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noticing the differences in sustainable living in both countries. The German exchange partners will be visiting their St Bart's partners in late June. Students stayed in host families in Monheim am Rhein and some of their comments about their totally immersive and linguistic experience are here below:

"We visited the school in Monheim and got to learn what German school life is like. We experienced a lot of German culture. The families we stayed with were very welcoming and helpful."

Luc Weaver (9P1), Barnaby Nolan (9E2) and Eddie Appleton (10C2)

"The German exchange was the experience of a lifetime."

Francesca Aromando (9E1) and Dunia Lourenco Ribeiro (9P3)

"It was a great experience, as we gained confidence by meeting new people and immersed ourselves in a new culture. We would definitely recommend it to anyone who wants to go next year."

Rosalie Bartonwood (9D2), Izzy Hill (9P1), Floss Bloxsom (9C1), and AnnaPiner (9C1)

"Our favourite parts were FOOD and activities with our partners."

Thea McClellan (9D2), Lucy Oliver (9D1), Isabelle Dow (10C2) and Isabella Mercer (10C2)

"We had a great experience, and can't wait for our partners to come here!"

Katy Wake (10C2), Zoe Chapman (10C2), Matilda Kingdon (10E3) and Nyah Henri (10E3)

"The Exchange shows you the cultural life of the person instead of just sightseeing."

Sam Dickens (12D2), Zak Begg (12P1) and Tom Primrose (10D2)

There are more photos from the trip [on our website](#).



Ice-breaking activities in the German classroom



Welcome at Monheim Town Hall by the mayor of Monheim

Calendar

Y9 Subject Parents' Evening	Wednesday 12 February	Remote, 4.30-7.00pm
Year 9 KS4 Online Option system opens	Thursday 13 February	
Challenges Abroad - Tanzania Parents' Information Evening	Thursday 13 February	5.30-7.00pm
Y10 Ski Trip to Italy departs	Friday 14 February	Returns Saturday 22 February

HALF TERM – Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Y9 Deadline for return of KS4 Options Choices	Tuesday 25 February	Online
Drama Trip to The 39 Steps	Tuesday 25 February	Salisbury Playhouse, 5.45-11.00pm
Y11 (select) Poetry Live!	Wednesday 26 February	Basingstoke, 9.00am-4.30pm
Y9 & Y10 Girls' Rugby Development	Wednesday 26 February	Trinity School, 2.00-4.00pm
Y11 External Interviews	Wednesday 26 February	RR /1st Floor, 3.30pm-6.30pm

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

Parents' Association Quiz and Chips

Friday March 21, 2025. 19:00 - 22:30 in the Hall. Come and test your knowledge at our ever-popular annual quiz night. Fish & chip supper included in the ticket price! Prizes for the winners. Raffle and licensed bar. Teams of up to 8. Contact stbartspa@gmail.com for more information



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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Bayer 2025 Apprenticeships

Bayer 2025 Apprenticeship vacancies have now gone live! The opportunities are aimed at those who are studying at A Level or equivalent (this **can** include Business) and who have made the decision that although university would have been an option, is not the right pathway. Maths and English GCSE grade 4 or above are essential. Follow the links for more information: [Product Lifecycle](#), [Digital Marketing Communication](#), [Customer Support](#).

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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THE POWER OF PERFORMANCE

In recent days, our Year 9s have been lucky to be audience to two excellent and powerful pieces of educational theatre.

On Friday 7 February, Year 9 watched **'Risking It All'**, a 50-minute interactive theatre production by [2engage](#), which addresses child sexual exploitation (CSE) and county lines. Using theatre as a tool to discuss these issues and based on the lived experiences of teenagers, 'Risking It All' portrays the grooming process using victims' personal accounts. The performance highlights how risky behaviour among adolescents can lead to vulnerability and dangerous situations, and helps young people spot the signs of exploitation.



Students were asked after seeing a performance to feedback their thoughts, and what they felt stood out for them most in the performance. Some of the things they highlighted include *"How quickly you can get into debt"*, *"I didn't realise how quickly situations can escalate especially grooming"*, *"That it's a true story!"* and *"What stood out to me is these things can happen"*. Students also commented on *"The acting was very good and portrayed the story really well"*, *"The acting was enjoyable and immersive"* and *"I think that signs of grooming are now clear"*.



