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The final day will be Thursday 25 July. Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm. Please note that there will be no canteen service on this day.

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House Championship update

The final result of the House Championship for 2023-24 cannot be decided until



the outcomes from the public exams have been analysed to complete the Academic Shield. However, Miss Thorne has been busy accumulating the results from all of the many and varied competitions that contribute towards the different shields and cups of the House Championship. The results in the Sports Shield, the Art and Enrichment Shield, the Citizenship Shield and the Sixth Form Cup will be announced to students in their final whole-school assembly of the year **tomorrow**, so no spoilers in BartholoNews, I'm afraid.

Farewells

We are sadly saying goodbye to the following members of staff as they leave at the end of term to take up new ventures.

Mrs Eastman	HOF: Food & PDP
Mrs Hampson	PA to LT Members
Miss Forsey	Head of House Curnock
Ms Hatchwell-Monroy	Personalised Learning TA
Miss Howes	Teacher of Science / Psychology
Ms Kawada	Teacher of Maths
Mrs Lane	Head of Sixth Form
Mrs Warnes	HOD: Dance
Mrs Ndagire	HOD: Health and Social Care
Mrs Parween	Personalised Learning TA
Mr Pounder	Lead TA: Maths
Mrs Sheikh	HOD: French
Miss Staines	Teacher of Dance
Mrs Whitaker	Admin Assistant Receptionist

Whether they have been part of St Bart's for a year, or for more than 20 years, their service is most valued and appreciated and we thank them all for everything they have contributed to St Bart's and wish them well for the future.

Calendar

Y7-10 & 12 CURRICULUM DAY	Wednesday 24 July	
END OF TERM	Thursday 25 July	School day finishes 12.30pm No canteen today
New Year 7 Summer School	Monday 29 – Wednesday 31 July	
A Level Results	Thursday 15 August	
GCSE Results	Thursday 22 August 2024	

SEPTEMBER 2023 Start of Term Arrangements

Staff Training Day - school closed to students	Monday 2 September	
Staff Training Day - school closed to students	Tuesday 3 September	
Y7 and Y12 arrive for 8.30am	Wednesday 4 September	
Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y11 arrive for 9.50am	Wednesday 4 September	
Y13 to arrive for the start of P3 (11.10am)	Wednesday 4 September	timetables will be emailed to students on 03/09 and lessons start immediately.
Normal start time for all year groups (8.30am)	Thursday 5 September	

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



Parents' Association Dates for 2024/25

Annual General Meeting, 18 September 2024, 7.00pm

All parents welcome to join us at our Annual General Meeting where we will review the past year, form the committee and plan the year ahead. Venue: St Bart's, Wormestall Meeting Room

Social Evening, 11 October 2024, 7.00pm

Join other parents for a fun evening of cheese, wine tasting and a themed quiz. £22pp or £15 for non drinkers. Price includes a warm bread roll, a cheese platter, a glass of wine and compered blind wine tasting. PA and Chego's bar with tasting table. Prizes for the winning teams. Suitable for adults only. In association with Chego's. Venue: St Bart's, School Hall

Christmas Craft & Food Fair, Sunday 10 November 2024, 11.00am

Bookings are now live for the annual Xmas Fair. To find out more and to book a stall, please visit the PA website at www.stbartspa.co.uk. Venue: St Bart's, School Hall

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Therapeutic Radiography & Radiotherapy Careers Summer 2024 Open events

Join our Open events over this summer and learn more about a career in Therapeutic Radiography and the Radiotherapy department at the Berkshire Cancer Centre. Tours, demonstrations and information on BSc Therapeutic Radiography programmes and BSc Therapeutic Radiography Degree apprenticeships. Available sessions include after 5pm on select weekdays, and from 10am to 1pm on select weekends between 29 July and 17 August. To enquire about dates, or to reserve a space on one of the available sessions, please email the Radiotherapy Education Lead, Azma Siddiqui, on 07961747122 or AHP.Careers@royalberkshire.nhs.uk.

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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 on our website a [Careers Opportunities page](#), which features news the school is sent on Apprenticeship Courses and Programmes, University Workshops and Schemes, Industry Webinars, Careers Resources for Parents and Carers and much more. The opportunities on this page are updated weekly. [Please click](#) to view the latest information.

