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Winter Weather Procedures



Care should always be taken when walking to and from school. In severe weather, individuals' decisions with regard to travel to school must be based on their assessment of local road and transport conditions. Should extreme conditions necessitate a closure on health and safety grounds, or a later start to the school day, information will be provided as quickly as possible via:

- The home page of the school website
- The school email system

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The French students come from the Jean Jaurés school in Étaples, Le Touquet, and it was great to start to build links again with a partner school. Our students took part in speed-dating, a scavenger hunt and a disco at the weekend and then had a full day in school with their French pen pals on the Monday before returning to St Bart's late on Monday night.

Our students were an absolute credit to us and were complimented wherever we went for their ability to understand and

converse in French and for their excellent standards in behaviour. Despite the extremely early start (!), all in all, it was a total pleasure to take our students away. A huge thank you to Miss Wright (and Mrs Sheikh) for organising the trip and to Mr Force-Jones who also accompanied the students.

Here is what one of our Year 11 students, Josephine Wheeler, had to say about the trip:

"All together I found the trip to France highly enjoyable. Being able to be immersed in the French culture, interact with people I would not have

otherwise met and test out my language skills in a unique and refreshing way, was really special. The days were jam packed with fun and new activities, and I was never bored! My personal favourite was going to the French market and then using the things we bought to make our Saturday lunch and also going to the Christmas market in Lille. Meeting our pen pals was another great experience; I found everything we did not only a wonderful way to incorporate my French speaking skills, but also enjoyable just to be there. This experience will stay with me as an unforgettable memory."



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Calendar

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| School Play - Full rehearsal | Thursday 5 December | Hall |
| School Play - Primary Schools Performance | Friday 6 December | Hall, 1.10pm |
| Newbury Nature Corridor Tree Planting | Sunday 8 December | Meet Fifth Road Playground, 10.00am. See page 15. |
| School Play | Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 December | Hall, 6.30pm. See page 11. |
| Y7 and Y11 Reports issued | Tuesday 10 December | |
| Train to Teach | Tuesday 10 December | WMR, 5.30-6.30pm. See page 12. |
| Validus Dance Performance | Tuesday 10 December | Arlington Arts, 7.00pm |
| Mencap Christmas Carol Service | Wednesday 11 December | St Nicolas Church, 7.00pm. See below. |
| Christmas Jumper Day | Thursday 12 December | See below |
| Y7 Christmas Parties | Thursday 12 December | Blocks, 5.00-6.15pm |

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



Mencap Christmas Concert - Wednesday 11 December, 7pm

St Bart's are delighted that our senior musicians have been especially invited to perform in Mencap Christmas Concert this year at St Nicolas Church on Wednesday 11 December. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Senior Band to contribute their music within the wider community and support a fantastic local charity. Parents are warmly invited to attend and tickets are charged at £5 each via the [West Berkshire Mencap website](#). Mulled wine, mince pies & the Christmas Raffle draw will be available afterwards.

The St Bartholomew's School Carol Concert will also be held at St Nicolas Church on Tuesday 17 December – more details to follow in next week's BartholoNews.



Christmas Jumper Day and St Bart's Christmas Menu

As in previous years, St Bart's will take part in Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. We are encouraging all staff and students to reuse jumpers from previous years.

Students come to school in normal uniform, except that their blazer is replaced by a Christmas Jumper. Please log on to [your ParentPay account](#) where you will find the option to make a donation as a new payment item.

On the same day there will be a special menu served in the canteen. Students can choose between Paninis filled with Turkey & Cranberry, Cheesy Pigs in Blankets or Brie & Cranberry, followed by Rocky Road.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Sparsholt College Open Event

Saturday 1 February 2025. This is an on campus, in person event for Year 10 & 11. To attend, you will need to register and book tours as soon as possible [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

Personal Assistant to Leadership Team Members

We are looking for a PA to our Leadership Team Members to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis. You will assist members of the Leadership Team in the efficient discharge of their duties. This will include diary management and administrative duties.



The position requires someone with a high level of accuracy and attention to detail, who is well organised and proficient in the use of IT, especially Google documents, MS Word and Excel.

HOURS: 32 hours and 30 minutes per week, Monday to Friday term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata.

SALARY: £27269.00 - £29093.00 gross pa (£14.13 - £15.08 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £20533.47 gross pa. To find out more details, and to apply, please [click here](#).

