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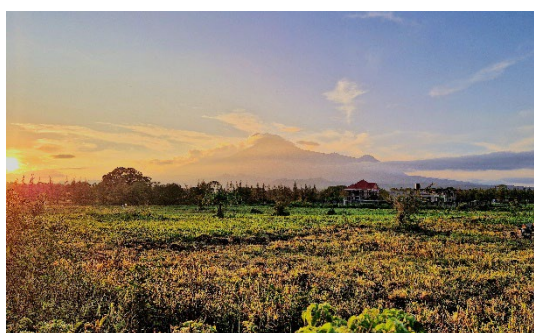


Deadline 6 June 2025

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On 28 March 2025, 30 amazing Year 12 students, accompanied by staff: Mr Wilder, Ms Moore, Mrs Shopland and Mr Bateman embarked on a trip of a lifetime to Arusha, Tanzania. Our first flight was to Ethiopia where we were in transit for a few hours. Then we took our second flight to Kilimanjaro airport in Tanzania. Whilst we were away, we stayed at the beautiful Africa Lodge in Arusha Tanzania. This area became our home for two weeks where we slept, ate vegetarian food (to decrease our carbon footprint and be more sustainable), planned our afternoon lessons, and then spent evenings playing cricket, football and tennis (and sometimes with the locals). We also enjoyed



local walks on some evenings, which took us around surrounding areas and varying landscapes. We all enjoyed a magical walk to watch the sunset behind Mount Meru. There was never a moment where we all weren't enjoying ourselves! We visited a local Masai market which was full of vibrancy, rich colours, African music, local foods and crafts, and then went on to the African Arts and Culture centre, which displayed a wealth of local

artwork and sculptures.

St Bart's students were given the task of in the mornings of cultivating a plot of land and once the ground had been prepared, planting



vegetables that would serve the school community. Many of the children in the schools would go without lunch. By planting vegetables and fruit trees, we would help provide the schools with healthy lunches for the children and the school community. Tanzania during

March and April, is considered to be the rainy season, but we were all surprised by how green and lush Arusha was, with temperatures reaching nearly 30°C every day! We did experience torrential downpours, but once the rain stopped, everything dried up really quickly and the sun came out. Everyone worked tirelessly to prepare the land (despite very muddy conditions) and plant the crops - both schools were really pleased with the end results.



In the afternoons, the objective was to plan and deliver lessons and learning activities, to Years 5 and 6 children. Our students were taught basic Swahili at our accommodation, which helped them communicate with the children and was also used to incorporate into their lesson plans.



Article and photos by Ms Moore



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Calendar

Y8 House Rounders and Softball (E/P Released)	Wednesday 14 May	11.10-12.10am
Y10/12 Spring Concert Trip	Wednesday 14 May	Corn Exchange, 12.00-1.45pm
Y12 Young Enterprise Regional Final	Thursday 15 May	1.30-9.00pm
Y10 House Rounders and Cricket (Q1 Released)	Thursday 15 May	2.10-3.10pm
Y10/12 Spring Concert Trip	Friday 16 May	Corn Exchange, 12.00-1.45pm
Y7 House Rounders and Softball (E/P Released)	Friday 16 May	9.50-10.50am
Y9 House Rounders and Softball (K Released)	Friday 16 May	11.10am 12.10am
KS3 Exams (in class) - Week 1 of 4	Monday 19 May	In class
Y12 trip to BMW, Mini Factory	Tuesday 20 May	Oxford , 10.15am-4.15pm
Y10 English trip - An Inspector Calls	Wednesday 21 May	11.00am-6.30pm
Y9 Spring Concert Trip	Wednesday 21 May	Corn Exchange, 12.00-1.45pm

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Youth Forum at Royal Berkshire Hospital

This is open to students from age 16-24 years old. The purpose of the Youth Forum is to get the views of young people in our local community heard. As a member of the Youth Forum, they can help to make changes and influence hospital decisions to improve services for young people and future generations. Students will share their views at regular meetings and attend workshops. There are opportunities to sit on interview panels and get involved in projects. [Find more information on our website](#) and do let bartholonews@stbarts.co.uk know how you get on!

