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The school hall was sold out for the evening and the Houses performed the following pieces for a packed audience:

- CURNOCK: *James Bond Theme* (Instrumental), *"Monday Morning"* (Year 8 Composition) and *"Treat People with Kindness"* (Choral)
- DAVIS: *"The Eye of the War – War of the Worlds"* (Instrumental), *"Rio Radiance"* (Year 8 Composition) and *"Don't Stop Believing"* (Choral)
- EVERS: *His Dark Materials and Game of Thrones Themes* (Instrumental), *"Dark Samba"* (Year 8 Composition) and *"Viva la Vida"* (Choral)
- PATTERSON: *"You Can't Stop the Beat"* (Instrumental), *"Street Samba"* (Year 8 Composition) and *"I'm Still Standing"* (Choral)



This year, the extremely difficult job of judging the performances fell to Dr Charlotte Exon, professional music consultant and former Director of Music at Downe House School. Speaking as she announced her decisions, Dr Exon praised the students for the extremely high standard of the performances, saying *"any of the Houses could have been the outright winner tonight"*. Dr Exon particularly praised the House Captains for the maturity of their leadership and the ambition in their arrangements.

Curnock House Music Captain, Swathi (12C1) said, *"A lot of dedication was put into these pieces by the Year 13 students, and we came joint-first place for our band performance, which was amazing!"*



The nature of how closely fought the competition was, is reflected in the results, with two of the classes being jointly awarded and all of the Houses receiving an award. The winners were as follows:

Open Instrumental: CURNOCK (*James Bond Theme*) and EVERS (*His Dark Materials and Game of Thrones Themes*)

Year 8 Composition: PATTERSON (*"Street Samba"*)

Open Choral: DAVIS (*"Don't Stop Believing"*) and PATTERSON (*"I'm Still Standing"*)

The overall winner for 2024 was then announced as PATTERSON!!!





Patterson House Music Captain, Charlotte (13P2) said, *"House Music is easily an event that has highlighted my experience at St Bart's since Year 7, so to lead it this year in my final year marked a lovely and successful end to my part in this musical tradition. Seeing the pure excitement and sense of achievement and pride from the students involved after each performance made all of the hard work worth it."*

Congratulations to PATTERSON and to all the students involved - whether they were House Music Captains, playing instruments, singing or performing vital tech and stage assistance. Our sincere

thanks to Dr Exon for so generously giving her time and to our brilliant Music Department for all the organisation and championing this wonderful subject.

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Calendar

Orchestra Day	Wednesday 6 November	Foyer, all day
Y10/Y12 Visual Arts Trip	Thursday 7 November	Oxford, all day
Evers Non-school Uniform Day	Friday 8 November	
KS3/Y10 Manmade Boys' Dance Project	Friday 8 November	All day
PA Annual Gift & Craft Fair	Sunday 10 November	Hall, 11.00am-3.00pm. See page 15.
Remembrance Parade (CCF)	Sunday 10 November	Newbury Market Place
Remembrance Day Service	Monday 11 November	11.00am
Y11 Practice Exams Begin	Tuesday 12 November	Hall (Finish Tuesday 19 November)
Y13 Reports issued	Tuesday 12 November	
Y13 English - Globe Theatre Trip	Wednesday 13 November	The Globe, 8am to 5.15pm, RBC

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

Non Uniform Day for Children in Need

Friday 15 November

We will have a Non Uniform Day on Friday 15 November for Children in Need. We will also have the traditional staff dodgeball game!

You can donate to this excellent charity through ParentPay. To increase the impact of your donation, you can Gift Aid it.



[Please use this link to make your donations](#)

Mencap Craft Fair

Evers' House Charity, West Berkshire Mencap, are holding a Christmas Craft Fair on Friday 8 November at Newbury Rugby Club from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Apprenticeships & Opportunities at AWE Nuclear Security Technologies

Wednesday 6 Nov 2024, 6.00-7.00pm. Parents and students are invited to this event to learn about AWE's apprenticeship programmes, Level 3 to 6, in fields such as Operations, Laboratory Technician and Nuclear Engineering. Paices Hill, Aldermaston, Reading RG7 4PR. [Sign up 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

EXAMINATIONS OFFICER

We are looking for a full-time Examinations Officer to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis.



