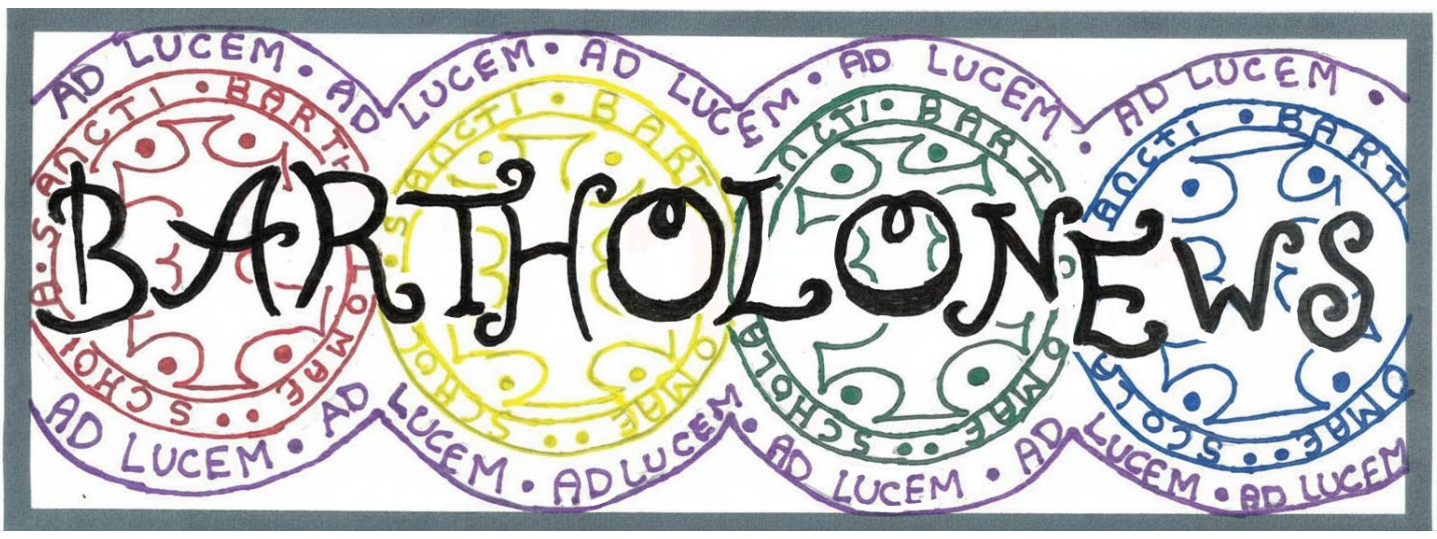



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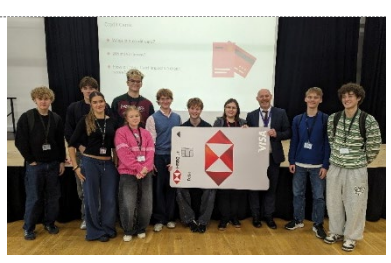
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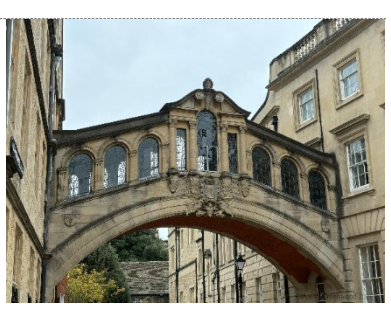
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Headteacher, Dr Fitter, spoke to the assembled students about the human cost of conflict. The major conflicts raging worldwide today have resulted in close to 400,000 deaths in the last 2 years alone. It is now 87 years since the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, in which 45 million people lost their lives. It is easy to allow these terrible numbers to wash over us, but Dr Fitter reminded us that each single life lost was someone's child, parent, loved one and the cost of human suffering and bereavement is incalculable.

Following Dr Fitter's speech, our Head Students, Favour Oke and Ben Lawson, read the traditional Roll of Honour – the names of those St Bart's students who perished in war. Bugle calls by Daniel Wooldridge marked either side of the two-minute silence during which the whole school reflected.



