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- Away With Words by Sophie Cameron
- Choose Love by Nicola Davies
- Safiyyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan
- Steady for This by Nathanael Lessore
- The Boy Lost in the Maze by Joseph Coelho
- Crossing the Line by Tia Fisher
- The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander
- The Song Walker by Zillah Bethell

On Wednesday 12 June, 12 KS3 students, chosen from the Carnegie groups, attended a Carnegie Shadowing conference at Kennet School, where they joined students from five local schools who had also been reading the books. Students were organised into groups based on their favourite book from the shortlist and were given the challenge of creating a presentation in a form of their choice to showcase their chosen book.

*"My group had chosen *The Door of No Return* by Kwame Alexander, which is an amazing book about African slavery. We made a model of the boat that the main character was locked up in, when he was taken to be a slave, towards the end of the book. I really liked meeting other people and talking about the books that we had enjoyed reading."* Joshua Cloke (7E2)



"It was an incredibly fun day and I really enjoyed it. Many of us were the only St Bart's students in our groups and it gave us the opportunity to talk to people who enjoyed the same books from other schools. We all came up with ideas on how to show that our book was superior to the other choices in a presentation in front of the conference and all groups came up with different ideas. Some groups' presentations included rap battles, creating origami designs, paper models of scenes from our books and even a beautiful theatrical piece that brought some teachers to tears." Katie Gibbons (9E1)

On Friday 21 June, all the students from the Carnegie groups were then invited to a Carnegie Party in the school library. Mr Evans announced to the gathered crowd that the official winner of the 2024 Yoto Carnegie Medal was the Black British author, and the current Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho for his "beautifully descriptive" novel in verse '*The Boy Lost in the Maze*.' The school's winner, '*Crossing The Line*', as voted by the students, was also announced and 14 group members, both students and staff, were awarded substantial chocolate prizes for reading all eight books.



Students enjoyed party food and chocolate lolly awards were given to the students for the best Carnegie Book Reviews. Thank you to Mr Matthias, Miss Medlock, Mr Evans, Mrs Hewetson and all the other staff who have been involved in the shadowing groups.

Calendar

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Y7 & 8 Bart's for Bees Trip to Apiary, Hermitage	Thursday 27 June	
Sixth Form Taster Days	Thursday 27 and Friday 28 June	
Y12 not in school WEx/Uni visits/UCAS	Thursday 27 and Friday 28 June	
Y9 House Tennis and Cricket	Friday 28 June	P1, 2 & 3
Y11 DofE Silver Canoeing Expedition - Assessed Weekend	Friday 28 - Sunday 30 June	From 10.00am Friday to 4.00pm Sunday
Y12 Biology Field Trip to Wales departs	Monday 1 July	Return Friday 5 July
HPV Vaccinations All Y8 students plus Y9 & 10 Catch-ups	Monday 1 July	Gym
Y8 House Tennis and Cricket	Tuesday 2 July	P3, 4 & 5
Parents' Association Meeting	Tuesday 2 July	7.00p, Robinson Rooms. See below.
Y7 House Tennis and Cricket	Wednesday 3 July	P1, 2 & 3
Y12 Celebration Day - Award Ceremony	Wednesday 3 July	12.40 – 1.10pm
Y12 Celebration Day - BBQ & Rounders	Wednesday 3 July	P4
Sixth Form House Dodgeball Final	Wednesday 3 July	P5

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



PA Meeting ~ Tuesday 2 July

St Bart's Parents' Association would like to welcome all parents and carers to join them at the next PA Meeting on Tuesday 2 July at 7.00pm in the Robinson Rooms (enter via the main school reception). The focus for the meeting will be Sixth Form. All parental feedback and questions are helpful, so please do join us if you are able.

We'd also like to make you aware of the PA AGM on Wednesday 18th September at 6.30pm. Please do add this date to your diary for after the summer holidays – more details to follow.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Apprenticeship Opportunities

If you are interested in apprenticeship opportunities, take a look apprenticeshipguide.co.uk. Find out all you need to know about apprenticeships, from what the different levels mean to preparing your application and interview tips. You can also check out [current vacancies](#).