We are looking for a highly accomplished individual with a very strong record in detailed and elaborate administrative work and a proven ability to lead a team successfully in a fast-moving environment.

HOURS: 37 hours per week, (Monday to Thursday 8.00am - 4.00pm and Friday 8.00am to 3.30pm), term-time only plus 10 days in mid to late August, plus 5 training days pro rata.

SALARY: £33945.00 - £37336.00 gross pa (£17.59 - £19.35 per hour), pro rata.

Closing date: Monday 18 November 2024

SITE SUPERVISOR (permanent & 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: £23114.00 - £24702.00 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 B/H (pro rata if part-time).

Salary for the casual role: £13.72 per hour (equates to a salary of £23114.00 gross pa) – support staff national pay review pending. We also offer a generous local government pension scheme.

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

Closing date: Monday 25 November 2024

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 Email: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

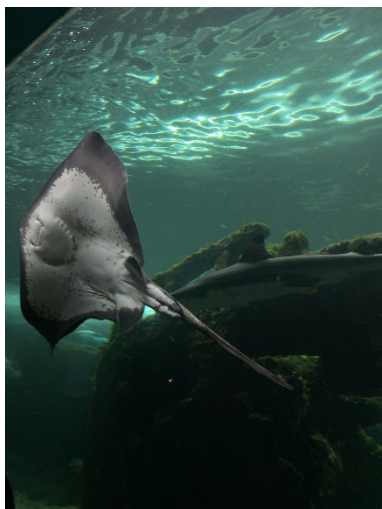
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TEXTILES INSPIRATIONAL TRIP

On Wednesday 23 October, Year 10 Textiles students spent the day visiting the Oceanarium and the coastline of Bournemouth. Students observed and took photographs of marine animals and plants to use as inspiration for pattern, colour, shape and texture within their GCSE coursework. Here is what students had to say about the trip:

"My favourite part of the trip was seeing the turtle and the pufferfish. This will inspire my project, as I will use different textures and colours seen at the aquarium to imitate the patterns of the sea life"

Phoebe (10D2)



"This is my favourite picture that I took from the textiles aquarium trip because I like the pattern on the fish. It's clear and not too busy. I also like how you can tell what the textures would feel like on the fins, and this can be inspiration for shape and structure later on in the project. Finally, I like how the background is slightly blurred because it brings focus onto the fish"

Amelie (10D1)



"My favourite part of the trip was definitely walking on the beach and observing all of the beautiful different types of shells"

Chloe (10E2)



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Ulafu Secondary school is a school based in Kenya. We have run a partnership between Ulafu and St Bart's successfully for a few years now. For more information, please look on our [website](#). Being a part of this partnership gives students a great opportunity to learn a new culture, interact with students in Kenya and have an understanding of life in another country. Please see below a piece written by a student from Kenya: A day in the life of our students

“At Ulafu Secondary School, the day begins as the sun rises over the fields of rural Kenya. By 7.00am, the school gates open, and students stream in, ready for the day ahead. The first task before we even sit in our classrooms is to take care of our environment. Each morning, students clean the school compound—form ones on Mondays, form twos on Tuesdays, prefects on Wednesdays, form threes on Thursdays, and form fours on Fridays. This 15-minute routine ensures our surroundings stay neat and gives us a sense of responsibility.



Once the compound is clean, we settle down for morning preps, quietly reviewing lessons or completing assignments until 8.00am, when the school day officially begins. The classrooms come alive with the hum of learning. From Mathematics to English, and from Science to History, each lesson builds us, one step at a time, toward a brighter future. Our teachers challenge and encourage us, knowing that education is the key to unlocking new possibilities.