The cohort were then visited by [Voices of the Holocaust](#), a critically acclaimed theatre company dedicated to preserving the memories and stories of Holocaust survivors. Their play **'Kindness: A legacy of the Holocaust'** is largely a verbatim play based on the testimony of Hungarian survivor, Susan Pollack OBE, aged only 13 when she was sent to the notorious Auschwitz-Birkenau in the summer of 1944. "Kindness" has been described as "beautiful and empowering" and "compelling and emotive". You can read a further review of the performance at: [Drama retells 13-year-old girl's Auschwitz survival - BBC News](#)

"When I was invited to watch the play "Kindness" - a production about our dear member Susan Pollack, I had no idea what to expect. For me, this play was like no other - it told the story of Susan in the most sensitive and thought-provoking way. I lost myself in this production and was fully immersed in her experience. With its fast moving pace and the interchanging roles played by only four actors, there was no time to think

and instead we, the audience, were given the opportunity to listen to Susan through this darkest period of her life - her confusion, her despair, her loss, but also her hope. This really is a remarkable piece of theatre that must be rolled out across the nation." - Sarah-Jane Burstein, Holocaust Survivors' Centre.

Following the Year 9 performance, Voices' actors and the play's director, Cate Hollis, held a workshop with our A Level Drama & Theatre Studies students. After school, a second performance of 'Kindness: A legacy of the Holocaust' was held for parents, carers and students from other years.

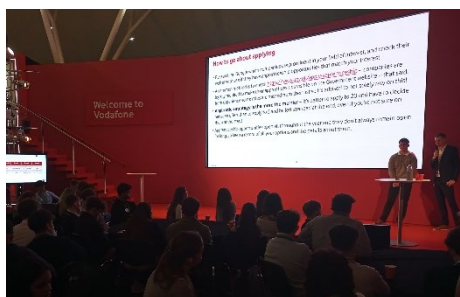


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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

This week is National Apprenticeship Week, a week-long celebration that shines a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships have on individuals, businesses and the wider economy – helping individuals develop rewarding careers, and employers to develop a workforce with future-ready skills.

At St Bart's we believe that it is important for students to be aware of a range of opportunities available to them when they finish education. This starts in Year 7 when students can talk to apprenticeship providers at our KS3 Careers Fair. Whilst in Year 8 and 9, alongside the Careers Fair, students benefit from a summer term assembly from Further Education providers (such as Basingstoke College of Technology and Sparsholt College), who share information about the apprenticeship routes linked to their courses. In Year 11, alongside our career assemblies, we organise our Post-16 Destinations Fair, which we recently reported on in [BartholoNews](#), and offer one-to-one careers appointments, where further information about apprenticeships can be provided.



Meanwhile, in Sixth Form we have our Apprenticeship Application Group which meets regularly to explore the types of apprenticeships available, to understand what employers are looking for from candidates and to support students with developing the skills required to make a successful application. As part of the programme, students also take part in an apprenticeship support masterclass in partnership with Vodafone held at the Vodafone Headquarters Conference Pavilion.

We are seeing the real impact of these experiences. In recent years, we have had a number of students successfully securing offers on apprenticeships with companies including Airbus, AWE, KPMG, Newbury Building Society and Vodafone. Currently in Year 13, and about to embark on a Level 7 degree apprenticeship program in September, Seb Chapman is one such student. We asked Seb for his thoughts and tips on applying for apprenticeships:

"I started my degree apprenticeship journey at the beginning of Year 13 and have been fortunate enough to receive two offers from the Big 4 accounting firms, Deloitte and KPMG. In Year 12 I was lucky enough to attend the Vodafone apprenticeship workshop which was incredibly valuable in enabling me to develop some key skills that are needed throughout the application process. The application process itself is probably the hardest part of it all! In the initial application to the program it's important to understand why specifically you want to work for that company. My top tip for the application is to research the company's values and what they offer and try to use that to convey your interest in the initial application, to try and stand out from the crowd."



