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As is tradition, students and teachers signed shirts, and this year we were pretty impressed with some of the elaborate shirt designs! Afterwards the year gathered in the school hall to hear from Dr Fitter and to reminisce, as the last five years were captured in a fantastic photo slideshow. Our Year 11 Tutors, who have been a part of our students' journeys since they arrived at school as new Year 7s, handed out 'Tutee of the Tutor Group' Awards and students were set one last school test with a 'guess the baby' quiz (hint: they were all staff)! Mr Bandy, Assistant Headteacher KS4, then concluded the graduation with some special KS4 Awards before everyone headed back out into the sun to enjoy ice cream and their gift bags.

We really hope our Year 11s enjoyed the occasion. We wish them all the best in their upcoming exams and we thank them for all they have contributed to school life and the St Bart's community. We look forward to welcoming many of them back to the Sixth Form in September and, for those who move on to new adventures, we wish them all the very best of success in their new endeavours.



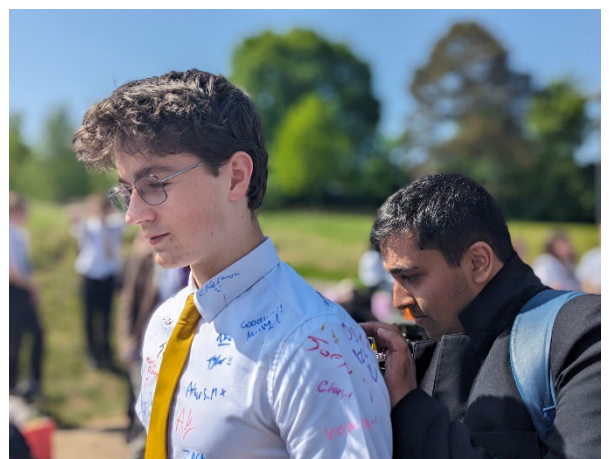
BOOK RETURNS REQUEST – Y11 & Y13

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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Calendar

Y10 Reports issued	Wednesday 7 May	
Parents' Association Meeting	Wednesday 7 May	Robinson Rooms 1, 6.30-8.00pm
Y13 Final day of teaching	Thursday 8 May	
GCSE Exams Start	Thursday 8 May	
Y10/Y12 Ten Tors Event Preparation	Thursday 8 May	P2-5
Y13 Leavers' BBQ	Thursday 8 May	Wormestall Field, 3.15pm
Y13 Parade	Friday 9 May	Canopy/Hub, 10.25-11.10am
Y10/Y12 Ten Tors Event - Dartmoor	Friday 9 May – Sunday 11 May	8.30am (returns 9pm)
A Level Exams Start	Monday 12 May	
Y7/8 Girls' Cricket Development Day	Monday 12 May	Thatcham Cricket Club, 2.00-4.00pm
Y10 Business Trip to Paultons Park	Tuesday 13 May	

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

TONIGHT! Parent's Association Meeting – Wednesday 7 May, 6.30pm

This meeting is open to all current St Bart's parents/carers, and we'd like to encourage as many as possible to join in person [or remotely](#).



Have Your Say!

Help decide how Parents' Association funds are spent!



"Bee Club have been fortunate to receive a grant from the PA for two years now. Without this, we would not have been able to run these activities without asking for contributions from the students. The PA funding makes the club truly inclusive and also more engaging for its members. So thank you very much!"

Mrs Johnstone, Science Teacher



Wednesday
7 May,
6.30pm.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: The Defence STEM Undergraduate Scheme

AWE's Defence STEM Undergraduate Scheme is a chance to elevate your university journey with a scholarship program focusing on engineering and/or science. Applications opened on 6 May. Please apply [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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MUNICH FOOTBALL TOUR

On Thursday 3 April, 41 students from Years 8-11 and four staff headed off to Munich on a Football tour where we enjoyed several excellent coaching sessions with the Bayern Munich academy coaches. We also had a fixture day there with our U14 girls', U15 boys' and U16 boys' teams all



showing off what they had learnt.