In between lessons, we have short breaks and a lunch break from 1.10pm to 1.40pm. The meals are simple, but they fuel our energy for the rest of the day. After the last lesson ends at 3.40pm, it's time for games or club meetings. Whether it's football, volleyball, or discussions in our clubs, we have the opportunity to develop not only our minds but our bodies and social skills as well.

By 5.30pm, the school day ends, and students begin their journey home. Many walk the dusty paths, while others ride bicycles through the countryside. But our day isn't over yet. Once home, we assist our families by fetching water, gathering firewood, or helping at the market. These responsibilities shape who we are, reminding us of the importance of hard work and community.

Later, we return to our studies, completing assignments and preparing for the next day. As the stars fill the night sky, we drift to sleep, ready to rise again, eager for another eventful day at Ulafu Secondary School.”

If you are interested in joining this committee, meetings are on Tuesdays activity time (Years 7, 9 and 11 – 12.10 in W210 and Years 8, 10, 12 and 13 in D116). Please do come along to connect, learn and help a great cause.

“Every action we take impacts the lives of others around us. The question is: Are you aware of your impact?”

Arthur Carmazzi

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NATIONAL POETRY DAY COMPETITION

National Poetry Day was marked on 3 October, a day where all poetry and poets are celebrated for their contributions to the literary and educational world. The English Department organised their own take on the day by holding a poetry competition which, like the main national prize, was to write a poem based on the theme of 'counting'. Many incredible entries were received across all year groups; the writers showed maturity, beautiful style and some were genuinely emotional.

Congratulations to the winners below; runners up received chocolate or a book while the overall



winner for each year group won a giftcard. We are hugely proud of you all and we hope you enter future competitions!

Year 7

1st: Amelie Batute 7D1
2nd: Laura Arnold 7P2
3rd: Lucia Biaias Zambelli 7D3

Year 9

1st: Florence Chalk 9D3
2nd: Sienna Powell 9C1
3rd: Anna Schrijver 9D1

Year 11

1st: Amy Oliver 11D3
2nd: Yasmin Agodzo 11P3
3rd: Tabitha Cook 11P2

Year 8

1st: Martim Caeiro 8E2
2nd: Siva Palappinan 8C1
3rd: Josie Appleton 8C3

Year 10

1st: Gauravi Deegwal 10C1
2nd: Divyanshi Malik 10C2
3rd: Gamya Bayyana 10C3

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BTEC SPORT BATH UNIVERSITY TRIP

On Wednesday 16 October, the PE Department took 29 Year 12 A Level PE and BTEC Sport students to Bath University. The students got to see a top sporting university and experience a lecture on nutrition delivered by a Sport and Exercise scientist, a strength and conditioning session, a lab session where two lucky students in each group got to do the VO2 max test and the Wingate test. This was followed by lunch and a tour of the university. A huge well done to Charlie and Jacob who did the dreaded VO2 max test and absolutely smashed it with scores of 54 and 66 respectively. To put that into context, elite athletes such as long-distance runners score between 65-80 and professional footballers are around 57. Jez and Adam did brilliantly doing the Wingate test too. The trip was a great experience for all students and we look forward to going again next year!



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SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS

Recently our A Level Mathematicians took part in the Senior Maths Challenge. This consists of 25 multiple choice questions which challenge problem solving and mathematical reasoning skills. Why don't you try your hand at these questions from the paper? Answers are at the end of this article.

2. A *twip* is a very short unit of length, derived from imperial units, and is equal to approximately 0.000018 metres. A *league* is a long unit of length which is equal to approximately 4800 metres.

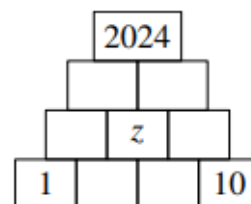
Roughly how many twips are there in a league?

- A 270 000 000 B 27 000 000 C 2 700 000 D 270 000 E 27 000

13. The diagram shows a partially completed number pyramid. When correctly completed, the number on any brick above the bottom row should be the sum of the two numbers on the two bricks on which it rests.

What number should appear on the brick marked 'z'?

