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Insight to Freshfields – Work for an international law firm

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SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT -YEAR 12 EXPLORE MORE POST-18 OPPORTUNITIES

Vodafone and St Bart's Apprenticeship Day

St Bart's were delighted to return to Vodafone last week for an apprenticeship support masterclass at the striking Vodafone Headquarters Conference Pavilion. This is the third year in which the school has been fortunate to partner with Vodafone for this event. 60 Sixth Form students from the St Bart's Apprenticeship Applicant Group benefitted from a 'mock' version of an apprenticeship assessment day. Vodafone managers, employees, graduates and apprentices gave their time to take students through information on Vodafone's apprenticeships and the abilities that employers are looking for in applicants. Our students were also given



personalised feedback on interview technique and participated in a series of Group Tasks specifically designed to put their teamwork, problem solving and presentation skills to the test.



Mr Wilder, Co-Head of Sixth Form, said: "We are hugely grateful to Vodafone for providing this invaluable opportunity and sharing their advice with our students. This important partnership really does make a huge difference in preparing students to make strong applications to major companies. We are seeing an increasing interest in students wishing to pursue the apprenticeship route, which is often highly competitive, and it is fantastic when local employers can offer their time in this way to support our young people. One of our alumni, Owen Chetwood, took part in the first Vodafone apprenticeship masterclass and credits this experience with

motivating him to apply for a Vodafone Level 6 degree apprenticeship in Technical Project Management - he is now working at Vodafone Headquarters! One of our Year 13 students, Seb Chapman, who attended last year, has just received a Level 7 degree apprenticeship from KPMG. It is really inspiring to see the success that comes from the hard work of the students, backed by the support of our community; I can't wait to see how our Year 12 use the knowledge they gained last week".

Year 12 student, George Britton, said: "Going to Vodafone HQ was a brilliant experience. I received really useful feedback on my interview technique and really enjoyed the experience. Talking with the apprentices at Vodafone has inspired me to consider an apprenticeship route."

University of Bath Visit

Our thanks also to Mr Cimmino from the University of Bath, who last week presented to our Year 12 parents/carers and students. The talk focussed on applying to competitive universities and on student funding. Students, parents and guardians were guided through the application process and were provided with top tips when applying for competitive universities. Mr Cimmino also provided students with advice and recommendations on the new layout of the personal statement, which our current Year 12s will need to complete. Mr Owen and Mr Wilder, Co-Heads of Sixth Form, also provided an overview of the UCAS process and how our Year 12 will be supported through their applications.

Charlie Gale, Year 12, said: "The talk began with an overview of UCAS personal statements, providing an insight into their format and the importance of having a strong personal statement. The most useful part of the talk was on personal finance options, including tuition fees and maintenance loans. This helped dispel many common myths I had about student finance, making it much clearer and less daunting. Finally, other options were mentioned, such as an apprenticeship or gap year, leaving me more prepared about my next steps."

Part of the Sixth Form Enrichment Programme, this talk was the latest in a series of visits by universities. This academic year, St Bart's have also hosted the University of Reading and the University of Portsmouth, and there are plans to host more. Mr Owen said: "A student's chosen university and course can in many ways set the direction of their path in life. It is an extremely exciting time for both students and their families, however, we recognise that these choices can also be overwhelming at times. We want to arm our students, not only with the grades to achieve their ambitions, but also the knowledge and skills to make the right choices



and to have confidence in their choice and their next steps on their academic journey".

Work Experience Week

We have launched our Work Experience programme where Year 12 students can take part in up to five days of work experience throughout the academic year. Students are approaching local employers and using Unifrog and UCAS to secure in person and online work shadowing experiences.

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Calendar

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KS4 Courses Information Issued to Year 9	Wednesday 22 January	
Y11 Internal Interviews C/D	Wednesday 22 January	WCC, 1.00 – 3.00pm
Parents' Association Meeting	Wednesday 22 January	WCC, 7.00pm. See below.
German Exchange to Monheim departs	Monday 27 January	(Returns Monday 3 February)
Y9 KS4 Courses Parents' Information Meeting	Monday 27 January	C/D 6pm; E/P 7pm
		(Presentation for all 6.30-7.00pm)
Y11 Internal Interviews E/P	Tuesday 28 January	WCC, 1.00 – 3.10pm
Y9-11 Top Set Maths Intermediate Maths	Wednesday 29 January	Hall, P4 & 5
Challenge		
Y11E/P English Trip, 'An Inspector Calls',	Wednesday 29 January	Mayflower, Southampton, 12.00 -
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		5.30pm

View all school events in our online calendar. Click here to go straight there

Parents' Association Meeting - Wednesday 22 January



The next Parents' Association meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 January at 7.00pm in the Wormestall Conference Centre. All parents are welcome to join this meeting to discuss future events and the allocation of funds.

