



Designed by Gauravi Deegwal (9C1)

18 June 2025

www.stbarts.co.uk

Issue No: 1134

CARNEGIE SHADOWING CONFERENCE

Last Wednesday 11 June, 12 of our Year 8 and 9 students were lucky enough to be invited to Kennet School to their Carnegie Shadowing Conference, where they joined with students from four other schools in the Newbury area... [read more.](#)



CALENDAR:

Founder's Day Assembly, Y7, 8 and 9 House Tennis and Cricket, Y13 Prom, Y11 Assessed DofE Silver Expedition, ONA Cricket Match, Y12 Practice Exams, Young Carers Trip and Y11 Prom.

CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES:

Online Apprenticeship Talk

BATTLEFIELDS TRIP 2025:

On Friday 13 June, 101 Year 8s took a day trip to the Ypres Battlefields. The Battlefields trip was a great experience to go on.



WATERSIDE FRIDAY ENRICHMENT SESSIONS:

Year 7 and 8 students from St Bart's have been enjoying weekly adventures at the Waterside Centre in central Newbury.



YASMIN WINS POETRY PRIZE:

Yasmin Agodzo's (11P3) is one of the winners of the 2025 Poetry Prize national competition.

WELL DONE TO:

This week we're saying well done to Oscar (9C2), Mabel (8P2), Cedric (7P3) and Chris (10E3)...

PE:

[Year 7 Boys' Cricket](#)
[Year 7 Girls' Cricket](#)
[Year 8 Girls' Cricket](#)
[Year 10 Boys' Cricket](#)
[Athletics Festival](#)



BOOK RETURNS REQUEST – Y11 and Y13

Y11 and Y13 textbooks, library books and laptops should be returned to the Library by **this Friday 20 June 2025**, at the latest. 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.

CARNEGIE SHADOWING CONFERENCE

Last Wednesday 11 June, 12 of our Year 8 and 9 students were lucky enough to be invited to Kennet School to their Carnegie Shadowing Conference, where they joined with students from four other schools in the Newbury area.

Students, who have all taken part in our weekly Carnegie shadowing groups where we read this year's Carnegie shortlist and discuss the books, had submitted their favourite books and were put together with other students to create a presentation, or piece of artistic or dramatic work, to explore themes and characters of their chosen book, and show how the book made them feel or think.



Mr Matthias and Mrs Hewetson were so proud with how well the students conducted themselves and launched themselves enthusiastically into the challenge. Asmi, Harriet, Poppy, Shreyash, Jacob, Raphael, Josh, Millie, Eleri, Charlie, Mabel and Alice were incredible ambassadors for reading and worked so well with the students of Denefield, The Willink, The Downs and Kennet schools to give presentations about their favourite books.

Josh (8E2) said, "At the Carnegie Shadowing conference we were put into groups based on our favourite book and we had to create something to showcase that book. My group had chosen *The King of Nothing* by Nathanael Lessore, which is an amazing book about teenage male toxicity and the influence of friends. We made a collage picture of the lifeboat that the main character Anton had painted in the book but using the main characters, as Anton thought he was helping Matthew but really it was the other way around. I really liked meeting other people from the other schools and talking about the books that we had enjoyed reading. At the end of the day, *Little Bang* by Kelly McCaughrain was voted the book we all thought would win the prize. Thank you to Mr Matthias and Mrs Hewetson for accompanying us on the trip and to Mr Evans, Mrs Hewetson and all the other staff who have been involved in the shadowing groups. We are all looking forward to our St Bart's Carnegie party when the winner is announced." Joshua Cloke (8E2)

Mabel (8P2) said, "We all had an amazing time at the Carnegie conference at Kennet School. We were placed into groups with people who shared the same favourite books as us, and we worked as teams to create presentations about our books. I really enjoyed getting to know everyone whilst bonding over a shared passion for reading. I especially loved the biscuits! I would definitely recommend this trip to anyone taking part in Carnegie club!"

Raphael (8D2) said, "I thought the Carnegie Shadowing trip was really enjoyable and productive. We did some fun things, like giving a presentation on our choice of book (in groups) and watching others do theirs. We did amusing activities and worked together with other people from other schools. The funniest performance was the Glasgow Boys performance with some people from Bart's!"

Asmi (8P2) said, "I really enjoyed the Carnegie Conference as I got to talk to new people about books we all loved. I also really enjoyed the presentations where using our collaborative skills we worked together to create something amazing. My group made a drama to show some of the different characters' perspectives.

Millie (8P2) said, 'I really liked how we met new people and worked collaboratively to create something we were proud of.' Overall, it was a great experience."