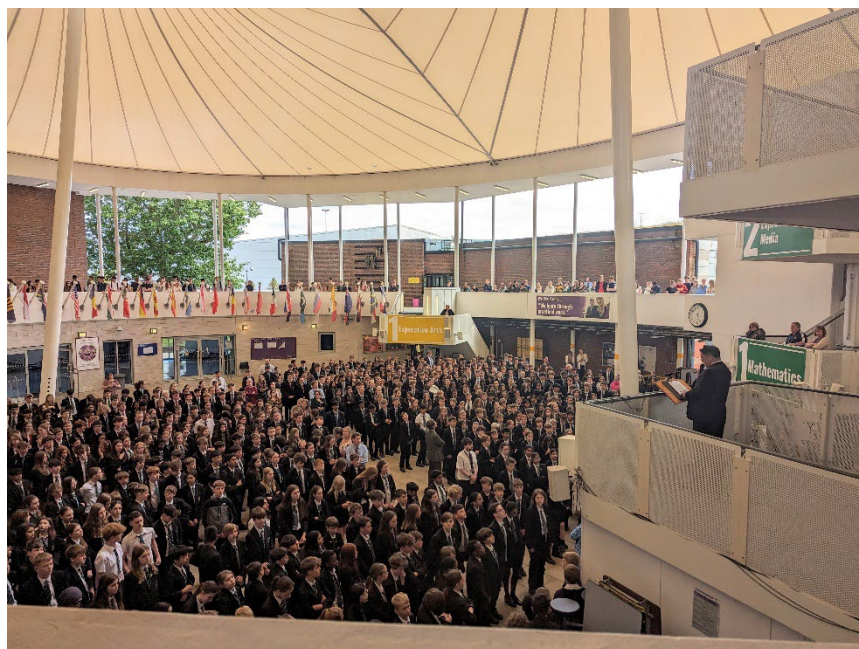
St Bart's Careers Education Programme is delivered through PSHE lessons, assemblies and a portfolio of careers events. [More information on the programme can be found on our website](#). You will also find on our website a [Careers Opportunities page](#), which features news the school is sent on Apprenticeship 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.

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FOUNDER'S DAY

Last Wednesday 19 June, our school gathered for the annual St Bart's Founder's Day Assembly. When people come to visit our school, they enter a 21st Century building buzzing with energy and up-to-date technology. Yet, it is now 558 years since the founding of our school. This was a time when the War of the Roses was raging in England and Edward 4th was the King of England!

Dr Fitter spoke to the students about how, as we reflect on our history, we are reminded that the school is so much more than our buildings; it is made up of those who have been part of its history. He spoke



of three key members of our school community that exemplify this idea. Firstly, John King, who sadly died earlier this year, and who had positively impacted countless people through his selfless commitment to St Bart's over many years. Dr Fitter also mentioned Mike Hart, another member of staff who committed an entire career to St Bart's and who set up the link between Curnock House and Newbury Cancer Care. This connection has endured and, as reported in BartholoNews, this year, Curnock celebrated raising £100,000 for Newbury Cancer Care. Finally, students were reminded that we are about to say farewell to Mrs Eastman, who is retiring after 44 years of service to the St Bart's community and will leave an amazing legacy of inspiring countless students to cook with confidence and lead healthy and fulfilled lives.

The school then heard from Mr Cussen (teacher and alumni) about Pride Month. Mr Cussen spoke of pride as the antidote to shame and the importance of celebrating Pride Month together. He encouraged students to challenge shaming or discriminatory language or to talk to someone who can, such as teachers. Mr Cussen told students that we can create a school environment where everyone is respected for who they are, regardless of their identities, and that this collective effort requires continual ally-ship and human kindness.

Finally, our new Head Student team (2024-25), Charlotte, Sam, William, Eve and Milo, introduced themselves to those assembled. They affirmed their commitment to making the school the best it can be, and to working with the whole student body to achieve that goal. Their core message was that they want to listen to students' views. We can't wait to see what they achieve!