After this stage, I went through multiple rounds of online interview tasks and mathematical and verbal reasoning tests. Whilst this may be tricky for the first few times, practice does make perfect. The final stage of my application was the in-person interview and assessment centre, which I believed to be the most enjoyable element of the application process as I got to meet current employees within the business and gain an idea of the company that I would be working for. Overall, I would say to any students looking to follow in my footsteps in applying to degree apprenticeships, to complete lots of research into the company, qualification and role, as well as being yourself and answering questions honestly."

I can't wait to start my Level 7-degree apprenticeship program in September and would encourage anyone who is thinking of applying to apprenticeships to make use of all the resources that Mr Wilder and other staff have managed to put in place; they provide a really good insight into the application process as well as qualities and characteristics that companies are looking for." Seb Chapman (Year 13)

The events we will be running for students to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week include:

- An apprenticeship quiz. The link to the quiz will be in the student briefing. There will be a prize!
- A display of apprenticeship information posters and apprenticeship resources in the school library for students to explore.
- An apprenticeship information drop-in on Thursday from 12.10 to 1.10pm in the library. This event is open to any year group. There will be a representative from PathwayCTM careers support service, who specialise in helping students into apprenticeships, available to talk to students.
- PathwayCTM will also deliver an information session on apprenticeships and application tips to our Year 12 as part of their enrichment programme on Thursday.
- "Did you know?" facts about apprenticeships across all our social media platforms this week:



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Encourage your student(s) to get involved by completing the quiz and exploring apprenticeships in the library this week. You can learn more about apprenticeships [here](#) and [here](#).

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HOUSE CREATIVE WRITING – WINNERS ANNOUNCED



During the Autumn Term and over the Christmas holidays, St Bart's held its inaugural House Creative Writing Competition. Originally conceived by Year 13 student, Laura Swanson (Patterson House Captain - Arts), the competition challenged students across the Key Stages to write a short story based around a series of prompts:

- Key Stage 3: 1) A story about a fox called socks, 2) Purple, 3) Crossroads
- Key Stage 4: 1) A re-telling of a religious myth or story, 2) Magenta, 3) Forgotten
- Key Stage 5: 1) A story from the perspective of an inanimate object, 2) Grey, 3) For sale

On Tuesday 4 February, all those who submitted a story and their families were invited to the Awards Evening for the announcement of the 15 Semi-Finalists and three Overall Winners. Entries were shortlisted by Mr Randall (Head of English) and Laura, whilst judging the shortlisted entries and deciding the three overall winners were St Bart's alumni, Josh Douglas and Jude Evans. Both Josh and Jude studied A Level English at St Bart's and are now studying degrees in this field – Josh (English Studies – University of Cambridge) and Jude (English Literature and Creative Writing – University of Warwick).

During the Awards Evening, guests enjoyed refreshments and listened as a selection of amazing entries were read by the student writers. The evening concluded with the winners being announced and a speech from alumnus Josh Douglas, who spoke about his own passion for writing. The winners were Sai Bhavik Bayyana (Key Stage 3), Vedha Krisnam (Key Stage 4) and Sophie Warner (Key Stage 5) - you can read their short stories on [our website](#).

Laura Swanson said: *"The first annual House Creative Writing event was a fantastic opportunity for students to have their writing celebrated. The evening was filled with amazing short stories and the exploration of creative writing!"*

Huge congratulations to Sai Bhavik, Vedha and Sophie and to all of the students who entered. Thank you to Laura for suggesting and organising the competition, and to our brilliant judges Josh and Jude for their time and support.



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YEAR 9 VACINATIONS

The NHS Immunisation Team will be visiting your school on **Friday 28 February 2025** to offer **Year 9** students two routine childhood vaccinations: Meningitis ACWY and Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio.

To enable the Immunisation team to account for all eligible children and young people, we kindly request that a yes or no consent form is completed by the person with parental responsibility for every child by 9.00am, one full school day before the planned session date.

A [Consent letter 2024-25](#) and the following documents [Teenage 3 in 1 booster leaflet](#), [Meningitis ACWY leaflet](#), and [Leaflet for Secondary School Vaccinations](#) were sent to Year 9 parents/carers on 7 January and 4 February 2025.

If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone **0300 365 0077** and the team will be happy to help you.

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BART'S TAWNY OWL

Last week, our wildlife camera captured a Tawny Owl visiting our site, perching on the bird feeder near the Year Seven area. The footage suggests it returns most nights, using the feeder as a vantage point for hunting.