Calendar

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Founder's Day Assembly | Wednesday 18 June | Hub |
| Y9 House Tennis and Cricket | Friday 20 June | 8.50am-12.10pm |
| Y13 Prom | Friday 20 June | Racecourse, 7.30am-11.00pm |
| Y11 Assessed DofE Silver Expedition | Friday 20 – Sunday 22 June | Friday 9.00am – Sunday 4.00pm |
| ONA Cricket Match | Monday 23 June | Welford Park CC, 6.00pm. See page 9. |
| Y12 Practice Exams | Tuesday 24 June | Hall |
| Young Carers Trip | Tuesday 24 June | Waterside, 12.00-3.10pm |
| Y7 House Tennis and Cricket | Tuesday 24 June | 8.50am-12.10pm |
| Y11 Prom | Tuesday 24 June | Sandford Springs, 6.30-10.30pm |
| Y8 House Tennis and Cricket | Wednesday 25 June | 8.50am-12.10pm |

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

[Return to contents](#)

CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Online Apprenticeship Talk

Monday 30 June, 11.00am-12.00pm. Free virtual talk for all Year 11 and 13 students within Berkshire. Parents and carers are very welcome to join in too. [Register for the event here](#) (Please note that registration closes 12.00pm on Friday 27 June).

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.

[Return to contents](#)

BATTLEFIELDS TRIP 2025

On Friday 13 June, 101 Year 8's took a day trip to the Ypres Battlefields. Dexter (8C3) and William (8P2) tell us more...

"The Battlefields trip was a great experience. There were so many different places to commemorate the ones of the past and the tour guide gave us the inner details and stories of those who are in the graves. It shone light on the true horrors of the war and it was an actual representation of the scale of casualties in the Great War. We got to see how the victors' men were treated after and how their enemies were treated after the dust had settled. It was a good opportunity to pay respects to those who fought for us. We went to the Passchendaele museum, Langemark German war cemetery, Tyne Cot cemetery and Essex Farm cemetery."

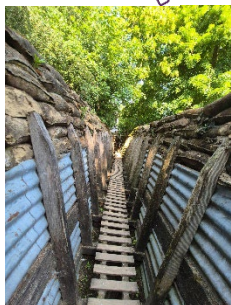
William (8P2)

"This trip was a one of remembrance as well as of learning, vital to not repeat our past mistakes and to respect the fallen that fought to keep the world a free place. The trip was heart-wrenching and heart-warming in unity, for the sheer magnitude of some of the cemeteries almost moved me to tears but it was also relieving to see these acts of remembrance solidified in memorial form. This trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity that cannot be missed. It is about remembrance."

Dexter (8C3)



[Read the full reports](#)



[Return to contents](#)

WATERSIDE FRIDAY ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

Year 7 and 8 students from St Bart's have been enjoying weekly adventures at the Waterside Centre in central Newbury, spending half a term on a Friday afternoon either scaling the indoor climbing wall or mastering water sports on the Kennet and Avon Canal. Whether it's climbing, canoeing or paddleboarding, the students are guided by qualified instructors who ensure everyone learns safely while challenging students to step out of their comfort zones.

Two members of St Bart's Personalised Learning Faculty accompany each group — and much to the students'



amusement, sometimes find themselves slipping unexpectedly into the canal. These sessions are about more than just physical activity; they build trust, confidence, and resilience, all while encouraging teamwork and problem solving. They also foster a mindful appreciation of nature and a love of physical challenge.

On the water, students race, play ball games and skillfully avoid swans and narrowboats. On the wall, everyone climbs at their own pace — some enjoy quirky challenges like sticking to one colour of holds, threading through hula hoops, or even playing Twister mid-climb!

We're truly lucky to have the Waterside Centre so close by. It also runs holiday clubs open to both primary and secondary school students. Visit [their website](#) to find out more, Get ready for some fun and maybe a splash or two!

[Return to contents](#)



YASMIN WINS POETRY PRIZE

[Last week](#) we reported that Amy Oliver (11D3) is one of the winners 2025 Poetry Prize national competition.



Amazingly not one, but two, St Bart's students are winners (only ten are chosen across the country each year). Yasmin Agodzo's (11P3) 'do snails dream of forever', has also been chosen by judge Daljit Nagra who said, *"After the arresting opening of 'do snails dream of forever', we enter a wonderful meditation on snails that is part philosophical and part ecological. The knowledge is broadened with references to myths and religion. A wise, witty and mature poet at work."* Congratulations Yasmin!

'do snails dream of forever'

and do snails dream of forever? do they feel days
stretch before them?

live slow, they say
eat well, they advise

I've got three in my pocket, you know
spirals of a snail coiled like a snake

feel rain on your skin (or slime?
this is not a direct translation

hollow and empty.
is that how they say "ghost"?

as snails cannot speak.
we personify nature too much-

porcelain cold shells from living,
haunting a near dead world?

make foxes redeemable. they kill
to eat

who is their god?
the frost which puts them to sleep,
uncertain they'll live again?

is that not enough? they mean
harm because they must survive.

big black birds, omens of doom
snapping up their fragile flesh?

they do not understand "peace", only the weighty
silence of winter and death.

the rain? telling them to live again
giving them their food-

they do not know guilt, only the
licking of wounds and whines-

their manna?
what word do they say to mean Satan?

and snails do not know your "garden".
if they spoke like us

do snails fall? sin?
is hell salt like snow

they might call it Eden- full of food
but they cannot eat without death from
above)

burning, burning for
forever?





when we look at the evidence of their life
will a child whisper "poor snail"?

put their ghosts to your ear-
hear them whisper- without words.