School Officers, Kobi Powell and Florence Hatton (representing Curnock), Immie Aldrich-Smith and Izzy McAnally (representing Davis), Haydn James and Jessica Scarr (representing Evers), and Harvey Robinson & Nandita Sudheer (representing Patterson), laid wreaths in the Memorial Garden where the flag was flying at half-mast. They were joined by members of the Combined Cadet Force: Pharrell Shek, Alex Brown, Peter Essex Lopresti, Elis Richings and Izzy Rumens, representing their predecessors in uniform.

Mr Randall, Head of English, concluded the service with a poem called 'The Great War' by Vernon Scannell.

Following the laying of the wreaths in the Memorial Garden, Dr Fitter and Ms Moore (Davis House Manager) were joined by members of the Combined Cadet Force alongside Davis students, Alfie Campbell, Tommy Daley, Amy Oliver and Sophie Lystor at Newtown Road Cemetery to lay a wreath on the grave of Alexander Herbert Davis, which is situated just 400m from the school.



We would also like to extend our gratitude to alumnus Allan Mercado who laid the St Bart's wreath at the annual Remembrance Ceremony held outside Newbury Town Hall on Sunday 10 November.

click here **See more photos on our website**

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## Calendar

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| Odd Socks Day | Monday 16 November | See below |
| Y12/Y13 Senior Kangaroo / Olympiad | Wednesday 18 November | |

**View all school events in our online calendar. Click here to go straight there**







**Be in with a chance to win in the PA Chocolate Tombola and Raffle!**
On Sunday 29 November 2026 (10.00am - 2.30pm) the Parents' Association will be holding the annual PA Gift and Craft Christmas Fair. Make a note in your diary! There will be stalls selling jewellery, artwork, ceramics, cosmetics, books, Christmas decorations and more. The canteen will be serving delicious refreshments and the PA will be raffling dozens of unique prizes.

**Get your raffle tickets today.** Tickets are for sale on ParentPay until 3.00pm Friday 27 November. The cost is just £5 per strip of 5, with the draw taking place on the 29 November at the Fair. You will be notified via your child's tutor if you are not present for the draw. (Lottery Licence 2678)

The PA are also looking for sealed boxes of chocolates for the Fair's Chocolate Tombola. Students are asked to bring donations to their House Office by Friday 20 October. The House that collects the most donations will win 300 House Points!

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## CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: **School Leaver Apprenticeship Programme at James Cowper Kreston**

Applications for the 2027 School Leaver Apprenticeship Programme at James Cowper Kreston are now open. Apprentices join straight from school or college, getting hands-on experience from the start alongside studying towards a professional accountancy qualification. Applications are open until 31 January 2027 and there's more information, including how to apply, on their School Leavers careers page.

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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## ST BART'S ROLL OF HONOUR

As we all take time this week to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms, and all those whose lives have been affected by conflict since World War I, we wanted to share a project that has being undertaken by two members of St Bart's, Mr Randall (Head of English) and Mr Bell (Maths Teacher and Data, Timetabling & Systems Leader).

Curnock, Davis, Evers, Patterson - The House system is an integral part of St Bart's life, whether it's students' uniforms, the House offices and blocks, the House competitions, the tutor group structure, or regular House assemblies. The four young men that gave those Houses their names are remembered every day within our school community. They are four of over a hundred former students who lost their lives to war in the Twentieth century, and they are all remembered on the roll of honour found in Reception, as well as during the Remembrance Service each November.



Building on the former work of Judith Thomas (former St Bart's librarian), over the past year or so, Mr Randall and Mr Bell have been putting together more detail about the 104 former students who lost their lives in war.