Closing date: Monday 9 December 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 E-mail: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

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SIXTH FORM PARLIAMENT TRIP

60 Sixth Form students from Law, Politics and Economics had the opportunity to go to London for a tour of Parliament. The students began the tour in Westminster Hall where we met the Speaker of the House of Commons Lindsay Hoyle. Students were guided through both Houses of Parliament and learnt the intricate details of how Parliament operates. After the tour, students had the honour of debating in the Grand Committee Chamber in Westminster Hall. Students prepared and delivered outstanding speeches on a range of topics, including farming tax, winter fuel allowance and UK-US relations. Once we left Parliament,



students were given free time to explore Westminster, getting into the festive spirit.

"Going to London was a really fun experience, because we were allowed to go inside of Parliament and see the House of Commons and the House of Lords. We got a guided tour, and we learned lots about the history of the buildings Parliament is in. The highlight of the trip for me was going to the House of Lords and seeing the grandeur of the chamber. We were fortunate enough to debate in the Grand Committee Chamber, which was a brilliant experience. We debated on issues ranging from private schools, farming and UK-US relations. After our tour we had two hours of free time. Myself and two others friends went to the Supreme Court to watch two hearings and others went shopping and walked around Westminster. I would highly recommend the trip for all future Law, Politics and Economics students."



Dan Cornall

"The trip was a great experience for expanding my political and history knowledge about the Houses of Parliament. This trip has also greatly helped my ability to comprehend how the country is run. We had some informative debates and got to vote on the winning teams. A brilliant day for all of us involved. Division - clear the lobby!"

Fred Shelley

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ECONOMICS CONFERENCE

On Tuesday 26 November, the Economics department took 30 Sixth Form students to a conference in London. This conference was a fantastic opportunity for students to get an insight into the real world of economics and the links with the world of politics. Students listened to various examples of how the theory they have learned is being applied in the real world. There was discussion of the recent budget, a defence of the Liz Truss budget and some insight into the impact of immigration. They also were able to hear about some new thinking in Economics, which considers the impact of economic growth on the planet.

The speakers at the event were

- Ed Balls, Former Shadow Chancellor and ITV presenter
- Hugh Pym, BBC Health Editor (Pictured right with Thomas)
- Paul Johnson, Director for the Institute for Fiscal Studies
- Professor Madeline Sumption, Director of the Migration Observatory
- Professor Kate Raworth, Doughnut Economics
- Mark Littlewood, Institute of Economic Affairs
- Tim Harford, Financial Times Columnist, BBC Broadcaster, Author 'Undercover Economist'
- Carl Emmerson, Institute of Fiscal Studies
- Grace Blakeley, Writer at Tribune magazine, author 'Venture Capitalism'

Archie, (13C3) said, *"The diverse variety of topics and views presented at the conference were fascinating to hear about."*



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CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Congratulations to Sophie Lystor (11D3) who has won our Christmas Card competition. The judges were impressed with her charming depiction of a Robin in a Christmas scene, created using cut paper pieces.

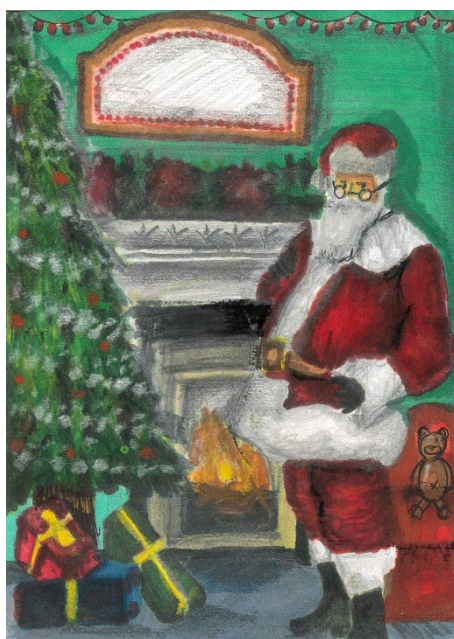
Well done and thank you to our other entrants.

