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The [St Bart's Children in Need donation page](#) will remain open until the end of 2024, so there is still time to donate to this fantastic appeal.



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## Calendar

Y11 Interview Day	Wednesday 20 November	1.10-4.40pm
KS3 Careers Fair	Thursday 21 November	Hall, P1-P3
Y13 Chemistry - Spectroscopy in a suitcase	Thursday 21 November	
Y9-13 French Immersion Trip	Friday 22 November	(to 25 November)
Sixth Form Winter Ball	Friday 22 November	Hall, 6.30-9.30pm
MFL GCSE Practice Speaking Exams begin	Monday 25 November	(ends Friday)
Y7-11 Childhood National Flu Immunisation Programme	Monday 25 November	See below
Y12 Reports issued	Tuesday 26 November	
Y12 & Y13 Economics Conference	Tuesday 26 November	London, All Day

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

### Flu Vaccinations Reminder





REMINDER: Flu vaccinations will take place in school for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 students on Monday 25 November 2024.

A [Flu information leaflet](#) and an [E-Consent Flu letter](#) from the Berkshire School Aged Immunisation Team are available on the links above.

If you would like your child to receive their Flu vaccination in school, please **complete a consent form as soon as possible or by 9.00am, one full school day before the vaccination session, at the latest.**

If you **do not** wish your child to be vaccinated, **please still follow the consent QR code and there is an option to 'not' consent. (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> page).**

It is essential that either the consent or non-consent form is completed. These are the QR codes:

<b>Flu nasal spray</b> (contains small amounts of porcine gelatine) 	To give consent for your child to receive the <b>nasal flu vaccine</b> please complete the following consent form:  <a href="#"><u>Consent for Flu Nasal Spray</u></a>	
<b>Injectable flu vaccine</b> (porcine free) 	If you decline the nasal spray due to its porcine content, please use this link to consent to an <b>injectable form of flu vaccine</b> :  <a href="#"><u>Consent for Injectable Form of Flu Vaccine (Porcine Free)</u></a>  please note this is given via injection in the upper arm.	

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

### SPOTLIGHT: Career Pathways at MBDA

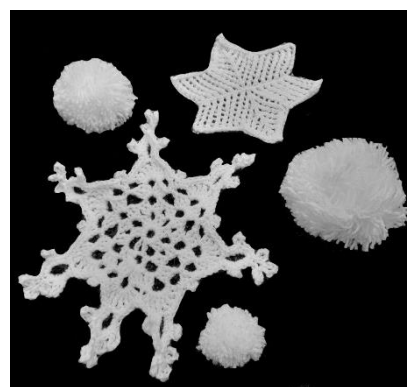
Thursday 21 November, 6.00-6.30pm. Join this session to understand career pathways at MBDA, including degree apprenticeships with their early entrant team. [Register here.](#)

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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## FESTIVE DECORATIONS FOR ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Back in September, St John's Church developed an ambitious plan to decorate the outside of the church with handmade decorations. Mrs Brown and Mrs Blakely introduced the idea of asking St Bart's students to help with the project as it was a fantastic opportunity for students to get involved with helping the wider community as well as learning new textile based skills. Over the past few weeks, students across all year groups have kindly given up their Tuesday lunch time to learn how to knit, crochet and make pom poms for the church in Textiles club. Last week, we welcomed Reverend Gary Collins into the Textile department to thank the students and collect over 40 decorations ready to be displayed for all to enjoy. A big thank you to all the students involved...



### Year 7

Orla Forbes-George  
Aanya Hanabe  
Matilda Pedersen  
Katie Warren  
Rose Bell  
Flo Goodman  
Polly Parsons  
Niamh Podesta  
Lauren Ransom  
Jemina Rust  
Ella Wilson  
Suraiya Sheikh  
Elliot Stedman

Dotty Dolinski  
Hannah Elegizy  
Rosie Gibbons  
Krystal Greenhill  
Emily Henstridge  
Alice Johnstone  
Angelina Karnasiewicz  
Arwen Lay  
Poppy Leadbetter  
Greta Mason  
Hannah May  
Thalia McAlpin  
Millie Pennock  
Anh Pho  
Isabel Preston  
Mabel Roberson  
Alice Rumens  
Imogen Rumens  
Tanishka Shiravadekar  
Asmi Singla

Zuri Williams

### Year 9

Dunia Lourenco Ribeiro  
Mia Mackfall-Harrison  
Isla McCaffrey

### Year 10

Kareena Govindji

### Year 11

Beatrice Cratchley  
Immie Aldrich-Smith  
Hermoine Cratchley  
Gabriela Lungu  
Sophie Lystor  
Amy Oliver  
Nandini Agarwal

### Year 8

Priya Ankala  
Niamh Chambers  
Edward Cohen  
Polly Cook



## BONKERS CONKERS AT ST BART'S

For over two centuries, schoolchildren have enjoyed a quintessentially British autumn pastime: Conkers. In this time-honoured contest, conkers (or horse chestnuts) are carefully drilled and strung, and then participants take turns striking their opponent's chestnut until one is shattered.