Other highlights included a behind the scenes tour of the Allianz Arena, where Bayern Munich play. We got to walk down through the tunnel and up to the pitch with the Champions League theme tune playing and at the museum we saw lots of trophies on display that Bayern Munich had won. Throughout the rest of the trip we hired out three indoor 5-a-side pitches and hosted our own mini-tournament at the SoccArena Olympia Park, visited a huge bowling alley with bowling, mini-golf, arcade and pool tables and went to see Bayern Munich Basketball at the BMW Park with a behind the scenes tour of the stadium. We spotted quite a few players,

including Vincent Kompany, Kingsley Coman, Serge Gnabry and Thomas Muller!

All students and staff were extremely tired but had the best time away - the students were a real credit to the school and performed impeccably across the tour. A huge thank you to Miss Ostinelli, Mr Fry and Mr Bandy for coming on the tour and giving up their time.

Tour awards:

U14 Girls

Person of the tour: Alice

U15 Boys

Person of the tour: Danny

U16 Boys

Person of the tour: Charlie

Funniest moment of the tour: Josh



Funniest moment of the tour:

Freya

Player of the tour: Anna

Funniest moment of the tour:

Abubakar

Player of the tour: James

Player of the tour: Jacob

[You can read the tour journal on our website.](#)

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ASTRONOMY TRIP TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY GREENWICH

The Year 9 and 10 Astronomy GCSE students recently visited the Royal Observatory Greenwich to discover its importance in the history of astronomy. The observatory is, of course, famous for the Greenwich meridian from where longitude is measured from. The brass line in the courtyard is, however, not in the current location of the meridian used by modern navigation systems. The current true 0° longitude lies 102.5m east of this in Greenwich Park, and using a GPS we found the true meridian and lined up along it, one foot in the east and one foot in the west.



In the observatory grounds we were perfectly in time to hear about the time ball and its importance for ships to set their time pieces before heading out to sea. The ball rose half way up its mast five minutes before one o'clock and to the top at 2 minutes to go. At precisely 1 o'clock the ball dropped and the ship captains below in the Thames would set their clocks.



We then found John Harrison's clocks. These clocks were the first to accurately keep time at sea, essential for determining longitude. He dedicated his life to developing these clocks and his invention saved countless lives. He eventually won a £25,000 prize from the government! His H4 clock (pictured) is one of the most important instruments ever made.

We also had a look at the Great Equatorial Telescope and the Camera Obscura before our booked planetarium show to learn more about the solar system, galaxies and the universe. This was a very informative and beautiful show but also very relaxing and several students (and staff!) may have dozed off briefly!!

This is the first time we have made this trip and the students had a wonderful time. The experience was perfect for bringing their classwork to life.

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BARTHOLONEWS BANNER COMPETITION 2025

St Bart's newsletter goes out weekly to staff, students and parents/carers, with a circulation of over 4900. We are looking for a BartholoNews title design for the school year 2025/2026. Last year, the winning student design (below) was by Gauravi in Year 9.

The new winning design will head up this newsletter throughout the new school year and will include a by-line for the student designer. You will also win a certificate to include in your portfolio of work and a £30 Amazon voucher.

This is a great opportunity to have your work seen by our whole school community. It would look great on personal statements, CVs or even House Colour applications.

Design Brief

- The design should be bold and clear and must feature the newsletter title, BartholoNews.
- It should include our school logo or space for us to add the logo
- The design can be in any style or media
- Please use the design template to ensure your design has the correct dimensions.

[Download your entry pack here](#)

Competition Rules

- The competition is open to any current St Bart's student
- The deadline is midday on Friday 6 June 2025
- Entries should either be sent to bartholoneWS@stbarts.co.uk or delivered to the Art office (top floor Curnock) - remember to tell us your name and tutor group.

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Design by Juliet Kielbon-Noakes (Year 10)

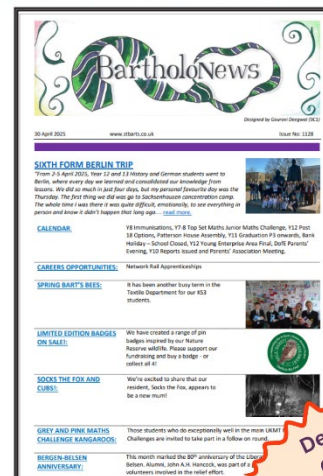
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SOCKS' CUBS SPOTTED

We're excited to share that Socks' cubs have made their first appearance! We now have footage of them playing near our pond, giving us a first proper glimpse of the new arrivals. The video footage is a bit rough, but it clearly shows the cubs exploring and interacting with their surroundings. We're now working on repositioning the camera to get clearer shots while making sure we don't disturb them. It's a special moment for our school's wildlife community.