MRS EASTMAN RETIRES AFTER 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

St Bart's are extremely sad to say goodbye this summer to a St Bart's institution – Mrs Eastman (formerly Hollinshead)! Over the past 45 years, Mrs Eastman has had a wonderful impact on multiple generations of students, inspiring them to cook with confidence and lead healthy and fulfilled lives.

Now Head of our Food Faculty, as well as the school's Personal Development Programme Lead, Mrs Eastman first joined St Bart's in 1981. In

November of the previous year, she had joined St Bart's as a student teacher on a practice placement. The then Headteacher, Basil Cooper, watched her teach and at the end of the lesson offered her a job on the spot and since then she has never looked back.

Mrs Eastman said: "I have always felt so at home at St Bart's. I have continually had the opportunity and support to progress my career, even through the years of bringing up my children. The job is endlessly interesting, the children are fantastic and I cannot thank enough all the wonderful members of staff I have worked with over the years."

Mrs Eastman's career has spanned six St Bart's Headteachers, including Mr Basil Cooper, Mr Robert Mermagen, Mr Stuart Robinson, Mrs Christina Haddrell, Ms Julia Mortimore and, our current Headteacher, Dr David Fitter. She has seen huge changes in the school, not least the move to the new school building; the Ad Lucem project. This move was a fantastic opportunity, as Mrs Eastman and her team were able to contribute to the design of the technology classrooms. These were built to the bespoke requirements of the Technology Department, with details such as tray sliders under the tables enabling students to stow and access utensils – a simple and clever idea that adds to efficiency and work space in lessons.



Mrs Eastman has said that her love of cooking comes from her mother and grandmother, who were fantastic cooks. Together they encouraged her love of the subject as well as teaching her the importance of sharing food – both for community and wellbeing. Mrs Eastman also credits her first Head of Department at St Bart's, Doris Hughes, as a huge inspiration. She says: "We had fascinating conversations about the best way to support and engage students".

Mrs Eastman has taught many, many students over the years but claims it never ever gets boring and that she is still learning all the time. Her sons now live in Bali and she is set to join them after hanging up her teaching hat for the last time. She says her current obsession is Indonesian cooking, which offers a whole new world of methods, spices and flavours. After watching the harvesting of individual rice grains from the paddy fields, Mrs Eastman she says it reminds you to appreciate the humble rice packet every time you open one – an appreciation that she continues to pass on to her students.

Mrs Eastman is passionate about influencing and inspiring students' eating habits through increasing their knowledge and awareness of food issues, including what constitutes a healthy diet and hygienic food preparation, cooking, and storage methods. She says: "We are so lucky at St Bart's, as the subject of Food is always taught in 2 hour lessons (rather than 1 hour, as in many schools). It really enables us to immerse the students in the subject, demonstrating the techniques and discussing the science, before letting them loose on their own bag of ingredients. It is a tangibly rewarding experience as the students get to literally see, smell, taste and share with their family and friends the product of their hard work." What could be better than that!

There have been plenty of memorable moments, not least Margaret Thatcher eating Mrs Eastman's chocolate cake during her visit in 1985. Mrs Thatcher confided in Mrs Eastman that the only cooking she did in those days was boiled eggs on toast on a Sunday! There was also the time in 2006 that Ofsted chose to only inspect one Faculty.....Food. This has not been seen before or since! Luckily, under Mrs Eastman's leadership, the inspector awarded an 'Outstanding' – stating it as the best he had seen in over forty years of inspecting. We can attest that Mrs Eastman has maintained the standards since!

Never has it been more important for students to understand food nutrition, how to interpret the food labels they see in the supermarket and how to cook a meal on a budget. These are skills for life. We can't help but reflect on just how many lives Mrs Eastman has impacted in this hugely positive way – what a fantastic legacy!

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GERMAN EXCHANGE 2024

St Bart's / Otto-Hahn Gymnasium

St Bart's students were excited and pleased to once again see their German Exchange partners in June. The 24 students from our partner school, the Otto-Hahn Gymnasium in Monheim, stayed for a week with English families. As well as going on trips to Oxford and London, the German Exchange students



spent a day in school and went on a joint trip to Bath with their English partners. Their visit in June completed the return leg of the Exchange - our students went to Monheim in January. Dates for the 2025

German Exchange will be announced soon - if you are studying German in Year 8 and above, keep an eye out for the email in the first few weeks of September!