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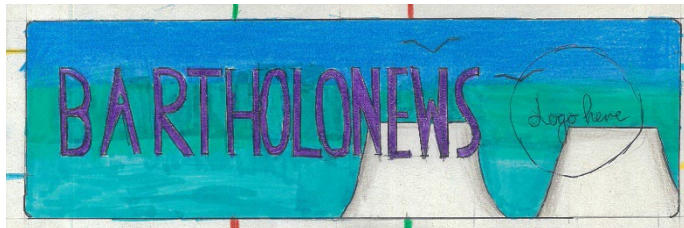
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Congratulations also go to our three runners up,

Alice Rumens (7E1),



Roba Shadoufa (8E2)



and Lola Thorne (12D1)



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YEAR 13 PROM

Last Friday was Year 13 students' last hurrah - their prom, after their long battle with A Level exams. It was held at the Newbury Rugby Club, and was nicely decorated by the volunteers helping organise the event. People dressed up in their 'Sunday best' but ties were off by the end of the night. There was music, dancing and a buffet. It was a brilliant night to remember and a quality way to send off the Year 13s into the big wide world! Thanks to everyone involved with organising it.



Archie Pattenden

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For Ulaful School Partnership and Shelterbox

Thank you to everyone who took donated to our non-school uniform day last Friday and to those who bought cakes and jewellery from the Kenya Link Club and our House Bake Sale. A total of £2,022.08 was made on the day. This amount will split between our Ulaful School Partnership (£828) and ShelterBox (£1,194), a charity chosen by our Sixth Form students.

Our Ulaful School Partnership is overseen by Miss Ostinelli and The Kenya Link club. This club offers our students the opportunity to connect with another culture and to help those who do not have as many resources as we are lucky to have at St Bart's.

Students speak to Ulaful students via Zoom Meetings and through pen pal emails, and are learning a lot about Kenyan culture. They are also supporting the school through fundraising to buy tools and supplies for various projects they want to undertake including a kitchen garden, and making mats, sisal skirts and liquid soap.

[ShelterBox](#) work with disaster-affected communities to provide the emergency shelter, essential items and training needed to support families in the long process of rebuilding their lives.



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Ten talented students from St Bart's recently had the opportunity of a lifetime, performing at the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) awards ceremony!

As part of Newbury YoungStars, a local non-profit youth theatre group, students were invited to showcase their skills on a national stage after winning the prestigious district and regional awards in 2023. *"It was amazing to perform at the NODA awards ceremony. And we won the District award again for Singin' in the rain!"* shared Matilda (11C1)



"Being recognised by NODA is amazing, and we all felt really proud to represent Newbury YoungStars," said Ella (11E1). Newbury YoungStars is a non-profit organisation that provides a platform for young people to explore their passion for theatre. The group is known for its high-quality productions and commitment to fostering confidence and teamwork in its members.

"We are incredibly proud of all our students who participated in the NODA awards," said Bex Bright, Chair of Newbury YoungStars. *"Their dedication and talent truly shone through on stage, and winning the 2024 District Award is continued recognition of what we have achieved as a group."*

With the 30th anniversary on the horizon, Newbury YoungStars is already buzzing with excitement for our next production, *Sister Act*, to be performed at the Arlington Arts Centre on March 28th and 29th, 2025. *"I am really looking forward to working on Sister Act ready for next year!"* said Amelie. (10P3) Find out more on YoungStars on [Facebook](#) Or [Instagram](#) or contact: newbury-youngstars@outlook.com.

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VACANCY FOR COMMUNITY TRUSTEES

St Bartholomew's School Charitable Foundation is looking for new Community Trustees.

The Foundation which owns the majority of the land and buildings used by St Bartholomew's School, is the custodian of many prize funds, other funds relating to the upkeep of the school and has responsibility for a permanent endowment of funds and assets, including property. The principal object of the Foundation is to provide educational benefits to the students of St Bartholomew's School.

There are 12 Foundation Trustees who meet once a term. Half of the Trustees are nominated by West Berkshire Council, Newbury Town Council and Newbury Almshouse Trust. There are six Community Trustees who are drawn from the local community and are valued because they are able to enhance the Foundation with their skills and knowledge. The term of office for Community Trustees is four years.