Gamya Bayyana (10C3)
Tanishka Shiravadekar (8D1)
Guaravi Deegwar (10C1)
Bhavik Gupta (7CI)
Summer Wrzesinski (7CI)
Shambhavi Das (7D3)
Nevaeh Styles (7PI)
Clara Braithwaite (7P3)

Cedric Roberson (7P3)
Hannah May (8D1)
Edward Cohen (8P2)
Millie Pencock (8P2)
Asmi Singla (8P2)
Jessie Murphy (9D3)
Abigail Marshall (9P3)



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KEY STAGE 4 AWARDS

Our annual KS4 Awards Evening was held on Thursday 28 November. We were thrilled to celebrate last year's Year 11 students' remarkable achievements with both students and parents. Led by our Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Cordiner, the ceremony was opened by a message from our Headteacher, Dr Fitter. Subject Prizes for both achievements and progress were given as well as Major Awards for contributions to many aspects of school life beyond the academic. The Vice Chair of Governors and the Chair of the Foundation Trustees were in attendance and were delighted to take part in the celebrations.

An impressive 54 students received a special mention for achieving 8 or more 7-9 grades at GCSE whilst another 16 were awarded prizes for best progress. The evening was concluded by a vote of thanks, delivered by one of our alumni, Emma Lalande. Emma is now a very accomplished Oxford University PDH student in Interdisciplinary Biosciences and she inspired our students to pursue their dreams, despite any obstacles.

It was wonderful to see the school hall filled with prize-winners and nominees, alongside their parents, staff and governors. It was a very fitting occasion to celebrate a truly outstanding group of students.

Students who were not able to attend our evening can find information on GCSE Certificate collection [here](#).

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WINTER BALL

The Sixth Form hosted its annual Winter Ball with over 400 students attending the festive celebration. The



event is a hugely popular fixture in the Sixth Form social calendar and was a sell-out. The students transformed the hall into a spectacular array of balloons and fairy lights. The students dressed up for a fantastic evening with DJs Jude Hardy and Tom Williams and our headline student band, Revolver, with Alistair Hughes and Tom Grimbly. A huge thank

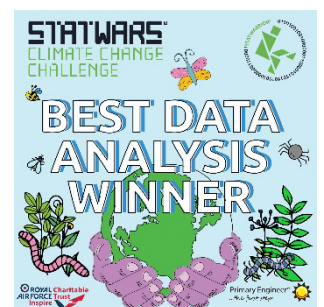
you to the Winter Ball Committee led by Milo Garrety, and to all the staff, particularly the Sixth Form Team who supported the event.



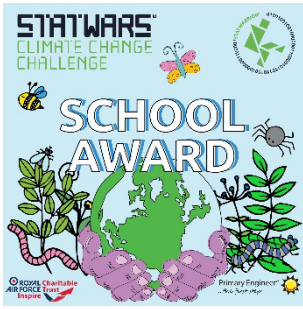
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STATWARS SUCCESS

At the end of last term, over 40 year 9 students took part in the Statwars data challenge during their Science lessons. STATWARS® is a data project open to primary and secondary school students. The STATWARS: Climate Change Challenge empowers and educates students to tackle climate change using data they capture themselves. Students used the Carbon Footprint Calculator to calculate their own carbon footprint, then used this data to identify three changes they can personally make in their daily lives to help tackle climate change. They created infographics based on their data and these were submitted to the Statwars team for judging.



We are delighted to announce that St Bart's won the Overall KS3 Award, netting £300 of eco-resources for the school! Special mention to Ellie and Eleanor who also won a £30 prize for the best data analysis, and Divyanshi,



Jenna and Ciara who were highly commended by St Barts for their poster entry. All students involved will receive a certificate. We hope to enter again this year and continue our winning run!



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BOOK DONATIONS PLEASE!

St Bart's are celebrating [Jolabokaflod](#) (Icelandic for 'Christmas book flood') again! Students will be able to give a book to one another by choosing from our 'Book Grotto'.

If you are having a clear out before Christmas, we will be gratefully accepting donations in the Library (from students) or Reception (from parents) until Monday 9 December.

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 Satchel One.



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AQA UNIT AWARD SCHEME

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded an AQA Unit Award Skill in: Understanding and Improving Self-Esteem

1. Ciara Elkington
2. Esmee Cobbold-Toop

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 so they make further progress during their learning journey at St Bart's School. We are very proud of their continuing achievements!