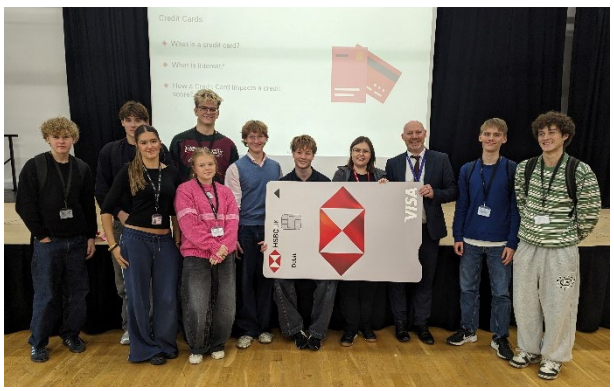
If any readers have any more detail of these young men, or identify any omissions, we would be very grateful to receive them. We would also be very eager to know if there are any links to the St Bart's community today; if you are connected to any of the names on the list — however tenuously — please do get in touch (mrandall@stbarts.co.uk).

click here **Read on to view the information gathered and to read some of the stories uncovered.**

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## SIXTH FORM FINANCIAL LITERACY

Before half term, we were delighted to welcome a guest speaker from HSBC into our Sixth Form to deliver an engaging session aimed at boosting students' financial literacy and real-world money management skills. Building on this valuable partnership, we have co-developed an exciting new scheme of work within our PSHE curriculum. Through these tailored lessons, students will explore essential financial concepts like budgeting, investment and inflation, culminating in the



opportunity to earn a recognised HSBC Level 1 Smart Money certificate to celebrate their achievement and prepare them for financial independence beyond Sixth Form.

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## CREATIVE STUDENTS HIT OXFORD

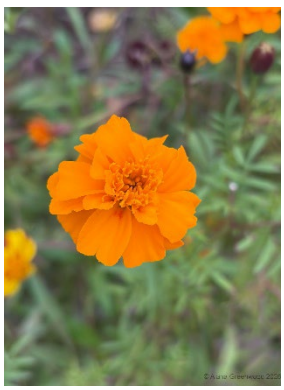
On Thursday 5 November the Art and Design team took 74 Year 10 and Year 12 students to Oxford for the day. Year 10 Fine Art students spent the day drawing from the excellent collection of artefacts in the Natural History and Pitt Rivers museums. This was a great opportunity for students to work outside of the classroom.







Year 12 Graphic Communication students spent the morning researching colour, shape and flavour inspiration at the Botanical Gardens. Students will be using their research back in school to inform their chocolate bar branding project. In the afternoon they researched chocolate bar packaging and advertising at Hotel Chocolat and Montezuma chocolate shops.




Year 12 Photography students spent the day touring the city on foot and practicing their knowledge of basic camera settings. Famous Oxford sites such as the Radcliffe and Bodleian library gave students interesting landmarks to focus on while developing their skills and knowledge.





## INTERFAITH WEEK




*Namaste everyone,*

*As we celebrate **Interfaith week** this week (8 Nov - 15 November), we wanted to share with you some of the ongoing work and fantastic progress within our school.*

*After months of hard work, discussions with teachers and preparation with students, we are pleased to announce our new campaign. For the first time in the 560-year history of our school, there will now be a greater emphasis and representation of our diverse community, here at St Bart's.*

*This year, 5 selected faith reps have been working hard to represent their faiths and make everyone here feel welcome at St Bart's, through organising assemblies, weekly faith clubs and interfaith panels.*

*Please do come along to the faith clubs. If you would like to join and support us, by representing your faith, please get in touch with Mr Tylee. (rtylee@stbarts.co.uk)*




*Your Faith Representatives*

*On Sunday 8 November, millions of Hindus across the world celebrated a special festival called Diwali (The Festival of Lights). This festival celebrates stories of hope, renewal and the triumph of good over evil. It is a time when families and communities come together, sharing in celebrations and strengthening the bonds that bring them closer.*

*Therefore, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Diwali!*

*Rishik Kar (13P1)*

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## UKMT SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS

Congratulations to all the Y12 and Y13 students who took part in the Senior Maths Challenge this year, and well done to those listed below who achieved a medal certificate. They faced a gruelling 22 multiple choice questions and three non-multiple choice, all designed to make you think and consider aspects of Maths and logic not necessarily found in the classroom. Have a try yourself at the questions below. Check your answers given in the solutions later in BartholoNews.