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PE SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR EVENING

Last Wednesday evening, the PE Department hosted their annual Sports Personality of the Year awards evening with tickets being a sell out before the night started! The evening celebrated all our students' success and achievement in sport this year, both inside and outside of school, which made for a fantastic evening. A huge well done to every student who has represented our school at a fixture or festival this year; we are really proud of everything you've achieved and cannot wait to see what next year brings. All of our main award winners are below:



Year 7 Male SPOTY: Zach Shore
Year 7 Female SPOTY: Hattie Mason
Year 8 Male SPOTY: Charlie Bortoli-Holmes
Year 8 Female SPOTY: Emme Lloyd
Year 9 Male SPOTY: Jacob Tang
Year 9 Female SPOTY: Violet Hughes
Year 10 Male SPOTY: Max Charlton
Year 10 Female SPOTY: Bethany Maclean

Male Sports Leader of the Year: Patrick Williams
Female Sports Leader of the Year: Amelie Goodwin
Boys Team of the Year: Year 10 Cricket
Girls Team of the Year: Inter Girls Athletics
A huge congratulations to all award winners, including Coach's Player, Most Improved Player and Players' Player for each sport.



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

A huge congratulations to 55 Bronze, and 16 Silver DofE students who have been busy working on their DofE activities to achieved their DofE Award. The DofE students participated in a variety of activities from volunteering in their local community, gaining new skills from languages to science, and participating in a sporting activities. The DofE participants also completed a self-sufficient expedition, which involved them carrying all their food, tents, stoves and personal equipment for the two or three day expeditions, and navigating themselves to the check points and campsite.

If a participant was not in School on the DofE presentation day to receive their Certificate and Badge, please collect them from Reception.

Year 11 Silver Assessed Expedition

Five teams of Silver DofE students took to the River Thames for a three day canoeing expedition to pass their Silver DofE expedition section. The DofE students really enjoyed the new challenge of a canoeing expedition. They actually found summer for the three days and had lovely weather, and all the students participating passed with ease.



Congratulations to the following students for completing their DofE Awards...

Bronze

Emma Davies
Sreelakshmi Sreejith
Samuel Harrison
Ashton Charlton
Jessica Dent
Samuel Dickens
Dylan Letchford
Oscar Willsher
Daisy Essen
James Houghton
Daniel Ledwith
Nandini Agarwal
Tristan Baudoin
Joseph Bell
Oliver Brooks
Lachlan Cameron
Max Charlton
Amelie Goodwin

Florence Hatton
Sam Kirby
Ben Lawson
Holly McClellan
Olive Muir
Evie Murphy
Casper Nolan
Amy Oliver
Eve Parker
Amelie Percy
Zara Smee
William Sperrey
Thrishathi Srinivasan
Frankie Templeman
Freddie Williams
Patrick Williams
Isla Clare
Bethany Maclean

Gabriela Lungu
Josephine Wheeler
Vishal Karthik
Robert Hall
Charlie Morse
Honey Ellis
Lennon Barton
Adam White
Shivam Mathur
Immie Aldrich-Smith
Eva Braithwaite
Emily Clinch
Amos Fitch
Frederick Johnstone
Evie Pearce
Matilda Russell
Penelope Starrs
Logan Wakefield
Alexander Comley-Casabella

Silver

Lawrence Mullaly
Barney Owen
Daanyal Begg
Charlotte Lethaby
Matilda Roots
Sophie Livingstone

Siddarth Karra
Eish Mahajan
Matthew Seaton
Martha Fitch
Kathryn Locke
Isabelle Primrose

Carys Pritchard
Emily Westbury
Gwen Wharry
Katie Arnold
Charlie Fox

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MFL GIFTED & TALENTED

This week a group of over 40 Year 10 students were invited to attend an afternoon in the Modern Foreign Languages faculty, learning about the benefits of language learning beyond GCSE level as well as its value in the workplace.

The faculty organised some international food and inspirational guest speakers, including current Year 12 languages students, former St Bart's students and speakers from industry and Bristol University. One former student, Victoria, had previously worked in a library in Rio de Janeiro



with a view of Sugar Loaf mountain, and having recently gained her Doctorate from Cambridge University, she is now working at Bristol University. We also heard from a friend of Mrs Hedley-Smith who used his languages travelling the world as an international DJ and also works for the Warner Bros theme park in Madrid. Our former Head Boy, Joel, returned to talk about his course at Exeter University. He is about to embark on his year abroad in Germany, teaching English as a second language.