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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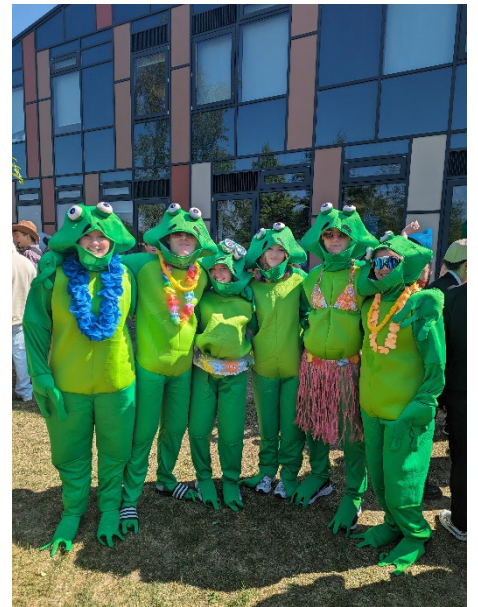
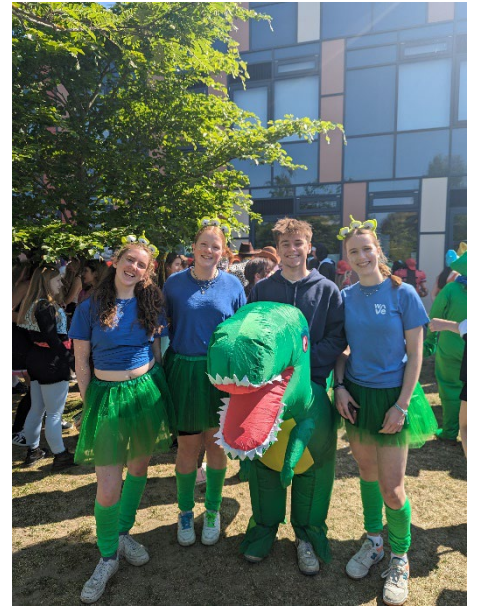
Last week St Bart's hosted a series of celebrations for our wonderful Year 13. As is tradition, the festivities included our Leavers' Assembly on the Wednesday, and a Sixth Form Karaoke Special, BBQ and games on the Wormestall Field on the Thursday. The Year 13 week was then concluded with the noisy and colourful Class of 2025 Parade around the school hub, at which our leavers treated younger years and staff to a display of fantastic fancy dress and dance moves! As they near the conclusion of their school career with St Bart's, we wish Year 13 all the very best for exam season and adventures beyond. We are with you all the way! We hope you all enjoy the Leavers' Prom on Friday 20 June, and please do remember to sign up to our [alumni](#), so that we can stay in touch and welcome you back as former students in future years.



BOOK RETURNS REQUEST – Y11 & Y13

Now that we are approaching exams and nearing the end of this academic year for Y11 and Y13, we would like to remind parents that your child's textbooks, library books and laptops (if they have one) should be returned to the Library by **Friday 20 June 2025**, at the latest. Of course, at the moment students will still be using these resources to complete their studies, but please can you ensure that any resources belonging to school are returned once students have completed their exams. Please can students hand them to a member of the Library staff so we can check that their account is clear. Many thanks for your help. Students can come and speak to us in the Library if there are any questions or concerns.

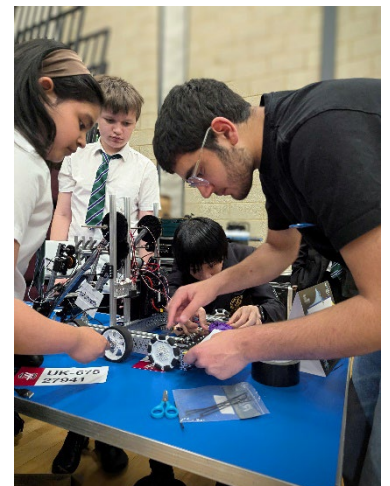




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ROBARTS ROBOTICS TEAM IMPRESSES AT FIRST TECH CHALLENGE DEBUT

On 29 April, RoBarts robotics team made their debut at the FIRST Tech Challenge regional tournament in Oxford. After arriving at school at 7.00am for final robot adjustments, the team travelled to Oxford and immediately began refining their design, prior to their judging interview session and inspection. Matches at the tournament involved alliances of two teams competing in both autonomous and student-controlled phases, requiring both precision programming and real-time strategy.





Despite being new to the competition, the team of 12 students demonstrated exceptional skill, teamwork, and resilience - earning the Control Award for their innovative programming and finishing as runners-up for the Inspire Award, which recognises teams that exemplify the values of the FIRST Tech Challenge and serve as role models for others.

The students dedicated months to designing, building, and refining their robot - often staying after school and even organising Saturday sessions. When asked what the most important thing they had learnt from taking part in the First Tech Challenge was, Ryan (12C3) responded *"Managing time effectively for weekly robotics sessions and working under pressure, trying to debug and test code in case something didn't work, especially right before a match, so learning to adapt in these stressful situations was important."* Ryan led much of the coding effort and after receiving the Control Award, he reflected, *"I felt*

incredibly proud. It was great to see our hard work on the programming being recognised, especially after continuously testing and refining the code, making sure it was both efficient and maintainable."