**Gold:**
Timmy Wraight (Best in School), Henry Chalk, Cameron Voller, Ben Ransom (Best in Year 12), Joe Herriman, Mint Nolan, Gamya Bayyana, James Alder

**Silver:**
James Higgs, Charlie Morse, Polly Kerr, Amelie Goodwin, Oliver Comber, Matt Hayden, Shawn Ramos, Maxime Gore, Emilia Whiting, Isaac Johnson, Penelope Starrs, Oscar Illenden-Rough, Louis Simpson, James Macfarlane-

Smith, Joseph Richards, Alex Peel, Jimmy Pennock, Piper Turner, Jamie Fry, Ben Lawson, Harshit Raina, Souborni Sarkar, Nethumi Liyanage, Deivis Bodeci, Jacob Johnson, Fernando Menendez Corte

**Bronze:**
Chloe Johnson, Vedha Krishnan, Theo Nagy-Galfi, Isabel Vine, Shreeya Dey, Dhairya Joshi, Volodymyr Lebediev, Thomas Wooldridge, Joshua Davis, Luca Forrester, Ciara Langrell, Nandini Agarwal, Romain Chow, Eleanor Curtis, Alice Green, Sofia Hughes, Naomi Nash, Logan Wakefield, Evie-Rose Chapple, Callum Wilding, Frederick Johnstone, Hansika Bolli, Lucas Brindley-Quiroga, Vishal Karthik, Madhukar Burugadda Kandalie, Isambard Wind-Mozley, Praket Bimbra, Anastasia Chavale Gkaloupi, Will Heywood, Johan Jayakumar, Ram Nair, Pippa Warren, Misha Zaouche, Hayley Leung, Ffion Pritchard, Daniel Wooldridge, Audrey Yung, Amos Fitch, Ranvir Tomar, Dennis Vlachopoulos, Freddie Corneck, Alex Fitzgerald, Bartosz Opitek, Rishik Kar, Harry Lethaby, Toby Adams, Bessie Alderson, Joseph Strefford.

**7.** A bag contains 50 yellow and 25 purple beads which are to be arranged into five groups of 15.

What is the largest possible number of the groups having more purple than yellow beads?

A 0 B 1 C 2 D 3 E 4

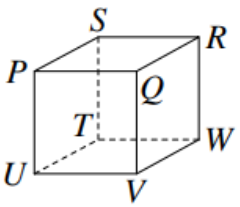
**14.** Consider the possible expressions formed when each □ is filled with a + or a − sign in $\square\frac{1}{1}\square\frac{1}{2}\square\frac{1}{3}\square\frac{1}{4}\square\frac{1}{5}\square\frac{1}{6}$.

For example, $-\frac{1}{1}+\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{3}-\frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{5}+\frac{1}{6}$ which has value $-\frac{43}{60}$ is one of the $2^6$ possible expressions.

Among these expressions, what is the smallest possible positive value?

A $\frac{1}{60}$ B $\frac{1}{30}$ C $\frac{1}{20}$ D $\frac{1}{10}$ E $\frac{1}{5}$

**21.** The diagram shows a clear plastic cube, $PQRSTUVW$. An ant starts at vertex $S$ and walks on the surface of the solid cube. It travels along straight line segments (first to $Q$, $U$ or $W$), alternately across the diagonal of a face and then along an edge. An example of a possible five-segment journey is $SQRTSW$.




At the end of a journey of 81 segments, which of the following vertices is it impossible for the ant to reach?

A $S$ B $Q$ C $U$ D $W$ E $V$

Please find the answers at the end of this newsletter!

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## YOU CAN INSPIRE!

The St Bart's Key Stage 3 Careers Fair is held in the Autumn Term each year. The fair is attended by all our students in Year 7, 8 and 9 and it aims to introduce students to as many different job roles as possible.

This year the Careers Fair will take place on **Tuesday 24 November (8.40am - 12.10pm) and we are looking for more job role volunteers.**

We want to encourage students to think about the types of job roles available (many of which they might not have heard of before), the skills these jobs need and the type of work that might be appeal to them personally. Each volunteer/company will have a table in the school hall and, if they wish, can bring some display/props relevant to the job role. **If you would be happy to speak to students about your job role, please contact our Careers Lead, Mrs Seward, on dseward@stbarts.co.uk. - we would love to hear from you.**




Although it will be a while before our Key Stage 3 students start making career applications, introducing them to the different kinds of jobs that are out there is so important. We want students to feel inspired and empowered about where their lessons can take them.