In our *Guardians of the Living Realm* club, each student takes responsibility for a species or kingdom within the school grounds, coming up with their own title and traditions for the role. Our resident, self-proclaimed, 'Bird Nerd', Rowan Cockar, had this to say about the exciting discovery of a Tawny Owl on our site:



"Having a tawny owl on site means that we have a balanced ecosystem. Tawny owls live for about four years and breed when they are around one year old. They live in holes in large mature trees, so be on the lookout for potential nesting sites. These owls normally mate for life, so this owl may have brought a mate with it."

We have yet to name our Tawny owl, but if you would like to vote on or suggest a name, please follow [this](#) link. There's also a video of the owl on [our website!](#)

Guardians of the Living Realm runs on Tuesday lunchtimes on the first floor of Evers. Feel free to bring lunch!

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AQA UNIT AWARD SCHEME

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded an AQA Unit Award Skill in Introduction to Media and Marketing

- Rayan Dejha
- Darcie Hawkett
- Lily King
- Josh Shapcott
- Maddie Taylor
- Grace Warner

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. We are very proud of their continuing achievements!

Miss Marshall, Mrs Bull and Mr Pearce.

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We would like to remind parents/carers about safe parking at the beginning and end of the school day. Inconsiderate parking causes obstruction and a risk of accidents.

Please do not block the route through the site or wait in the drop off zone, this area must be kept clear for emergency vehicles and coaches. This area is very busy with pedestrians. There is an increased number of coaches arriving/departing from the site for trips and PE fixtures. If areas are coned off please do not stop/park in this area as they are to ensure the safety of all users of our site.



Please consider dropping off/picking up students a short walk from the school site to reduce congestion and pollution. Please keep road junctions and driveways clear, in particular in Bartlemy Road, Mayfair Drive, Buckingham Road, Wendan Road, Erleigh Dene and Fifth Road (including the area at Brown's Meadow) and do not park on grass verges.

Please also keep the entrance to the Sixth Form car park at Wormestall clear and do not block cars parked in the area, to enable student drivers to exit safely. Please can we ask that parents do not park in the Sixth Form car park opposite the school exit gates at the end of the school day. It is a small car park and for the student's safety needs to be kept as clear as possible. Thank you.

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SCHOOL LUNCH RECIPE COMPETITION

Last month students were invited to show off their culinary creativity and design a recipe and if they won, this would be cooked and served in the school canteen at lunchtime! Congratulations to the two selected recipes!

1. Chicken Briyani, by Andrew from 7P3
2. Chicken a Bras, by Martim from 8E2



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On 28 February, everyone will have a chance to taste the dishes and vote for their favourite.

PE

Year 7 Football

The Year 7 boys' football team won their round 2 County Cup match v Kennet School, 3-2, and progress to the next round to face either Highdown School or John Madesjki Academy.

Goals were scored by James Hale, Thomas Lee Rodriguez and Natanael Szewczyk. Players of the match were James Hale, Freddie Dancey and Mikolaj Bubon.



U13 Football



Our U13 girls' football team played their quarter final draw against Brackenhale School, aiming to make history as the first ever U13 St Bart's side to reach the County Cup semi-final. From start to finish, the girls made it clear they wanted to make history, as they ended up beating Brackenhale 11-0. We got off to a fast start, scoring some early goals with Freya B, Olivia and Amy all getting on the scoresheet. Lucia also managed to get a goal before half-time to have us 6-0 up at the half-way point.

The girls got plenty of game time, rotating when needed and playing in some unfamiliar positions, so that everyone had an equal share of the game. Freya S made a smart save to keep our clean sheet intact but Brackenhale never really looked like breaching our defence of Rose, Lucia, Izzy and

Poppy. In midfield, Jessie and Hattie bossed it with Isla, Freya I, Tilly and Amy running the defenders ragged on the wings. Up front, Olivia and Freya linked up well, causing all sorts of problems for the back line and the goalkeeper. Jessie and Hattie both managed to score in the second half, as well as more goals from Olivia and Amy. A fantastic team performance without Alice who was sadly unwell and will be gutted she didn't get the chance to score even more goals! Player of the match went to Rose and we eagerly await the semi-final draw!