Other fun activities included the Languages Olympiad challenge in Esperanto and a quiz on how useful languages are, where they are spoken and could the talented linguists “guess the language being spoken?!”

Students also had the opportunity to try out a new language: Polish, Urdu, Italian or Chinese - to show that it is never too late to start learning a new one! The students were very positive about the afternoon, as is shown by some of the comments given on the feedback forms:

“It was really fun and I will recommend it to younger years who will have the opportunity to do this”

“Me divertí mucho!!” (I had a great time!)

“I thought it was really useful. We learnt about what A Level lessons look like and were able to talk to former students and hear about what they do now.”

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MFL ANTHEA BELL TRANSLATION COMPETITION

Celebrating Our Young Translators

This year, students from our MFL department participated in the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators. We are thrilled to announce the exceptional achievement of two of our students in this prestigious competition, launched in 2020 by the Translation Exchange at The Queen's College, Oxford. This competition honors the legacy of Anthea Bell OBE (1936–2018), one of the most influential literary translators of the 20th and 21st centuries.

In its fourth iteration, the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators inspires a passion for language learning across the UK, promoting creativity and the use of authentic texts in classrooms. This year, the competition attracted over 16,000 participants, covering four levels in five languages (French, Spanish, German, Italian, and Mandarin) and running from French into Welsh. Students aged 11 to 18 from various secondary schools showcased their translation skills in this remarkable event held from February to April 2024.



Our school is proud to announce that two of our students have been commended for their outstanding German translation: Paige and Tilly. These young linguists have demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication, earning recognition from a panel of 22 judges, including Oxford Modern Languages undergraduates and leading professional literary translators. This commendation is a testament to their hard work and passion for languages.

In addition to our commendable winners, many more of our students have received certificates for being chosen by our school to enter this competition. This recognition highlights the collective effort and enthusiasm of our students towards language learning and translation.

The Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators was established to promote language learning and inspire creativity in the classroom. With nearly 3,600 entries assessed this year, the competition continues to foster a love for languages among young learners.

For more information about the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators and to see the full list of winners, visit the Translation Exchange at The Queen's College, [Oxford website](#). Let's continue to celebrate and encourage the linguistic talents of our students!

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

One of the most exciting parts of the Sixth Form is the opportunity to join the student leadership team, and a big part of that this year has been about involving the lower school and giving them the opportunity to become leaders. Mr Bandy, Mr Bastable and Mr Wilder have been key in creating these opportunities, but the reigns were handed over during the recent student leadership conference. All the Head Students, House Captains and Vice House Captains met on Friday to build a team and plan for the year ahead.

We started off with two truths and a lie as an icebreaker, which revealed some interesting truths about people! Following from this the House Captains devised some team-building activities, ranging from splat to one bounce. This was a really fun way of getting to know each other and cementing the team dynamic we need to be successful next year.

The main part of the conference was the planning session, in which the House Captains and Vice Captains broke off into their separate teams to discuss the upcoming year. A key priority in this discussion was how to work well with the lower years to ensure they get the most out of leadership opportunities. They also talked about House events, plans for the school in general and how to be the best student leaders



possible. Many of the vice captains said they were 'excited' about the year ahead and the opportunity to impact the school.

It was a great event, and hopefully one that will continue in the years to come. A massive well done to those involved, and as Mr Bandy said, it is clear that the future is bright!!

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SPONGE THE TEACHER

Well done to 7D1 who raised £31.50 for Swings and Smiles by organising a Sponge the Teacher! There were some very enthusiastic throws resulting in five very soggy teachers. Thank you to Mrs Jones, Miss Thorne, Miss Schmandt, Mr Wilson and Mr Fry for being good sports!

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HOUSE DANCE

The annual House Dance competition was held on Tuesday 16 July. The evening was given over to choreographers and dancers across all the houses and it was a wonderfully successful evening. All of the pieces were conceived, choreographed, rehearsed and performed by the dancers, as well as the technical aspects and the music. We were lucky to welcome Alba from Allenova Dance School as our guest judge. She is currently at Bird College studying Musical Theatre and has trained extensively in Dance over the years. She was blown away by the standard of dance and the commitment of the students. The competition was extremely tight but in the end Curnock House came out as winners.