unknowing it "preferred" this to the yellow
beak death,

the "rain" that burns,

WELL DONE TO...

| Oscar (9C2) | Mabel (8P2) | Cedric (7P3) |
|---|--|--|
|  <p>Oscar had a great result at the Berkshire Track and Field Championship on Saturday, he came first in his category with a score of 39.80m.</p> |  <p>Mabel took part in the junior run at the Newbury 10K at the end of May. Mabel finished in 6.16, coming in 1st for her age group and 16th overall.</p> |  <p>Cedric also completed in the took part in the Newbury 10K junior run, finishing in 6.02 and coming in 9th overall (4th in his age group).</p> |
| Well done! | Chris (10E3) | Congratulations! |
| |  <p>Chris took 2nd place in Javelin at the Berkshire Schools Track and Field Championships on Saturday 14 June at Bracknell Athletics Track.</p> | |
| If you know someone we should say well done to, you can tell us by emailing bartholonews@stbarts.co.uk and we will try our best to include them. | | |

[Return to contents](#)

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 blazers, PE polo shirts, new style outdoor PE tops, ties, skirts and black PE shorts/skorts are very welcome. We're especially short of smaller sizes. Please bring donations to the shop on Friday afternoons or anytime via school reception.

PE

Year 7 Boys' Cricket

The Year 7 boys' cricket team played Park House School in the league. St Bart's batted first, and scored 58 runs for four wickets. Thomas Barratt and James Hale opened the batting, and runs were also scored by Manan Mishra, Hugo Mortimore, Joe Shadrach and Andrew Antony Rosewelt. Park House replied with 82 runs for 2 wickets (in the league each team bats their full allocation of overs). James Hale bowled the opening batsman for only one run, and Charlie Harsent took the other wicket, with his third ball in his first over bowling for school.

Players of the match were Thomas Barratt, James Hale and Charlie Harsent.

Year 7 Girls' Cricket

Year 7 girls' cricket A team won both their league matches convincingly.

St Bart's A, 69 v Park House School B 23, Flo taking the best player nomination.



St Bart's A, 70 v Park House School A, 58, Katie taking best player nomination

The B team had a close game against Trinity School and player of the match was awarded to Alexandra.

St Bart's B, 39 v Trinity, 57.



Year 8 Girls' Cricket



Year 8 girls played their league finals. The A team were playing for 1st place and the B's for 3rd.

St Bart's A, 46 v Park House School A, 52. It was a very close competitive game, Freya taking best batter and Darcey took best bowler.

St Bart's B, 73 v Theale, 88, was an exciting fun game. Summer took best player for her incredible batting and Martha for her bowling.

St Bart's finished 2nd and 4th in the league. Well done girls.



Year 10 Boys' Cricket

The Year 10 cricket team played Trinity School in a competitive and enjoyable league match. Trinity batted first scoring 77-10 in their 75 balls. Lots of players got a bowl, with the wickets shared throughout the team.

Standout performers were Jimmy (2 wickets), Alex (2 wickets), Charlie (2 wickets including a whisker away from a hat-trick) and James (1 wicket and an excellent catch).

St Bart's then batted aggressively to score a total of 111-6 in their 75 balls, with Yudeesh and Freddie both retiring. Everyone got the chance to bat as well, so a great all round team performance, despite having a few important players missing. The team still has games against John O'Gaunt and Kennet School to look forward to, the latter most likely being a shoot-out to win the league. Well done to all the boys involved.

Athletics Festival

Well done to these Year 7 girls who took part in the Athletics Festival on Wednesday 11 June at Trinity School.

This event was an opportunity for students to go and try a variety of different events and enjoy the opportunity of friendly competition against other local schools.

The events included 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 4 x 100m Relay and Shot and Javelin, and students could select as many events to take part in as they liked.

A highly successful evening which saw six of our local secondary schools involved and over 100 students participating.



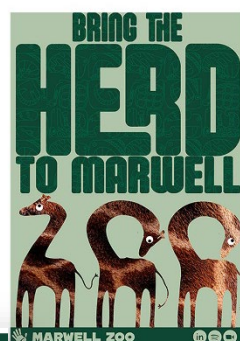
[Return to contents](#)

St Bartholomew's School
GCSE and A Level Art and Design



GRAPHICS PHOTOGRAPHY FINE ART TEXTILES 3D DESIGN

EXHIBITION 2025
Monday 7th July 4pm-6pm



Click and find us:



facebook

St Bart's are pleased to
announce two exciting
cricket dates for your diary!



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
SCHOOL | AD LUCEM

Our annual St Bart's vs. Old Newburians match returns this June, and we are delighted to confirm the revival of our fixture in July against the famous “guardian of the game”, MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club), which very few state schools play. We welcome former students, parents and members of the community to join us, support the teams and enjoy some excellent sport.

St Bart's vs ONA

Monday 23 June, starting at 6pm
Welford Park Cricket Club, RG17 7AN
20 overs per side

St Bart's & ONA vs MCC

Tuesday 15 July, starting at 11am
Falkland Cricket Club, RG14 6TW
40 overs per side

