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"I was lucky enough to be one of the students who went on the Spanish Immersion Trip and we began day 1 by meeting our pen pals in the Spanish school, which we were super excited for! All the Spanish students were lovely, and we got on so well together.

Later in the day, we did a scavenger hunt in the centre of Jaén with them and finished off the day with a tapas dinner. On day 2, we went olive oil tasting in the morning, which was very interesting, and we learnt that Jaén was nicknamed "the green sea" because of the vast amount of olivos (olive trees)! At lunch, a Masterchef competition was held for the students, where we bought ingredients (speaking in Spanish the whole time!) from the market.

We then visited a castle and had a lovely countryside walk back down the hill. We finished that day with paella, and we went bowling with our pen pals, which was super fun. We later discovered there was a giant bouncy castle in the back of the place and we all went on it at once, including the teachers!

On day 3 we visited Granada where we saw the Alhambra Citadel, Palacio de Carlos V and Carmen de los Mártires. Everywhere was extremely beautiful and so quiet! That afternoon, we went to La Alcaicería (a Moorish Market) and had a farewell party in the evening with our pen pals, which was super fun. Everyone got quite emotional afterwards and it was so hard to say goodbye!

On the final day, we travelled to Seville and had a guided tour of the centre, as well as visiting the stunning "Plaza de España". The penultimate activity we did was souvenir shopping and then we watched an authentic flamenco show in the evening, which was so awesome, as you never get anything like that in the UK! I give the trip a solid 10/10, it was an amazing experience I will never forget."



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Calendar

Y11 (select) Poetry Live! Basingstoke	Wednesday 26 February	Basingstoke, 9.00am-4.30pm
Y9 & 10 Girls Rugby Development	Wednesday 26 February	Trinity School, 2.00 - 4.00pm
Y11 External Interviews	Wednesday 26 February	RR /1st Floor Wormestall, 3.30-6.30pm
Y9 Geography Trip	Thursday 27 February	Kew Gardens, 8.50am-4.00pm
Ten Tors Sunday Walk 4	Sunday 2 March	Newbury area, 8.00am-4.00pm
Y10 Subject Parents' Evening	Tuesday 4 March	Curnock Block, 4.30-7.00pm
Music Trip - Back to the Future	Wednesday 5 March	4.15-11.30pm

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

Save the Date for Prom!

Year 11 – Tuesday 24 June

Year 13 – Friday 20 June

As you can see, 'Prom Season' is fast approaching. We're aware that this is potentially a costly activity for many families. We'd like to put together an article of tips for those planning to go to the Prom on a budget. Please do get in touch with us bartholonews@stbarts.co.uk if you can help.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Dr.eam Health Care Conference

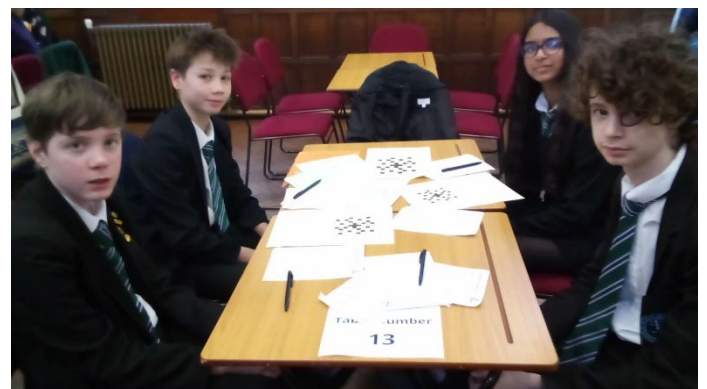
University of Birmingham, Dr.eam Aspire Virtual Conference, Saturday 8 March, 10.00-3.30 for Year 10, 11, and 12 students interested in healthcare careers, such as medicine, nursing, dentistry and pharmacy. Register [here](#).