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RAIL IMPROVEMENT NOTICE

We have been asked by GWR to disseminate the following information, which may effect travel to and from school.

From Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 September, there will be no trains between Newbury and Westbury. Replacement buses will run instead, including between Bedwyn and Newbury via Hungerford and Hungerford and Newbury via Kintbury. In the morning a bus will depart Bedwyn at 0710 and arrive Newbury at 0805, and in the afternoon departing Newbury at 1615 and arriving at Bedwyn at 1710.

These journeys are now all in online journey planners, so anybody checking their journey can do so at, for example, www.gwr.com. More information is available at www.gwr.com/check.

The same works will also be taking place between Tuesday 10 December and Thursday 12 December.

From Monday 11 to Thursday 14 November, there will be no trains between Theale and Westbury. Again replacement buses will run, including from Theale to Bedwyn stopping at all stations except Kintbury, and Newbury to Hungerford via Kintbury.

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PE

Sixth Form Cup Sports

The Sixth Form House Cup came to a dramatic end last week with House Rounders and a mini-sports day being the last two events of the year.

The mini sports day came first with students running 200m and 800m races, alongside javelin and discus. We ran out of time for shotput and a relay race but there's always next year! This particular Wednesday must have been Mr Owen's favourite of the year, as Evers finally won a competition!! Evers came 1st, Curnock 2nd, Patterson 3rd (who were hampered by having no girls!) and Davis in 4th. A great turnout for a fun afternoon.

This led us into the last week of the House Cup where we finished with House Rounders. Due to fewer students than anticipated, we combined Evers and Curnock together and Davis and Patterson to make two teams. The Davis and Patterson team were one short, so Miss Bilcliff and Mr Sullivan did an innings each for that team to make it equal numbers. It went right to the final bat of the 2nd innings, with the Evers/Curnock team needing a rounder to win, which super Charlie got, to bring home the win for them. Based on numbers in each team, Evers came 1st, Curnock, 2nd, Davis, 3rd and Patterson, 4th. Mr Owen and Evers were once again delighted! It's been a fantastic first year with the Sixth Form House Cup in full flow and we look forward to doing it all again next year. A huge thank you to Mr Bateman, Mr Sullivan and Miss Bilcliff for organising and officiating all the events and an even bigger thank you to all the students who have participated over the year. We hope you've enjoyed it as much as we have!



Year 8 Cricket

The Year 8 Cricket team have been crowned district champions after winning their final game of the season against Kennet. This is a fantastic achievement and testament to the hard work of all students involved this year.



1st XI cricket: going out on a high

A five-wicket victory over Windsor Boys meant we deservedly finished the regular season with a winning record against fellow state schools – Brown's Meadow proving a fortress once again (insert joke here about QPR and away teams' struggles on the plastic pitch if you're an older footie fan!).

Put into bat, Windsor were on the back foot straightaway as Y10 Soorya took a wicket with his first ball and Y12 Tom was as parsimonious as ever. Y13 Ani soon continued the excellent form of his swansong with 3-





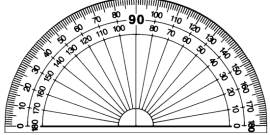




16, bowling perhaps the best over of his school career from round the wicket, which included the dismissal of Windsor's finest player, also a leftie. Then it was time for the phenomenon that is Y9 Yudeesh. Three wickets in four balls in his first over of off-spin and a smart stumping by Y10 Leo in his second gave him the best bowling figures by any Bart's player in the firsts since 2022: 3-1-3-4. Exceptional.

Rallying somewhat, Windsor posted 91-9 and we rejigged the order for the chase. Their bowlers, including a plethora of left-armers, proved a challenge however, and it required Y10 Ben to play the anchor role, his patient and prudent 38 almost getting us over the line. In the end, Y12 skipper Seb's blisteringly efficient 31 off 12 balls from number six did the business with five overs to spare.

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STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

You must have the following items with you in school at all times.

Pens: 2 x black 1 x blue 1 x green		Pencils x 2		Ruler	
Eraser		Pencil Case		Pair of Compasses	
Protractor		Reading Book		Glue Stick	
Year 7-10 Don't forget to charge and bring your Chromebooks!				Calculator	
				Highlighter	

Equipment must not be shared between students and staff will be unable to issue any missing equipment.