- A 176 B 617 C 671 D 716 E 761



Congratulations to all of the students listed below who achieved an award. From all entries across the country, Gold awards are given in the top 11%, Silver in the top 33%, and Bronze in the top 66%.

Gold - Aryan Agarwala (Best in School), Archie Matthews, Lewis Hanna, Annabel Maclean, James Larkins, William High, Michael Bunney, Matilda MacAulay, Charlotte English

Silver - Kirsten Frazer, Aayush Joshi, Noah Radley (Best in Y12), Rubus Dyson, Arwen Gooding, Ollie Ryan, Kimi Enevoldsen, Gus Bamber-Klepfer, Charlotte Brown, Shubham Tripathi, Daanyal Begg, Aimee Whittington, Isaac Rutter, Clara Zeferino, William Fortmuller, Cristiano Monteiro, Samuel Dickens, Kam Paul, Willem Vrolijk, Katherine Carney, Carly Chisholm, William Heslop, Carys Pritchard, Vaibavi Lakshmi Narayanan, India Duly, Sid Karra, Alma Kingdon

Bronze - Takuma Burton, Harriet Gibson, Marcus Ingoe, Holland James, Jack Robbins, Tom Bentley, Louis Codling, George Street, Josh Toyne, Kaden Bamfield, Bethany Gordon, Daisy Haydn-Jones, Charlotte Lethaby, Yuvaan Narayanan, Amelie Reynolds, Joseph Wareham, Luke Biddle, Jacob Cussans, Jacob Khan, Nikhil Kopparapu, Abi Hamblin, Zari Krastev, Aidan Higgs, Sakshi Kamra, Isabell Li, Elliot Robins, Zephyr Scott, Izzy John, Conor McManus, Maksym Shpytal, Finley Skelly, Jack Collings, Gaby Dunbar, Brigid Joyce, Luca Notley-Potts, Joe Vickrage, Andreas Vlachopoulos, Charlie Adams, Kai Bristow, Stan Jones, Shabas Muhammed, Daniel Pricopi, Jack Rickman, Charlie Seymour, Thomas Oxley, Lily Walke, Olive Hutton, Annie Taylor, Danni Weaver, Zakariya Begg, Jessica Dent, William Evans, Eish Mahajan, Deenuka Worrall, Oscar Baillie, Arpit Bhabhra, William Phillips, Ollie Steele, Ibrahim Diallo, Lewis Hill, Adam Hutchinson, Steven Olatunji, Barney Owen, Nathan Taylor, Sam Telford, Samson Tu, Beatrix Busby, Harry Cantwell, Luke Lawrence, Shivam Mathur, Kai Quiruga, Drew Street, Emily Westbury

Answers to the questions: Q2 A, Q13 C. There is lots more information and past papers at different levels too on the [UKMT website](#).

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NATURE WATCH: MUNTJAC - NATURE'S LITTLE VAMPIRES

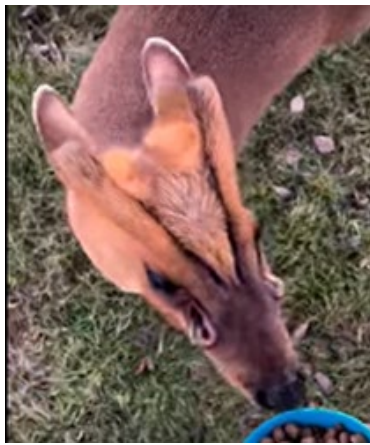
I want you to think of a deer. Perhaps Bambi comes to mind? What if I refined my request and said I wanted you to think of a deer that had retractable vampire fangs, is as big as a medium sized dog, and has flaring scent glands on its face? Any idea?

If you read that and immediately thought 'Muntjac', congratulations (even if it's because you read the title of this article). If not, you're in for a wild ride.

We're lucky enough to have at least three muntjacs that regularly visit the school grounds, two female and one male. One of the females has been named Barbara, but we've yet to decide on names for the other two, so if anything comes to mind, do let us know at sustainability@stbarts.co.uk



Perhaps the most striking thing about muntjac are their flaring scent glands, located on their face. These glands are used to mark territory, and below you'll find some 'before and after' photos (not taken at the school) that show just how dramatic these glands can appear. Freaky.