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 [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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TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE

On Thursday 13 February, a team of four excellent mathematicians from Year 8 and 9 travelled to Queen Anne's School in Caversham to take part in the regional round of the UK Mathematics Trust's Team Maths Challenge. The competition was fierce with 19 local schools competing to get through to the national final. Sam, Josef, Nila, and Tom took part in four gruelling rounds of difficult Mathematics and teamwork.



First up was the Group Round, with ten questions to answer as a team of 4. This was quickly followed by the Crossnumber, where the team was split into pairs with one pair having the across clues and one pair having the down clues and only allowed to communicate through their adjudicating teacher. At this point we were listed as one of the six schools at the top within only a few marks of each other!

After lunch we had the trickiest round – the Shuttle. They again had to work in pairs, with each answer required to answer the next question, and under a time limit with a bonus for finishing quickly. The day finished with the Relay which was definitely the most fun round. The pairs were spread around the room, then pair A had to answer a question and run it to their teacher to check the answer before running the next question to pair B for them to answer and so on. I'm sure you can imagine the ensuing chaos with people running all over the place! There was a fantastic atmosphere of excitement and collaboration in the room.

It was then a nail-biting wait for the results to be calculated. We came in 4th place, which is an excellent achievement against such strong competition across 19 schools. A big congratulations to Sam, Josef, Nila, and Tom who greatly enjoy their day of maths!

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INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 29 January, 155 of our best mathematicians from Year 9, 10 and 11 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge competition run by the UK Mathematics Trust. They faced a tricky paper of 25 multiple choice questions, stretching their minds across a wide variety of mathematical topics. Look to the end of this article to find some example questions from the paper (question 7 was very popular!). The following students achieved certificate awards for their excellent efforts:

Gold

Amelie Goodwin (Best in School), Timmy Wraight (Best in School), Joe Herriman, Ben Ransom (Best in Year), Benjamin Lawson, Sam Taylor (Best in Year), Louis Simpson, Misbah Shahul Hameed, Henry Chalk, Gamy Bayyana, Bartosz Opitek, Robert Blakeley, Wilf Busby, Rishik Kar, Maxime Gore, Romain Chow, Souborni Sarkar, Zac Wraight, Isaac Johnson, Ciara Langrell, Jimmy Pennock, Hansika Bolli, Casper Nolan, Isambard Wind-Mozley, Charlie Morse.

Silver

Joanie Seymour, Joe Hill, Samuel Mak De Casa, James Alder, Penelope Starrs, Oliver Comber, Keiyona Ghai, Ffion Pritchard, Charley Allum, Kruthi Chebrolu, Joseph Richards, Ruby Shepherd, Adam Brear, Jamie Fry, Isla Clare, Amos Fitch, Florence Chalk, Shreeya Dey, Lauren Bailey, Shreeya Agarwala, Sam Kirby, Sofia Hughes, Shawn Ramos, Eva Braithwaite, Bella Jones, Lachlan Cameron, Bella Meir, Peter Essex-Lopresti, Frederick Johnstone, Harshit Raina, Josef Sutton, Eleanor Curtis, Vedha Krishnan, Millie Taylor, Louisa Fisher, Elizabeth Mearkle-Mist, Phoebe Mortimore, Luca Forrester, Saanvi Nirania, Devis Bodeci, Polly Kerr, Talha Irfan, Callum Wilding.

Bronze

Madeleine Hall, Daniel Wooldridge, Carmen Collins, Vicky Cox, Tejas Heejebu, Chaitra Mandali, Elly Wong, Max Farrow, Parinav Madduru, Pippa Owen, Kaiden Bailey, Yudeesh Balachandran, Praket Bimbira, Ellena Clare, Paige Warren, Maria Doney, Dhairya Joshi, Robert Hall, James Lawson, Will Heywood, James Higgs, James



Dearing, Caitlin Atkin, Holly McClellan, Amy Oliver, Elian Besson, Tom Bibin, Abigail Marshall, Luke Kingston, Chris Broadfoot, Gauravi Deegwal, Ranvir Tomar, Rufus Epsom, Martha Waterfall, Erin Cameron.