Last Wednesday, St Bart's held our first official Conker Championship. Meticulous preparation preceded the event, with Charlie Byatt (8P2) precisely drilling conkers and Tiana Viljoen – Kadziya (9C1), Isabell Harvey (8E1) and Maisie MacDonald (11P3) assisting with stringing.



The competition spanned multiple year groups, culminating in a thrilling final between Year 7 student Joseph Breslin and Sixth Former Yuvaan Narayanan. After an intense battle of skill and strategy, Joseph Breslin emerged victorious, his conker surviving an impressive five matches.



We were also incredibly lucky to have been joined by Derek Brown, a St Bart's alumnus who played Conkers during his school days. Derek not only taught participants the traditional rules but also helped resolve any gameplay disputes and presented the winner with a large wooden conker lovingly crafted by Mr Turner in our 3D Design team.

Following the success of this year's event, we hope to expand the competition next year, possibly adding it to the House Championship, so watch this space! Special thanks also to the Sixth Form students, Will Heslop, Ayla Wilding, Yuvaan Narayanan and Sid Karra - whose support was instrumental in making this event a memorable success.

## AQA UNIT AWARD SCHEME

Congratulations to Lucas Cook (10E3), Adham Shehata (10C2) and Hala Alharbat (10C1) who have been awarded an AQA Unit Award Skill in Understanding and Improving Self-Esteem.

Congratulations also to Jayden Tomkins (11C2) who has been awarded the AQA Unit Award Skill in Vehicle Maintenance with Adult Supervision.

These students are the first ever cohort to have been awarded this certification for the Unit Award Scheme. This new and exciting scheme provides an opportunity for all students at St Bart's to evidence their learning and develop their own personal interests. Moreover, it helps to boost confidence, increase engagement and reward students making progress during their learning journey at St Bart's.

We are very proud of their continuing achievements!

*Miss Marshall*

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## YEAR 7'S BOOKBUZZ

At St Bart's Library, we are very keen to foster a love of reading among our students. Each Year 7 English group has had an introduction to our Library and learn how they can borrow from the exciting collection of fiction and non-fiction books. In addition, through the Bookbuzz scheme (supported by the Book Trust), the Library is giving a FREE book to each of our Year 7 students, which we do every year.

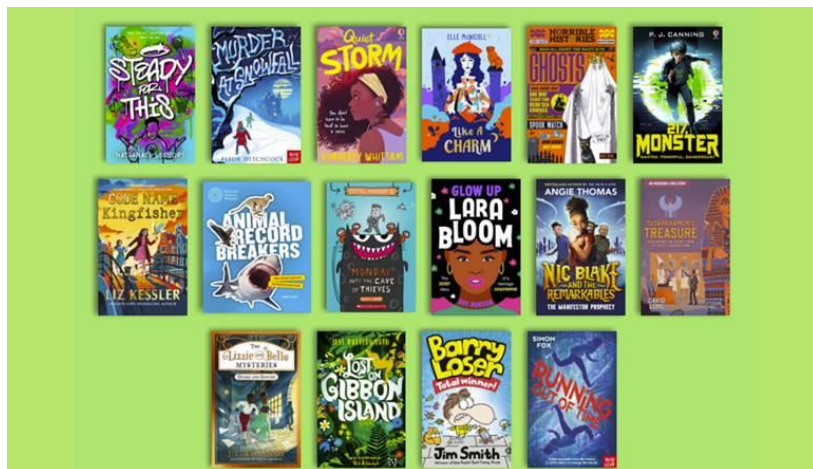
With a list of 14 amazing titles to choose from, every student should be able to find something they like, whatever their interest or ability, and the book will be theirs to keep. So if you have a Year 7 student, watch out for a new book coming home!

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## JOLABOKAFLOD IS BACK!

The Christmas holidays are around the corner and following the success of last year's event we will be celebrating Jolabokafloð again!

Jolabokafloð is Icelandic for 'Christmas book flood' and it is a tradition for people to give books as presents on Christmas Eve, so that friends and family can enjoy a cosy night in. St Bart's is inviting our students to give a book to one another- whether it is a new or a second-hand book in good condition they have at home that they would like to wrap up and give to a friend, or a second-hand book that they can choose at school in our 'Book Grotto'. Students should visit the Library for more information!





If you are having a clear-out before Christmas and would like to donate a book, please send them in with your student to be handed to the Library (or at Reception if an adult is bringing them in) – we will be accepting donations until Monday 9 December.

In the Library, we will have books students can choose from as well as wrapping materials, so no student who wants to participate will go without a present if they would like to offer a gift to someone.



We will celebrate Jolabokaflod together on Friday 13 December at Activity Time when books can be exchanged. Please discuss this with your child and encourage them to take part. Students wishing to take part can sign up using a Google form sent out this week on SatchelOne.

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### WELL DONE WILLIAM

As part of his community work for Sea Cadets, William (8P2) raised £80 selling poppies across the Memorial Weekend. Well done William.

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### CONGRATULATIONS NEVE

Congratulations to Neve (12C3) who has been selected for a second year to the Rose Academy, part of the England Netball Player Pathway, which supports young athletes on their journey towards being potential senior England internationals. Neve tells us more about her selection...