Stay tuned for more updates as the cubs grow and become more confident! [Watch the videos on our website!](#)

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RHODIUM READING CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to Year 9 students, Reem and Roba, our latest students to complete the St Bart's Reading Challenge. In order to achieve the final Rhodium Award in the challenge, Reem and Roba had to read at least 57 books across the five levels. This is a great achievement and they now join our Reading Challenge Champions honour roll!

In recognition of this impressive dedication to reading, both girls were congratulated by Dr Fitter (Headteacher), Mr Matthias (English Teacher) and Mrs Hewetson (St Bart's Librarian). Mrs Hewetson was delighted to have the opportunity to compile two more hampers of goodies, including books, stationary, treats and the rare Rhodium Badge

to be worn with pride. We hope Reem and Roba enjoy their hampers and continue with their love of reading – we understand the Ultimate Carnegie Challenge is next on their list!

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YEAR 11 PIZZA PARTY

Last week a group of Year 11 students attended their Pizza Party and were supplied with an inordinate amount of pizza and juice. Their invitations were based on their contributions to Maths and English revision workshops and they thoroughly enjoyed the fruits of their labour!



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'CHALLENGES' EXHIBITION

There is a small exhibition of work by local young people entitled 'Challenges' happening in the foyer at the New Era Theatre in Wash Common. Work by four of our past and present GCSE and A Level students has been selected. A private viewing took place on Friday 1 May and the exhibition can now be viewed on a couple of Saturday mornings in June from 7-21 June, 10:30 - noon.



Congratulations to current photography student Rosie, last year's A Level Fine Art student Elliot (artwork pictured) and last year's GCSE students, Lily and Kateryna.

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CAMASSIAS BLOOMING

Our school orchard, just to the left of the Pavilion, is looking particularly promising this year. The apple, pear, and quince trees are covered in excellent blossom, suggesting a strong fruit yield ahead. The orchard was originally planted in 2014, and in 2015 Horticulture students added an under-planting of Camassias. This spring, they're in full bloom—and the results are stunning. It's wonderful to see the long-term planting coming into its own.

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PE

U13 Football

Our U13 girls finally got to play in their long-awaited County Cup semi-final against The Marist School.

Our girls ran out as very comfortable 4-0 winners. The first goal was a brilliant long throw from Hattie that somehow ended up in the net bouncing off a Marist player. Our second goal was from Tilly who buried it in the far left corner and then Freya scored a quick brace, one with her right foot and one thunderbolt with her left, that left the keeper with no chance.



Goalkeeper Freya was awarded player of the match by the opposition, which made us smile as she barely touched the ball! The Marist kindly provided refreshments for us afterwards, including sausage rolls and chocolate brownies which the girls were delighted with. It was a great team performance all round and now we wait and see who we get in the final!

Year 8 Cricket

The Year 8 Boys Cricket team played in the first round of the County Cup against a strong Reading Boys School team. St Bart's chose to bat first and managed to score a total of 75 runs from 16 overs, which was impressive against a very strong bowling line up. Reading Boys needed 76 runs to win. Reading Boys started slowly due to some great bowling from Tom taking two wickets. However, Reading boys managed to chase down the total and proceed into the next round. Players of the match were awarded to Zack for his batting, as he was the highest scorer for St Bart's and Tom for his bowling taking two wickets against a strong batting outfit. Well done

to all students that played as we managed to be competitive against a strong Reading team who will do well in the County cup competition.