And here are some fun questions for you to try!

7. "I can swim faster than you," said the dolphin to the shark.
"That is not true," said the shark to the dolphin.
"You are both wrong," said the octopus to the dolphin and the shark.
"You are right," said the starfish to the octopus.
How many of the dolphin, shark, octopus and starfish were telling the truth?
A 0 B 1 C 2 D 3 E 4
12. Jane's farm is home to many cats and dogs. At the start of the week the ratio of cats to dogs was 3 : 5. Then 32 cats, but no dogs, arrived and the ratio became 5 : 3. How many dogs are there on Jane's farm?
A 12 B 18 C 24 D 25 E 30
19. Rob, Rog and Roy all painted some fence posts one day. Rob painted 45, Rog painted 51 and Roy painted 48. One of them painted twice as many posts in the morning as he did in the afternoon, a second one painted three times as many in the morning as in the afternoon and the third one painted four times as many in the morning as in the afternoon. Who painted the most fence posts in the morning?
A Rob B Rog
C Roy D Rob and Roy, who painted the same number
E Rob, Rog and Roy, who all painted the same number

[Look to the end of Bartholonews for the answers.](#)

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THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE FOR KENYA SCHOOL LINK!

Last month in BartholoNews we announced that our Kenya School Link Club had launched an exciting fundraising challenge. The Club are asking the school community to run, walk, swim or cycle with the aim of completing 6,500 miles – that's the distance from St Bart's to our partner school, Ulafu School in Kenya

Together, we can go the distance and show our commitment to global community spirit! There is still time to get involved and raise funds – even small donations help us make a difference.

1. Track your miles using [this link](#).
2. Seek sponsorships and donations to help support our cause.
3. Share with us your miles, pictures and monies raised (or simply make a donation) using [this form](#).



You can also join the Club in special running and walking events throughout the term.

Every mile matters, and every step counts. For more details, visit the Kenya School Link Club notice board (behind Patterson stairs) or speak to Miss Broome. Updates to come in BartholoNews.

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BART'S SINGERS ON STAGE

On Friday 14 February, 30 singers from VoxFresh had the incredible opportunity to perform at the New Theatre in Oxford alongside *Britain's Got Talent* winner, Sydnie Christmas, as part of her national *My Way* tour.

Among those selected to take the stage were St Bart's students Josh and Arwen (Y8), Floss, Imogen, Charlie and Maddie (Y9), Lucy and Will (Y13)

"The young singers delivered a stunning performance, sharing the stage with a professional artist and showcasing their hard work, dedication and passion for music," said VoxFresh franchisor and director, Kat Penn.



The experience was not only a fantastic opportunity to perform but also offered valuable insight into the behind-the-scenes workings of the music industry and the effort required to bring such a production to life.

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A NEW ROBOT JOINS THE SITE TEAM

St Bart's has a new helper in the site team - our new robot line marking machine. The new addition will be kept very busy by the PE department marking out our school pitches and there is even talk of adding the school logo – watch this space/field!

Mrs Craven, St Bart's Site Manager, would also like to say a huge thank to the site team for all their hard work over the half term. Whilst most staff and students were enjoying a week away from school, the site team painted the Hub stairwells and 7 of the music rooms, as well as adding extra plug points for new instruments to all of the music rooms. Work has also continued on the improving the system of light sensors in the school, as well as repairs completed to the MUGA lights. Work started on updating the valves and mixers (there are a few!) throughout the school as part of our hot water system improvements and finally, improvements are being made to the outside area adjacent to the Hall Foyer.



All this work contributes hugely to the school experience for our staff and students, as well as to our schools' sustainability objectives.

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PE

Cross Country

Congratulations and well done to Henry Wilson, Jack Collings and Olive Muir who have been selected to compete for Berkshire schools in the English School Cross Country Championship following their performance in the Berkshire/South East Schools Cross Country Championship.