The team's success extended beyond the technical. Tejas (9C2) led on sponsorship, securing support from *Collaboration Betters the World (CBTW)* and *nowFundamentals*. *"The biggest challenge I faced was not getting responses from a lot of companies and overcoming it by keeping on trying,"* he said. We are incredibly grateful to both companies for their generous support.

For many students, the experience was transformative. *"I learnt the importance of tech in this society and what it can be used for, but also the importance of teamwork,"* shared Asmi (8P2). Meanwhile, Lawri (9C2) helped the team get their 3D printer back online – an essential tool for producing parts for the robot. *"My experience at the FIRST Tech Challenge was an interesting opportunity to build teamwork skills and allow us access to kits and parts that we couldn't use at home."*

With plenty of creative ideas already emerging for next season - including improving the robot's autonomous mode, led by Arpit (12E1), who has been teaching himself Java - the future looks bright for the RoBarts robotics team.

RoBarts may not have made the Championship finals this year, but their Control Award win and Inspire Award recognition are remarkable accomplishments for a first-time team. They've laid a strong foundation for the future - and we can't wait to see what they do next.



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CLEAN-CUT WIN BIG AT THE BERKSHIRE AREA FINAL – ONWARDS TO THE REGIONALS!

Huge congratulations to Clean-Cut, the school's 2025 Young Enterprise business, who won Best Company Report and Best Presentation at the Young Enterprise Berkshire Area Final. Their performance has earned them a place in the Regional Final, which takes place tomorrow (Thursday) in High Wycombe.

The Area Final involved submitting a company report, which detailed information about the company's finances, team journey, impact and legacy. On the day, the whole team took part in a 10-minute interview with three judges, where they were questioned about the production process, health and safety and sales and marketing. This was followed by a four-minute presentation to all companies and the judges.

Their success follows their win at Westgate Oxford Trade Fair in March, winning Sustainability Award and Best Overall Company, as well as winning "Most Sustainable and Engaging Outlook Award" at GreenFest 2025 in April.

Alfie Lamb, Managing Director, said, *"We've worked really hard to create a sustainable and successful business, so winning at the Area Final was such a proud moment for us, and we're really excited to take it to the next level at the Regional Final on Thursday"*.



Mrs Seward, Head of Business & Economics, said, *"Congratulations to Clean-Cut for an excellent performance at the area final. They delivered a very professional presentation and their awards were well deserved. Good luck for Thursday!"*

The team will represent Berkshire along with one other company at the South Central Regional Final this Thursday. Well done – and good luck at the regionals!



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The team are running to raise money for the St Bart's [house](#) charities: **Newbury Cancer Care (Curnock), Swings & Smiles (Davis), Mencap (Evers) and Guide Dogs (Patterson)** – and they need the school community's help to raise as much as possible! Any contributions would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to support their effort, you can donate on staff and student **ParentPay accounts** and you can also share with someone who doesn't have a ParentPay account, as they can [donate here](#).



Donate Here!

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2. Go to basket.
3. When given the option for 'Child Name' and 'Year and Class', please type 'Newbury 10K' for both.

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PE

Year 8 Girls' Cricket

The Year 8 girls' cricket teams played their first round of West Berkshire league fixtures on Tuesday 6 May after school at Kennet. We had some impressive results:

Results were as follows:

A team v Kennet A team - we won 72 - 25

A team v Trinity - we won 65 - 28

B team v Kennet B team - we lost 53 - 69

B team v Theale Green - we won 40 - 37

Thank you to the four Year 10 Sports Leaders who came with us to umpire and score. Well done to all who played.



Year 8 Boys' Cricket

The Year 8 Boys' Cricket team played in their first West Berkshire league fixture yesterday. Bart's opted to bowl first and Trinity School managed to score 65 runs of their 75 balls. St Bart's took 9 wickets. St Bart's then batted second and scored 93 runs from their 75 balls, only losing 5 wickets. A great team performance with all students having an opportunity to bowl. Players of the match were Yash for his batting and Sibi for his bowling. Yash retired on 23 runs as part of the new West Berkshire league format. Sibi bowled a maiden over against a strong batting partnership. Well done to all involved.

Y10 Rounders

Our Y10 Girls kicked off their Rounders season with a mixed bag of results. Our A team played three games, against Kennet, Park House and Trinity. They lost to Kennet 6.5-5.5 in a close game, then beat Park House 8.5-5.5 and ended the night with a brilliant win against Trinity, winning 11.5-10.5. Players of the day were Mariella and Emily. Our B team played two games, losing 10-5.5 against Kennet and 10.5-4.5 against John O'Gaunt School. Players of the day went to Avery, Maya and Ellie. A huge thank you to the Year 9 girls who stepped up to make sure we had two teams and all our girls played really well.

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