Plus, a date for your diary... the PA will be holding its popular annual Fish & Chips Quiz Night on Friday 21 March



Commemorative Rose Planting

St Bartholomew's School

Friday 31st January 2025 3.30 - 5.00pm

2024 was marked by the very sad loss of a number of distinguished ex-members of staff,
Eric Danvers, Phil Gray, Elizabeth Hopper (née Hughes), John King and John Wright.
All gave exceptional service to St Bartholomew's School and are much missed by our
alumni and wider school community.

As a mark of our respect and appreciation, our Headteacher, Dr David Fitter, will be hosting a reception after school on Friday 31st January from 3.3opm to 5.0opm. A commemorative planting of a rose in our Heritage Garden will be followed by tea.

We would like to invite members of our community to join us in remembering the service our former colleagues gave to the school. No RSVP required.













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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: INSIGHT TO FRESHFIELDS - WORK FOR AN INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM

Monday 27 January, 5.00pm – 6.00pm. On Zoom. Exploring career options and deciding where to train as a solicitor can feel overwhelming. This event is designed to make the process clearer by giving you a detailed overview of Freshfields' career pathways and culture. 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 <u>Careers Guidance</u> and <u>Further Resources</u> 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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CLEAN CUT DRINKWARE – A YOUNG ENTERPRISE

The Young Enterprise Programme empowers young people to set up and run a student company. Students make all the decisions about their business, from deciding on the company name, managing the company finances to selling to the public. Participants gain practical business experience and key skills. Mrs Seward, Head of Business and Economics, oversees St Bart's students participating in the programme and says:



"Young Enterprise is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience the reality of running their own business. They learn skills of communication, team work and time management. They develop the ability to problem solve and resolve conflict, for example when materials do not arrive on time or when a member of the company fails to complete the tasks they promised to do! As a school, we have had great success over the years, winning awards for best business plan, best trade stand, most innovative product, management and leadership. Last year's company, 'Flame Fortune', were runners up at the area final and, with the winners, represented Berkshire at the regional final".

This year, our latest student entrepreneurs are looking for your custom and support. Clean Cut produce drinkware, using a bottle cutter to score the glass, followed by hot and then cold water to separate the glass. They source their glass bottles from Littlecote House Hotel in West Berkshire, following a process that is fully sustainably and returns an 'upcycled' glass bottle to the customer.

Clean Cut Company Member, Charlie Gale (Year 12), says:

"Since September 2024, we have been involved in the Young Enterprise Programme. After joining as a member, you brainstorm and come up with an idea for your company and make it into a reality, taking on various roles that cover all functional areas of a business, including HR, finance, administration, IT, sales, marketing and operations. We are now able to start taking sales from customers, after a busy



production period from November to the start of January. We have a range of drinkware that you can request, each for £4, by emailing cleancut.newbury@gmail.com. Look out for more updates from us as we participate in more events!"

The Clean Cut marketing team have been busy setting up an Instagram page, which you can view here.

Congratulations to the Clean Cut team for all the work they have put in to making their company a reality. We hope you can support them. Remember, glasses are £4 each and can be ordered by emailing cleancut.newbury@gmail.com

SCIENCE ENTHUSIASTS WIN BIG!

We're delighted to share exciting opportunities for science enthusiasts ...

University of York Webinars

Nuclear Physics Masterclasses

Monday 3 March - Friday 25 April 2025

Join leading experts from around the world to explore cutting-edge research in nuclear physics. Explore topics from radiation to fusion and medical physics. Register and find out more about the Pre-16 Masterclass and Post-16 Masterclass. If you have any questions, please contact physics-bindingblocks@york.ac.uk



Winter Webinar series - still time to book tickets for the remaining webinars!

- Engineering at Nanoscale: Tuesday 28 January 2025, 6.30 7.30pm
- The Autonomous Robot Evolution Project: Wednesday 12 February 2025, 6.30 7.30pm
- Can you heal people using electricity? Tuesday 25 February 2025, 6.30 7.30pm

Find out more and book tickets If you have any questions, please contact pet-outreach@york.ac.uk

2025 Young Science Writer Award

Organised by the Association of British Science Writers (ABSW), this prestigious national competition offers students the opportunity to showcase their science writing talent and gain recognition for their work.

The aim of the competition is to encourage talented students aged 14-16 with a passion for STEM and writing, to submit an 800-word essay on the topic of their choice. We work with schools across the UK to help their students submit an essay to our award.