We are very proud of you and good luck.

Year 7 Football

A big Year 7 squad of nearly 30 boys travelled to Trinity School to play two matches. Team 1 played the league match and Team 2 played a friendly.

League matches last 32 minutes, so the scores were taken at the end of the first half and then a second half friendly was played.

Team 1 won the first half 4-1 (league score), and the final score was 10-1. Team 2 won the first half 5-0, and the final score was 15-0.

Goals were scored by James, Rayan, Leo, Charlie, Baxter, Thom, Thomas, Mohammed, Milo, Joshie, Logan, Harry and Caleb.



Year 11 Football

The Year 11 boys' football team lost to Cox Green in the second round of the County Cup. This was a

disappointing outcome due to how well we played in the first round. However, lots of positives to take from the game and a lot of character and heart shown throughout. All students should be proud of their application, especially in the second half. Goals were scored by Stan (x2) and Patryk. Special shout out to Zach and Leo who played a half each in goal to help out the team. We look forward to bouncing back in our next West Berkshire league game vs The Downs on 5 March. Well done to all involved.



Year 8 Netball

The Year 8 A team had a fantastic netball fixture, securing two dominant wins. In their first match against Trinity School, the team showcased excellent teamwork and defensive strength, winning 23-0. Freya and Hattie were named Players of the Match for their outstanding performances. The momentum continued into the second match against Kennet, where the team delivered another impressive display, winning 22-0. Hattie was awarded Player of the Match for her exceptional contribution. A brilliant effort from the whole team, well done!





Our Year 8 B team played Trinity School B in their first game, playing some lovely netball and taking advantage of lots of space being left in the goal third, meaning Cece and Alexa could test their shooting skills out. The girls won 19-4 with Cece being awarded Player of the Match for her excellent shooting. We then played a friendly against Theale's A team which was a tough game and a step up in terms of standard. However, the girls did brilliantly, despite being 5-1 down at half-time, they didn't give up and won the second half 6-3, meaning they narrowly lost 8-7 overall. We made some defensive tweaks for the second half,

asking Summer to tightly mark their GA and she did such a great job that she was awarded Player of the Match by Theale. Well done to all our girls who played in cold conditions!

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.

Year 11 Netball

The Year 11 A team continued their winning theme having never lost a game throughout their time at St Bart's. They took a win off JOG who couldn't field a team so played a friendly against Park House School B, which they won 19-3. Best player was awarded to Ava. Their first league game was against Park House A and they put in an outstanding performance winning 15-5, Brooke took the player nomination for her sharp shooting.



The B's played Kennet B first and narrowly lost 7-10, with Player of the Match being awarded to Chloe.

They then played a surprisingly strong Trinity team who beat them 21-2. Isla kept battling for every ball and was voted Player of the Match.

Sixth Form Netball



St Bart's were the only school in the area to enter two Sixth Form teams into the league. We were able to showcase our strong netball that continues through all the years.

Year 13 played Park House School first, winning 14-5 with Beth taking the opposition's Player of the Match for her excellent interceptions in the goal circle. Next up were St Gabriel's School. The game was played in great spirit and Bart's came out on top, 23-14. India took the Player of the Match for her control in the centre third and pinpoint feeds into her

shooters.

Year 12 started off strong showing their formed connections down the court, with Mya sinking every shot to earn herself best player against The Downs School, winning 19-4.

The next match was against Park House School and started goal for goal, but Bart's soon got into their rhythm and took a convincing win 20-9. The best player was again awarded to Mya.

KS3 Badminton Festival

16 students took part in the KS3 badminton festival at John O'Gaunt on Wednesday. As this was a festival, no scores were collected as we focused on participation and enjoyment. Well done to all those involved.



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[Maths Challenge](#) answers: Q7B, Q12E, Q19D

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ST BART'S KARATE CLUB

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.