Appointments are usually made based on the skills needed for the Foundation to continue to function effectively. We are particularly looking for candidates who have local knowledge and past or present connections with the school, along with some experience of finance, income generation and/or charity trusteeship. However, if you don't have these skills but feel that you could make a contribution to the work of the Foundation, we would still love to hear from you.

The closing date for applications is Friday 5 July, 2024. If you would like to apply, or have any questions about the role, please contact Helen Sutherland, Clerk to the Foundation, at foundation@stbarts.co.uk.

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PE

Year 7 & 8 West Berkshire Mixed Tennis Festival

Well done to the 26 Year 7 and 8 St Bart's students who took part in the West Berkshire Mixed Tennis Festival hosted and organised by St Bart's.

Students played approximately ten doubles games against students from Park House School and Trinity School. Great fun was had by all.



English Schools Track and Field Cup South West Regional B Final

Well done to the Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 athletes who represented the Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Inter Boys and Inter Girls Athletics Teams at the English Schools Track and Field Cup South West Regional B Final at Winchester. St Bart's was the only school to qualify for the final for all four teams.

The Junior Boys (282 points) placed 7th out of 9 schools, Junior Girls (319 points) placed 4th out of 8, the Inter Boys (413 points) placed 3rd out of 8 schools, and the Inter Girls (352 points) placed 5th out of 7 schools.

Some standout performances included:

Junior Boys - Dexter Brown, 800m, 2:31.7 secs, 19 points., Eli Bodin, 1500m, 5:09.9 secs, 19 points. Oscar Hook Discus, 24.72m, 19 points. Vincent Bardsley, Javelin, 26.22m, 19 points.

Inter Boys – Kenechi Akosa, 300m, 35.7 secs, 32 points and Discus, 30.47m, 21 points. Theo Nightingale, Hurdles, 12.9 secs, 20 points and High Jump, 1.68m, 22 points. Max Charlton, 100m, 11.9 secs, 24 points. Henry Wilson, 800m, 2:21.4 secs, 19 points. Haydn James Javelin, 42.87m, 22 points. Jacob Tang, 200m, 24.5 secs, 22

points. Antonio Valdivia, 39.2 secs, 23 points. Joe Bell, 800m, 2:19.0, 20 points and Discus, 27.49m, 18 points. Chris Broadfoot, Javelin, 37.37m, 18 points.



Junior Girls

Finished 4th out of 8 schools with a great total of 319 points which was higher than in their qualifying round, very well done!

Penny Prowse, 100m, 13.6, which is superb and 4m11 in the Long Jump giving her a combined total of 39 points. Jessie Mc Curtin, 1500m, 5min 30 and High Jump, 41 points. Anna Hall, 1500m, 5min 37, 23 points. Emmeline Lloyd, 800m, 2min 49, 21 points. Chloe Yorston, 300m, 47.1 and High Jump, 1.26, 34 points. Eva Mahoney, 200m, 30.3 and Shot, 6m 24, 29 points and Bella Meir, 100m, 14.5 and Discus 16m20, 28 points.

Inter girls

Finished 5th place out of 8 schools with a great total of 352 points, whilst missing a key athlete due to illness.

Beth Maclean, 800m, PB 2.27 and Javelin 23.98, 45 points. Isla Clare, 1500m, 5min 16 and Discus, 16m, 34 points. Ava Hewetson, 100m, 13.8 and Shot, 7.58, 32 points. Hazel Cook, 200m, 28.9 and Discus, 19m 06, 35 points. Olive Muir, 1500m, 5min 27 and High Jump, 1m 20, 33 points. Annabelle Franklin-Wilson 300m, 48.8, and Triple Jump, 8m71, 29 points. Ellena Clare, 100m, 14.1 and Long Jump, 4.08m, 29 points. Finally Grace Shopland achieved her PB in 300m, 47.6.

An outstanding team performance. Everyone worked extremely hard throughout the day on their track and field events and should be very proud of their achievements.

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