Our competition is highly publicised and the 2024 winner was recently <u>featured by the BBC</u>. The BBC, The Royal Institution and Science Museum are our key strategic partners, supporting us and the winner of the competition.

The winner will receive £1,000, a 1-year Young Royal Institution membership, and the chance to meet BBC science journalists among other prizes. Their essay is also published nationally in the media, which attracts highly positive press coverage for the school. The runners-up each get £250 with ten students who are highly commended receiving £100 each.

Key Dates:

Competition Opens 17 January 2025 Winners Announced Nationally 10 April 2025 Competition Closes 7 March 2025 Awards Ceremony 23 June 2025

Winners Contacted 7 April 2025

This is an outstanding opportunity for students to not only develop their skills and receive public recognition for their writing, but it also provides national and international promotion of their school.

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SCHOOL LUNCH RECIPE COMPETITION

Don't miss the chance to show off your culinary creativity and eat your recipe for lunch at school! Get more details here or scan the QR code in the poster on page 9. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to staff in the Canteen. Drop off your recipe to the canteen or via email to rlee2@stbarts.co.uk. The deadline is this Friday, 24 January.

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PE

Berkshire Schools Cross Country Championships

A huge well done to the nine St Barts students who took part in the Berkshire Schools Cross Country Championships last weekend at Newbury Showground.

A massive thank you to Mrs Clare who gave up her Saturday to staff this event.



U13s Summer, 71st and Tilly, 6th



Hugo, 19th, Caleb, 51st and Joshie, 83rd.



U17s
Olive, 9th
Olive qualifies for the next round in the southern counties.



Jack, 4th
Jack has automatic qualification to go to the English Schools finals.



U15s Anna, 20th



U17s
Henry, 9th
Henry is through to the next round for the southern counties.

Year 7 Football

Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys' Football team who started the league with wins against The Downs School (2-0) and John O'Gaunt School (9-0).

Goals were scored by Codie, Natanael, Mikolaj (2), Rayan, Leo (2), and Thom (4).

Players of the matches were Rayan and Thom.



U14 Football

The U14 Girls' Football team are through to the second round of the County Cup. We travelled to Newland Girls' School in Maidenhead last week.

We won, 1-0. Liv Lewis scored after just 5 minutes. We dominated the game with possession and deserved the win. Liv was awarded player of the match by the opposition. Well done to all who played.

Year 11 Football

The Year 11 Boys' Football team played their first West Berkshire league match against Park House on Wednesday. The first half of the match was the league match and the second half was a friendly. The final result in the league fixture was 1-1. Park House School had most of the possession, but St Bart's were able to soak up the pressure and defend well. St Bart's were able to score the first goal of the game with an effective counter attack with a great forward pass by Jack and a great finish from Kobi. Park House then pushed for an equaliser and then managed to score within the last minute of the game from a corner. St Bart's were disappointed with the point at full time, but the draw was a fair result, with Park House having the better chances and more possession. Player of the match was Jack for his great defensive display and for his assist for the goal.

The second half was a friendly in which any student could play and represent the school. The second half was played in great spirits. The final score was 3-0 to Park House, but there were some great individual performances. Player of the match was awarded to Ray for his great defending and composure playing out from the back.

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Unleash Your Culinary Creativity!

Submit your recipe by Friday, 24 January 2025 3pm

How to Enter

- Submit your recipe including ingredients, cooking steps, cooking time and serving size
- Focus on healthy and balanced ingredients
- All students in Year 7-13
- Compete individually or in teams up to 3



Your recipe will have a chance to be tasted by everyone in the school

Round 1 - 3 recipes to be selected to the final on 31 January 2025

School Lunch Recipe Competition

Round 2 - Tasting & voting by everyone in the school

Prizes for 3 selected recipes and the Final Winner on 6 March 2025

Tasting & Voting of Selected 3 Recipes on Friday, 28 February 2025
Lunchtime

Scan QR code for more details

Or visit the link below

https://sway.cloud.microsoft/ yciwjVsXtIn8MyC5?ref=Link





Karate is great exercise and can improve coordination and self confidence. Come along and have a go!

This exciting new club runs on a Thursday 3.20 – 4.20pm in the Gym with an external instructor.

See Mrs Leach in PE for further details.

GENERATE

10 - 26 JANUARY 2025 OPEN TUE - SUN, 10am - 5pm STUDENT ART

ADMISSION FREE

Suggested donation at the door

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DAVIS & EVERS HOUSE EVENING

THURSDAY 6 FEB | 6.30PM

MAIN HALL

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY
RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SWINGS & SMILES, AND MENCAP



TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025 6:30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE VIA PARENTPAY

RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS HOUSE

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