



Designed by Gauravi Deegwal (9C1)

2025 GERMAN EXCHANGE

St Bart’s pupils were excited and pleased to once again see their German Exchange partners in June. The 25 students from our partner school, the Otto-Hahn Gymnasium in Monheim, stayed for a week with English families. As well as going on trips to Oxford and London, the German Exchange students spent a day in school and went on a joint trip to Bath with their English partners... [read more.](#)



CALENDAR:

Y7 PP Trip to High Score, Amsterdam Music Tour Parent Information Meeting, Y10 CCF Navy Field Day, Y12 Business and Economics Conference, Y12 Celebration Day - Award Ceremony, Y12 Celebration - BBQ & Rounders, Sports Day, Y7 PA Disco, Y12 Challenges Abroad Cambodia departs, Y12 Trip to BMW Mini Factory, Paul Hannaford Talk, Y8 and Y10 Reports Issued, Y10 MFL Gifted and Talented Event, Y8 (selected students) Story Museum Trip, Amsterdam Music Tour Rehearsal Day and PE SPOTY Evening.

CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES:

St Bart’s Website Careers Pages

DAVIS WIN HOUSE DANCE:

Last week saw the return of our annual House Dance Competition, in which students across the years choreograph and perform their own dance pieces.



ART AND DESIGN EXHIBITION:

On Monday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome parents, friends, and members of the wider community to our annual End-of-Year Art and Design Exhibition.

YEAR 10 CORE SKILLS:

Year 10 Core Skills students were challenged this year to create, organise and run their own charity event, donating the money to a charity of their choice.



SIXTH FORM TASTER DAYS:

Last week, we welcomed prospective students to our Sixth Form Taster Days - two exciting and packed days filled with taster lessons, activities and an insight into life in our Sixth Form.



RESTOCK YOUR SUMMER READING PILE!:

Our ‘Canteen Collection’ provides a wide variety of free books for students to choose from and take home.



WELL DONE TO:

Well done to... Lucia (7D3), Freya (7D2), Amy (7D2), Jessie (8D1), Lottie (9C1), Eva (9E2), Tilly (7D3) and Josh (8E2)

PE:

[1st XI Cricket: Derby Day Disappointment](#)

2025 GERMAN EXCHANGE

St Bart's students were excited and pleased to once again see their German Exchange partners in June. The 25 students from our partner school, the Otto-Hahn Gymnasium in Monheim, stayed for a week with English families. As well as going on trips to Oxford and London, the German Exchange students spent a day in school and went on a joint trip to Bath with their English partners.



Their visit in June completed the return leg of the Exchange - our students went to Monheim in January.

Dates of the 2026 German Exchange and details of our 20th anniversary Exchange programme to Monheim will be announced soon. If you are studying German in Year 8 and above, keep an eye out for details in the

next few weeks!



Calendar

Y7 PP Trip to High Score	Wednesday 9 July	12.15 - 2.45pm
Amsterdam Music Tour Parent Information Meeting	Wednesday 9 July	Hall, 6.00 - 8.00pm
Y10 CCF Navy Field Day	Thursday 10 July	Chichester, 8.00am - 4.00pm
Y12 Business and Economics Conference	Thursday 10 July	Foyer, P1&2
Y12 Celebration Day - Award Ceremony	Thursday 10 July	Hall, 11.10am - 12.10pm
Y12 Celebration - BBQ & Rounders	Thursday 10 July	Wormestall Field, 3.15pm
Sports Day	Friday 11 July	Field
Y7 PA Disco	Friday 11 July	Hall, 6.30 - 8.00pm
Y12 Challenges Abroad Cambodia Departs	Friday 11 July	Returns 27 July
Y12 Trip to BMW Mini Factory	Monday 14 July	10.15am - 4.15pm
Paul Hannaford Talk	Monday 14 July	Hall. Year 8 P2 - 9.50 - 10.50am Year 10 P3 - 11.10am - 12.10pm
Y8 and Y10 Reports Issued	Tuesday 15 July	
Y10 MFL Gifted and Talented Event	Tuesday 15 July	P1 and P2
Y8 (selected students) Story Museum Trip	Tuesday 15 July	8.40am - 3.10pm
Amsterdam Music Tour Rehearsal Day	Wednesday 16 July	WCC, 8.00am - 4.30pm
PE SPOTY Evening	Wednesday 16 July	Hall, 6.30pm

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

[Return to contents](#)

CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: St Bart's Website Careers Pages

Don't forget our [website Careers pages](#) are a useful source of information on our careers programme, opportunities and handy links. We have just added the Careers in Berkshire Local Labour Market Information presentation, which helps young people to understand top employers, different types of job postings, diversity and inclusion, STEM jobs and education, common skills shortages & surplus, specialised skills shortages & surplus and apprenticeship postings.