*"This is my second season with England. I got scouted and given a trial at the National Performance League tournament 2023. I then did the whole season and was selected for the Netball Europe 2024 in Gibraltar, where I got my first four official junior caps for England.*

*I was reselected for a trial at the start of this netball season from the same tournament, went to the trial and was offered a place in the Rose Academy for the second year. In the coming months I will continue to attend England Netball camps, which take place every two weeks or up to a month until selection comes for the Europe Netball 2025 squad. Netball Europe will be held in Belfast (March 2025)."*

Well done Neve, what a fantastic achievement.



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## WILL CLIMBING TO SUCCESS

Will (10C2) started bouldering climbing two years ago and has recently started to win some competitions in the south of England. He trains most evenings and is now part of two squads.

Recently he came first in a competition in London, as well as recently winning in Bristol and Reading. A huge well done to Will on these fantastic achievements!



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## DOUBLE WORLD CHAMPION JAMES

Congratulations to James (12P1). In March 2024, James gained the title of British Champion and qualified to represent Team GB for his weight category at the recent Unified World Championships for Kick Boxing in Italy. James performed brilliantly for the GB team and his club, Newbury Muay Thai. He won three rounds to beat his rival from Italy, followed by five rounds with a Muldovan competitor in the WTKA competition to become double world champion! Well done James, this is a testament to your hard work.

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## PE

### Year 7 Rugby

Congratulations to the Year 7 rugby players who represented the school at the County Rugby Festival at Reading Blue Coat School on Friday 15 November.

St Bart's won their morning pool, beating Bohunt School 3-0, Reading Boys School C, 11-0, and drawing with Haileybury School, 4-4.

The boys qualified for the top group for the afternoon. They drew, 4-4, with Howard of Effingham School, beat Reading Blue Coat School A, 7-0, beat John Hampden Grammar School, 5-2, and only lost one match to Aylesbury Grammar School. Players of the tournament were Harry Marsh, Thom Holland and Cody Farris.



### Year 8 Rugby

The Year 8 Rugby team played their final round of West Berkshire fixtures last night at Newbury Rugby club. St Bart's played against two very strong sides in Park House School and Kennet School. Unfortunately, St Bart's lost both fixtures, but made an improvement from their last round of matches as they scored a try in both games. Great effort and team spirit from all, as they continued to



give 100% until the end of both matches, despite the score line not being in their favour. Tries were scored by Adam and Joe. Players of the match were awarded to Adam for his brilliant tackling and Joe for his excellent ball carrying. Also a special mention to the five students who made their debut representing St Bart's for the first time in a school fixture!

### Year 10 Rugby

The Year 10 Rugby team played Stonehenge School from Salisbury in the National Bowl Competition.

Stonehenge had some excellent athletes and a strong, direct running, offloading game. St Bart's showed real commitment and had to tackle for large periods of the match but managed to hold Stonehenge to only two tries.

With ball in hand St Bart's worked well as a team, and their training and play structure showed as the forwards and backs interlinked well, playing good phases of rugby and scoring a total of seven tries, several out wide.

The final score proved Megalithic to be stronger than Monolithic. St Bart's, 41 v Stonehenge, 10. Tries were scored by Antonio Valdivia (4), James Dearing (2), and Freddie Fuller (1). Deacon Cullum kicked three conversions. Player of the match was Antonio Valdivia and special mentions go to Alex Sliwinski and Raul Alin Filimon for their excellent tackling.



### Year 8 Football

Our Year 8 girls played their second round of West Berkshire league fixtures with both teams playing two fixtures each. Our A team won both their games comfortably, playing some delightful football. They beat Park House A, 3-0, with goals from Alice (2) and Hattie who couldn't quite believe she scored! They then beat St Gabriel's School A, 5-0, with a hatrick from Alice and 2 brilliant goals from Olivia and Jessie. Our B team did fantastically too, beating John O'Gaunt with goals from Isla and Poppy. They drew their last game with Kennet School A, 0-0. Well played to all girls involved. Another hugely successful evening of girls' football!

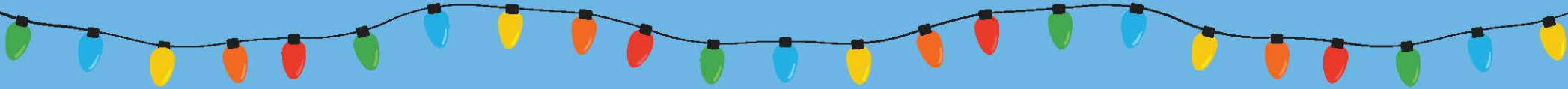
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# St Bart's Jolabokaflod 2024

**Open for donations until Monday 9th December**

Donate your good condition books to the Library or Reception for our students and staff to gift to others in our school community!



Jolabokaflod is a heartwarming Icelandic Christmas tradition in which books are exchanged as a Christmas Eve present, and friends and family celebrate a cosy and festive night together reading.





## 6.30pm Main Hall

**Tickets available on parentpay £2 each**