine School took an early lead, but our team responded by applying relentless pressure. Mya brought us level with a well-taken goal, making it 1-1 at halftime.

The second half saw St Bart's come out strong, dominating possession and earning a 2-1 lead, again by Mya. However, an unfortunate break allowed the opposition to equalise, bringing the score to 2-2.

A pivotal moment came when Scarlett, in an attempt to stop an attack with a spectacular flying slide tackle, was just shy of reaching the ball. This resulted in a penalty being awarded to St Helen & St Katharine, which they converted to take a 3-2 lead.

Late in the game, Olivia delivered a perfect corner to the near post, where Mya pulled off an incredible overhead kick to find the back of the net, making it 3-3 at full time.

In extra time, both teams fought hard, with St Bart's largely dominating play. However, another unfortunate break saw St Helen and St Katherine score, ending the game 4-3 in their favour.

All the girls put in incredible performances, with special mention to Tara and Evie for sharing goalkeeping duties and making crucial saves. Player of the match goes to Scarlett for her amazing strong defending throughout the game.



U14 Netball Tournament

Very well done to the U14 netball squad who took part in the annual tournament at Queen Anne's School last Wednesday.

In the face of some very talented opposition, the St Bart's girls were an absolute credit and delight to be with throughout the afternoon. They fought hard and never gave up, which is a great testimony of their strength of character.

They had five matches against the following teams: St Mary's School, lost 6-13, Farnborough Hill School, lost, 6-13, Queen Anne's School, lost 2-25, The Marist School, lost 4-16, and Claires Court School, lost 9-13. Despite not being able to secure a win, their game play and tactics improved hugely throughout the afternoon and gave them some valuable playing experience against stronger teams. Well done for all your hard work and determination.



U16 Netball Tournament

The Under 16s also competed at Queen Anne's School. The U16's first game was tough, losing 10-2 to eventual winners St Mary's School. Next up was Wellington College. We started off slowly and at half time it was 2-7. St Bart's came out fighting and won the second half but ran out of time - final score 6-9. Queen Anne's School was next. The score was 5-4 at half-time. Queen Anne's made some subs and put out a stronger team but Bart's rose to the challenge and took their first win 11-8. Bart's then dominated Claires Court School, winning 18-5. Park House School came next and were easily dispatched, 15-0. The Marist School were last to play the girls and a win was needed to get a medal. The game went goal for goal and was extremely close. The Marist just pipped us to the post and won, 13-11. A great afternoon of team work and competitive netball, huge well done to all the girls involved.



Footgolf Festival

On Thursday, we took 11 Year 7 girls to a Footgolf festival at Theale Green. They had two rounds of a Footgolf course, consisting of 4 holes with different obstacles such as "lakes" and "bunkers". They also took part in different skill stations where they could score points. All girls thoroughly enjoyed it and each of our teams came away with a medal! One team got the best overall score across the skill stations, so got a gold medal and our other two teams made the biggest improvement on the Footgolf course from Round 1 to Round 2, so got silver medals. Well done to all involved.



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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

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ST BART'S SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

DATE & TIME



Thursday 24 October 2024



5.30pm-8.00pm



St Bartholomew's School
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Join us and discover all St Bart's Sixth Form has to offer you.

Explore the huge range of subjects, meet our team and hear from our Heads of Sixth

Form, speak to current students, and learn more about Sixth Form life.

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