Now you may be thinking, "that's all well and good but didn't I read retractable vampire fangs before?" And the answer is yes, yes you did. Muntjacs do indeed have 'elongated canine teeth' which males use for display during mating rituals and to fight off rivals. While they're technically not fangs, 'elongated canine teeth' just doesn't have the same ring to it.

You can find a picture of one of our very own muntjacs licking his scent glands and revealing his marvellous retractable vampire fangs above, along with some other choice pictures of our friendly neighbourhood muntjacs.



Miss Barrett, Sustainability Lead

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LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property on display in the Reception area. This includes coats, blazers, shoes, trainers, water bottles, lunch boxes and more. If you have lost keys, jewellery or glasses you will need to come and ask us at Reception, as this is kept separately.

There is also a box of lost property from the Battlefields trip. Please come along to Reception to recover your property during break times or after school. Property will be on display until Friday 8 November, after which time items will be donated to charity.



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PE

Year 8 Rugby

The Year 8 Boys Rugby team played against The Downs School in a West Berkshire league fixture. St Bart's won 20-0 with a great team performance. Players of the match were Freddie for his great display at scrum half which was a new position for him and Zack, for his effective ball carrying. Well done to all involved.



Year 9 Rugby

The Year 9 rugby team played against Park House School and Trinity School yesterday afternoon. A tightly fought game against Park House School ended in a 17-17 draw. We then came away 17-0 winners against Trinity. Player of the match went to Vinny Bardsley.



U13 Football

A big well done to the U13 girls' football team who are through to the next round of the English Schools Cup after convincingly beating a strong team, Newlands Girls School, after school.

We were 3-0 up by half time and added one more in the second half to make it a 4-0 home win.

We played some fantastic football and have some very talented Year 7 players to add to our already strong Year 8 team. A special mention to Year 7 goal keeper Freya Smith

who made some brilliant saves and has an amazing goal kick for her age and who was awarded player of the match.

Well done to all who played - bring on the next round!

U14 Football

St Bart's girls showed great determination but were beaten 6-1 by a strong Kings School, Winchester side. Kings took a commanding 4-0 lead by half-time, but St Bart's fought hard throughout the match.

Alice scored a wonderful goal in the second half to make it 4-1, and the team created several chances but couldn't find the back of the net. Despite the result, the girls put in a spirited performance against a superior side and can be proud of their effort.

Player of the match was awarded to Eva.



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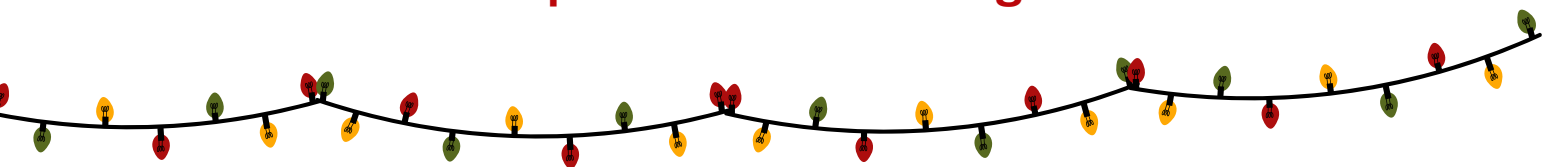
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CRAFT AND GIFT CHRISTMAS FAIR
SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER | 11AM - 2.30PM
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL



Make a start on your Christmas shopping! Discover lots of fantastic stalls selling jewellery, artwork, ceramics, holistic treatments, cosmetics, books, Christmas decorations and much more. The canteen will be serving delicious refreshments and there will be the opportunity to take part in our exciting raffle.



To book a stall please go to www.stbartspa.co.uk

Raffle tickets are available to buy via ParentPay and on the day. Please support this key fundraising event. All proceeds will fund student activities at St Bart's.