1st XI cricket: defeat with honour

Dr Fitter is claiming the draw since the cricketing superpower that is Abingdon School didn't get us all out in the first round of the National T20 Cup. In actuality, we lost by 165 runs, but an inexperienced side (including no fewer than six debutants) performed with resilience and cheerfulness in the face of adversity, displaying no little skill, too – the standout moment being Y11 Ray's juggled, boundary-rope skipping catch to remove the opposition's captain for 55. Abingdon had won the toss and were quickly about it, scoring 79-1 in the Powerplay against some understandably rusty bowling. They eventually reached 240-2 off their 20 overs, but the brakes were applied to a degree by our youngest debutant, Y9 James, who also flourished in the late order with the bat. His all-round contribution, obvious cricketing quality and steely nerve secured him player of the match, but it was a close call given Y11 Archie's impressive start, which saw him step in as wicketkeeper for a spell, having been our gun fielder in the deep, and then take the fight to Abingdon's spinners with a dashing 20. Ray had also shone with bat but all too briefly to threaten a meaningful chase – in the circumstances, he was right to try the big shot. With Y10 Yudeesh impishly swatting the final ball for four, we reached 75-9 by the close and proceeded gratefully to enjoy the considerable tea. Y13 Tom, making his captaincy bow, led the debrief as calmly and supportively as he had conducted the troops in the field. We'll take that draw, thanks.

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Uniform Shop





**Just inside the Students' Entrance
on the right**

**Open on Fridays
during term time from 2.45pm to 3.30pm**

PLEASE DONATE!

Have you finished with your uniform or PE kit?

We don't require old style rugby shirts, trousers with logos or white shirts, thank you. All other uniform items in good condition, particularly the new style outdoor sports top, black jumpers, ties and blazers are very welcome. Please bring donations to the shop on Friday afternoons or anytime via school reception.

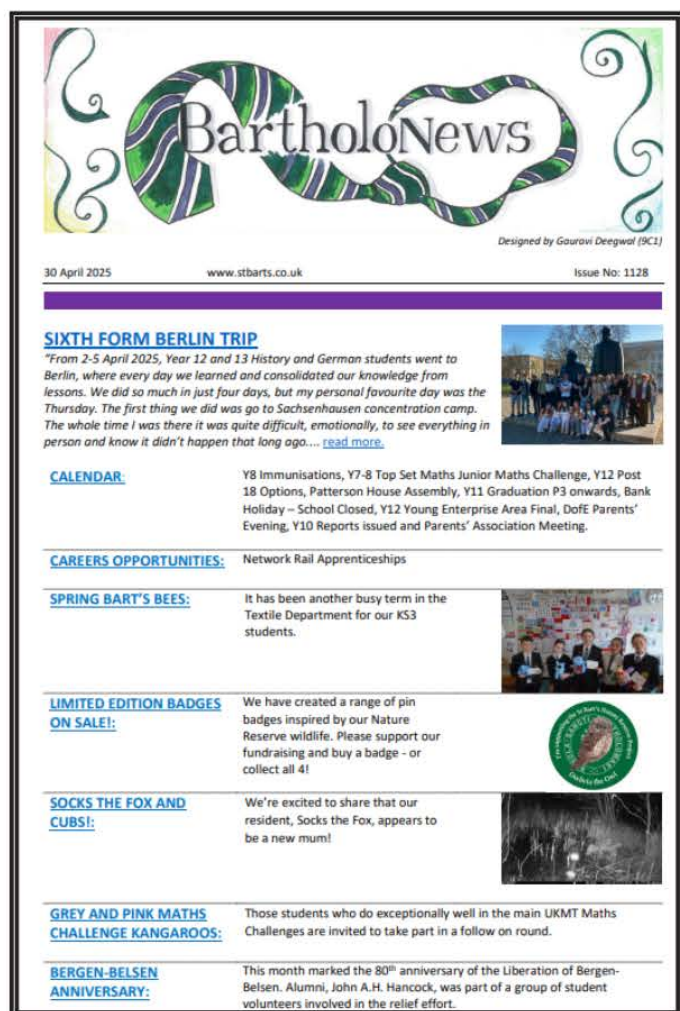
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BANNER DESIGN COMPETITION



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Deadline
6 June
2025

Local Young People from Local Schools

ART EXHIBITION

paintings - drawings - photography - prints - raised relief

‘CHALLENGES!’

Friday 2 May - Sunday 22 June

New Era Theatre foyer

St George's Community Centre

Andover Road, Wash Common

Newbury, RG14 6NU

www.neweraplayers.com

Come and support our local young artists from schools in the Newbury area and admire their work on display in this exciting exhibition in the New Era Theatre foyer.

Enjoy the exhibition at our coffee mornings from 10.30-noon on 7 and 21 June. The exhibition will also be available to view before performances between June 12-21.

This exhibition is part of the Open Studio 25 events and is presented with thanks to the young artists, their teachers and Patricia McKenna.