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](#)

DAVIS WIN HOUSE DANCE

Last week saw the return of our annual House Dance Competition, in which students across the years choreograph and perform their own dance pieces. The performances were in response to a stimuli set by our Dance Department. This year the stimuli were:

- Year 7: The Movies
- Year 8: A Bart's Value
- Year 9: Music by Lorn
- Year 10/12: St Bart's Artwork



We were delighted to be joined by St Bart's alumna, Joanna Pires, who judged the competition. Joanna is a recent Dance and Choreography graduate of Falmouth University and a professional Performer and Choreographer in Ballet, Contemporary, Hip-hop, and Ballroom and Latin. It was so exciting to welcome her back and we are really grateful to her for giving her time and expertise to support the school. All our student performers did an amazing job, despite the soaring temperatures, but in the end there can be only one winner!

- Year 7 - **Davis**
- Year 8 - **Curnock**
- Year 9 - **Davis**
- Year 10/12 - **Patterson**

This means the overall winner was... **DAVIS!** Congratulations to Davis House! It was a fantastic celebration of dance and we are so proud of all those who took part. With huge thanks to our Dance Department, as well as Mr Weller and the Tech Team, our Site Team and our School Officers, who did such a good job of supporting the younger years. We look forward to the Dance Showcase coming up in the Autumn Term!



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL
LUMINARIES
ALUMNI, STAFF, PARENTS AND FRIENDS
AD LUCEM - TOWARDS THE LIGHT



[Return to contents](#)

ART AND DESIGN EXHIBITION

On Monday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome parents, friends, and members of the wider community to our annual End-of-Year Art and Design Exhibition.

The event showcased an impressive range of work from our A Level and GCSE students, including fine art, graphics, photography, textiles and 3D design. We were thrilled with the excellent turnout and the enthusiastic response from all who attended.

The exhibition will remain open to St Bart's students throughout the rest of the week, giving them the opportunity to enjoy and celebrate each other's creative achievements.



[Return to contents](#)



[View a Virtual Tour of the exhibition on our website](#)

YEAR 10 CORE SKILLS

Year 10 Core Skills students were challenged this year to create, organise and run their own charity event, donating the money to a charity of their choice. One class decided to combine their event with an opportunity to help ease Year 6 transition, and so invited Year 6 students from John Rankin Junior School to come and enjoy a film afternoon at St Bart's.

Year 10 welcomed the students to the hall, where Olivia and Jack gave some sage advice for their forthcoming years at Secondary School. Emma then explained that students were going to watch a film chosen for its link to sustainability (a topic the students have recently studied as part of Core Skills) and that they were selling bags of sweets to raise money for Cancer Research. As you can imagine, the event was very popular and the sweets went down well! There are still a few bags to sell but Year 10 have currently raised £40. They were fantastic, friendly ambassadors for the school and spoke brilliantly to a very large crowd. Well done Year 10!



[Return to contents](#)

SIXTH FORM TASTER DAYS

Last week, we welcomed prospective students to our Sixth Form Taster Days - two exciting and packed days filled with taster lessons, activities and an insight into life in our Sixth Form.

Across both days, students took part in their chosen taster lessons, and our student panels offered students the chance to ask questions to current Year 12s, who shared their own experiences and advice - from managing the jump from GCSEs to making the most out of enrichment opportunities and study periods.



The Subject and Enrichment Fair gave students the opportunity to learn more about their subjects from our newly-appointed Subject Representatives, as well as discovering the wide range of activities on offer in the Sixth Form. Stalls included Young Enterprise, the Combined Cadet Force, Sustainability, Holocaust Education with our Beacon Reps, and our Ulafulu school partnership in Kenya. We were also grateful to welcome the University of Reading, who spoke to students about post-18 options.



Friday finished with sunshine, games and a BBQ on Wormestall Field - complete with a doughnut stand!

"We're incredibly proud of what the student body showcased over the two days, and it was great to see many prospective students getting stuck in, asking questions and we are really excited to welcome so many of them back in September", said Charlie and Katya, our Head Students.