Year 8 County Cup

Well done to the Year 8 boys' football team who won in the 1st round of the County Cup vs Maiden Erlegh. St Bart's scored early on with a great delivery from Evan and finish from Tyler. St Bart's then dominated the 1st half, having lots of chances, but were unable to double their lead. Maiden Erlegh then scored just after half time making the score 1-1. Tommy then scored a brace to make it 3-1 to St Bart's. Maiden Erlegh then found their second of the game within the last few minutes and did try and push for an equaliser, but with some great defending St Bart's managed to secure the win, 3-2. Well done to all involved. Player of the match was awarded to Jude who battled brilliantly in midfield in the first half, as he was first to all second balls. In the second half, Jude dropped back into centre back and provided a great defensive display marking their main goal threat of the game.



U14 Football

Well done to the U14 girls' football team who played in the quarter final of the County Cup away against The Downs School. It was a brilliant and exciting game with both sides giving their all and playing some great football. We were 1-0 down and then after 2 minutes, 1-1 as Eva scored for us. 1-2, Freya giving us the lead. 1-3, Alice giving a two-goal cushion.

So we made a great start, however The Downs came back at us scoring on 15, 18 and 21 minutes to have the half time lead 4-3.

In the second half we really restricted The Downs' attacks and shots on goal and were looking the stronger team, Eva scored to make it 4-4, we really thought that the game was then going to extra time and penalties but unfortunately The Downs scored with 30 seconds to play and we lost 5-4.

Lottie B was awarded player of the match by the opposition.

Really well done, and we are proud of all the girls who played. We were the better team it was just not our day.



Year 9 Netball

Well done to the Year 9 girls who had a tightly contested game against a very strong Park House team. The girls worked tirelessly to contain the opposition, and despite a loss of 8-16, the girls should be proud of their performance. Players of the match were Caitlin Atkins and Sasha Haydn Jones



Year 10 Netball

Well done to the Year 10 A team netball players who had an excellent league game against Park House. All players displayed skill and good tactical awareness and secured a convincing win of 12-6. Players of the match were Violet Hughes and Hazel Cook. Well done to you all.

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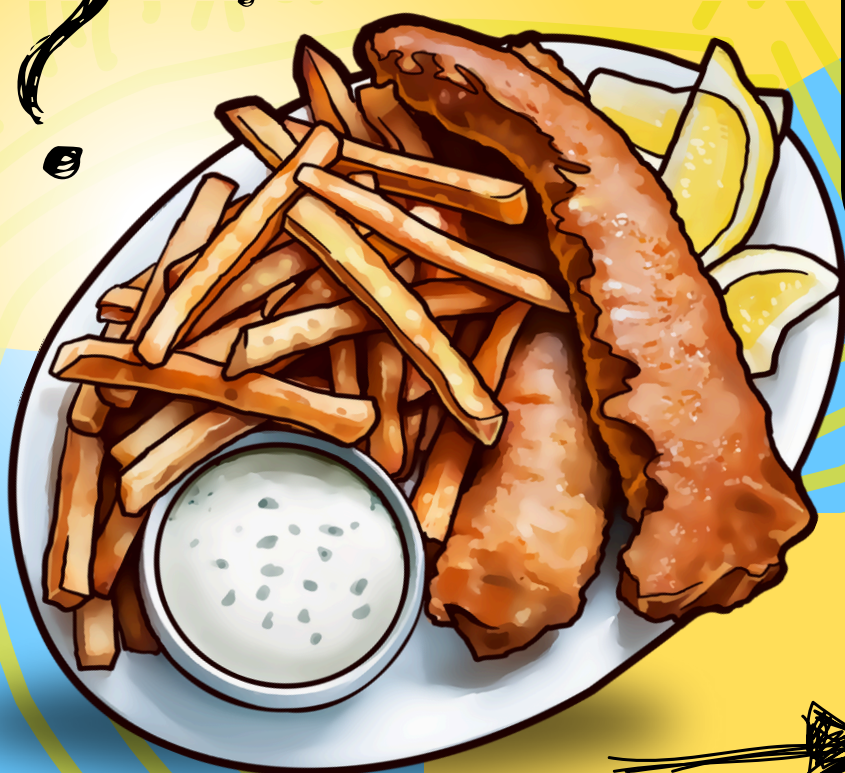
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