Miss Marshall

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NATIONAL TRAINING PLACES

We are delighted for Annabel (13D2) and India (13E3) who have both secured places in the National England Lacrosse Academy, giving them access to residential training throughout the year and the opportunity to progress to the senior England national team. The girls play for Phoenix Lacrosse Club (www.phoenixlax.co.uk) who train at St Bart's.



India said, *"Having the opportunity to play with talented girls across England is both challenging but deeply rewarding. I feel since being in the academy my skills and understanding of lacrosse have developed significantly. The level of performance and quality of coaches is exceptional, and with the experience I'm gaining from it, I am excited to see where it can take me, especially when I go to University and play lacrosse at an even higher and competitive level."* Well done to you both.

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PE

Year 7 Football

Our Year 7 girls' football teams played their final fixtures on Tuesday. Our B team played Kennet School B in a 5th place play-off game - after playing so well and going 2-0 up, somehow, we managed to draw, 2-2, with the equaliser coming with the last kick of the game. This meant we came joint 5th in West Berkshire with our B team. Our A team were playing for 3rd place against The Willink School and came away with a comfortable, 6-2, win, thanks to a hat trick from Lexi, who said before the game she was going to score 3! A fantastic achievement for both teams to be the 3rd and 5th best teams in West Berkshire. A huge well done to all girls who played - this year was the most we've ever had, numbers wise, for Year 7 with a huge 26 players wanting to play for the school, which is amazing! The future is bright.

Year 9 Football

Congratulations to both the Year 9 A and B football teams who played their last game on Finals night. Both teams should be credited for some excellent football, demonstrating resilience and determination in their quest to win their games.

The B team played their game first against Theale Green School and won a closely contested game, 3 -1, demonstrating some strong defensive and attacking play.

The A team were playing against Kennet School, and this game was to decide who would be the winner of the league.

St Bart's dominated in the first half and went ahead 1 -0. In the second half, Kennet came back stronger and more determined but St Bart's kept their heads and played a very skilful 2nd half, putting pressure on their opponents and working solidly as a team.

The final score of 3-1, St Bart's, meant they were league winners which was very well deserved. Congratulations to you all, a superb evening of football from both the A and B teams.

Year 11/Sixth Form Football

Our Year 11/Sixth Form girls' team travelled to Park House School for the much-anticipated 7-a-side league finals, competing for the 1st place title after an impressive season.

From the very first whistle, our girls dominated the game, showcasing excellent teamwork, skill, and determination. They controlled possession, created numerous chances, and kept the opposition on the back foot for the majority of the match. Despite relentless pressure and several close attempts, we were unable to find the breakthrough goal.

In a dramatic twist, John O’Gaunt School managed to score a fluke goal in the dying moments of the game, putting them 1-0 up just before the final whistle. It was a heart-breaking end to an otherwise outstanding performance from our team.

Although the result didn’t go our way, the girls can be immensely proud of their efforts and the way they played throughout the season.

Year 8 Rugby

The Year 8A Boys’ Rugby team played against Kennet in a West Berkshire league fixture yesterday afternoon at Newbury Rugby Club. It was a well contested rugby match with the score 5-5 until the last play of the match, where Zack was able to score a try and secure the win for St Bart's. Try scorers were Zack S and Joe R. Player of the match was Joe H-S for his great all round play. Well done to all involved, especially the replacements that came on second half and made an impact.

Netball Friendlies

Netball friendlies this week were at Park House for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 girls.

Year 7 showed great progress, gaining strength, with each quarter eventually just losing, 6-10. Player of the match went to Molly and Elizabeth.

Year 8 took a commanding win, 33-8. Players of the match were Freya and Hattie.

Year 9 were leading the entire game, no matter what combination was on court. The final score was 21-16. Players of the match were Anna and Eva.

Year 10 dominated the game from the start, ending with a convincing win of 31-7. Players of the match were Hazel and Katy.



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10

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Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Where: St Bartholomew's School, Newbury, RG14 6JP

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NEWBURY NATURE CORRIDOR TREE PLANTING

Join us this **Sunday 8 December at 10am** for native tree planting at St Bart's with Newbury Town Council, Newbury Friends of the Earth, and SEWA, who have generously donated the trees.

Meeting at Fifth Rd Playground by the swings. Bring gloves and a spade if you have them, and help to enhance the Newbury Nature Corridor!