Our taster days showcased the very best of our Sixth Form. From A Level taster sessions, which provided students with a flavour of their selected courses, to our extra-curricular and enrichment fair, where students could learn more about what they could do outside of the classroom. We were hugely impressed with our new cohort of Year 12 and wish them the very best of luck for their upcoming GCSE results. We thank our Year 12

Head Students, Subject Reps and volunteers who made the event incredible! We look forward to welcoming our new Year 12 cohort in September!

[Return to contents](#)

RESTOCK YOUR SUMMER READING PILE!

Here at St Bartholomew's Library, we are always looking for new ways to encourage reading for pleasure, building a lifelong love of reading. Throughout the year we offer a number of opportunities for students to take books home, including BookBuzz books for Year 7s and our festive Jolabokaflod book exchange.

Our 'Canteen Collection' provides a wide variety of free books for students to choose from and take home. On Wednesday 9 July and Wednesday 16 July at Activity Time, we will be in the Hub to promote these free books, allowing students to browse our shelves of books and choose a book that will be theirs to keep forever! This is a great opportunity for students to discover new books, and every student should be able to find something that matches their interest and reading level.

Please encourage your child to come along and take advantage of this opportunity. This is a great chance to get books into our students' hands, without having to worry about the return date!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Library at library@stbarts.co.uk.

[Return to contents](#)



WELL DONE TO...

Lucia (7D3), Freya (7D2), Amy (7D2) and Jessie (8D1)	Lottie (9C1) and Eva (9E2)	Tilly (7D3)
 <p>These girls have been selected for Berkshire County Squad! A fantastic achievement. It was their first time trialling and they were selected from a competitive pool of over 200 girls across multiple trial dates! All four have been outstanding for our school team this year, playing a key role in the U13 girls' County Cup victory.</p>	 <p>Both girls have been outstanding members of our school team, now Lottie and Eva have been selected to represent Berkshire at U15/16 County level next season—a fantastic achievement following a highly competitive trial process involving over 250 players.</p>	 <p>Tilly took part in Javelin at the Berkshire County Athletics competition and came a superb and very well deserved 1st place with a throw of over 22m which is very impressive for Year 7!</p> <p>Tilly has had an excellent Athletics season at St Bart's. Very well done.</p>

Well done!

Josh (8E2)



Josh was awarded Vocalist of the Year 2025 for his performances with the VoxFresh

singing group, following performances in New York, the Newbury Business Awards and the VoxFresh Summer Showcase at the Corn Exchange.

Congratulations!

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.

PE

1st XI Cricket: Derby Day Disappointment



Our first game of this year's Toby Radford Trophy, the local derby with Park House School, was deservedly won by the opposition, who played the smarter cricket across the two innings. Keenly contested, the match was effectively an intra-club affair for the Falkland players with so many on either side. St Bart's opening batters could do little about the deliveries that saw us two down with no runs on the board. Yet whenever a substantial partnership seemed on the cards, our shot selection erred more on the risk than the reward and played (literally) into Park House's hands.

The morning after the Y11 prom, Leo (with 36) was our top scorer and Y10s Luke and Yudeesh applied themselves creditably. Park House's reply was stitched together by their remarkable Y8 Jack, who was last out for 33 (chasing a sub-par 106) and allowed bigger hitters to play around him. Once St Bart's settled on a plan to squeeze the pressure, it was really too late as we had too few runs in the bank. Park House won by six wickets. Our match against Reading Grammar (away) on July 6 is now make-or-break. Not only must we win to have any chance of progressing to the final, we have to do so by a sufficient margin to satisfy the fiendishly complex, Aussie Sheffield-Shield derived "quotient" that separates teams on the same points. It is average runs scored per wickets lost divided by average runs conceded per wickets taken. Park House's final figure is 1.47, while Reading are currently on 1.04 and St Bart's a lowly 0.39. Mr Clayton is grateful that Y11 Ben is travelling with the team to help with the calculations. Every day is a learning day!

[Return to contents](#)

Click and find us:



facebook

Wednesday 9th and 16th July

CANTEEN COLLECTION

✦ Come along to the Hub at
Activity Time to browse our
selection of FREE books!





ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
SCHOOL | AD LUCEM

St Bart's & ONA vs MCC

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

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 at Falkland Cricket Club, support the teams and enjoy some excellent sport.