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## PRIN-TEE-D LAUNCHED

*We are a company taking part in the Young Enterprise programme, where we design and sell our own graphic T-shirts under our new brand,* ***Prin-TEE-d****. We specialise in unique, handcrafted T-shirts designed to suit our customers' preferences.*



*Our team is made up of two co-managing directors, Gamya and Gauravi, alongside Hansika, Kruthika, Ram, Johan, Zita, Pippa, Manya, Sibu, James, Johnny and Guru.*

*Later in the year, we also plan to introduce affordable, customisable Leavers' T-shirts, giving students the chance to create something special to wear on Leavers' Day!*

*A few words from our team:*
***Kruthika, Digital and Technology Director:*** *"I'm so excited to be part of this incredible creative journey! I hope you like our tees as much as we do. We are putting in every drop of creativity and personal touch we can!"*

***Gauravi, Co-Managing Director:*** *"It is a great pleasure to be part of an experience such as this. Hopefully, we can all play our part in making this company successful, and I thank the school for giving us such a good opportunity!"*

***Gamya, Co-Managing Director:*** *"I have really enjoyed being part of Prin-TEE-d, sharing ideas, working creatively with the team and watching our company come together. I am excited to see what the future holds for us and hope we continue to grow, achieve success and make our brand something we can all be proud of!"*




*We look forward to sharing our journey with you and hope you will be part of Prin-TEE-d's success! To that end we would be very grateful if you could answer two short questionnaires about Design and about Buying T-shirts on those links.*

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## FLU VACCINATION




**Wednesday 2 December**

The Berkshire Immunisation team will visit St Bart's on Wednesday 2 December 2026 to provide the annual flu vaccine (nasal or injectable) for Years 7 – 11. Please find information from the Berkshire School Immunisation Team here.

**Please complete a YES or NO consent form as soon as possible or by 9.00am one full school day before the planned session.**

Please use the correct link below for the nasal spray or injectable flu vaccine consent form, school code **BK137465.**

Nasal Flu Vaccination Consent Form Link

Injectable Flu Vaccination Consent Form Link

Any queries or questions should be raised with the immunisation team at westschoolimms@berkshire.nhs.uk

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## THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

Our Year 10 GCSE Drama students had a fantastic time on their recent trip to see 'The Play That Goes Wrong'.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity to experience live theatre and see how the pros do it, a vital part of their GCSE Drama journeys. The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were a real credit to the school throughout the day. To stay up to date on all things drama, follow the Drama Department on Instagram.

## PE

**Year 9 Football**

St Bart's produced a spirited performance but were unlucky to fall to a narrow 3-2 defeat against St George's College.



The game started evenly, with St Bart's creating some early chances before St George's took the lead. St Bart's responded in spectacular fashion when Rayan struck a brilliant effort from 30 yards into the bottom corner to make it 1-1. St George's regained the advantage from a set piece, but Nat ensured the sides went into half-time level after finishing well five minutes before the break.

The second half was a cagey affair, with both teams limiting opportunities. St George's eventually took the lead for a third time through an outstanding long-range strike that looped over the goalkeeper and into the top corner. St Bart's dominated the final quarter, creating several high-quality chances, but excellent defending and goalkeeping from St George's kept them ahead until the final whistle.

Players of the match were awarded to Baxter for an outstanding leadership display, driving the team forward despite St Bart's trailing on three separate occasions, Leo for his relentless work rate and energy throughout the match and Charlie for an excellent second-half performance at right-back.

**U15 Football**

Our U15 girls played Kennet School in the 3rd round of the National Cup on Thursday 5 November. Kennet are turning out to be our arch nemesis! After meeting them in the County Cup final 2 years in a row, with trophies being 1 apiece, we knew we would be in for a tough game. It didn't get off to the best start as we were down to the bare 9 just before kick-off, but saving the day were Matilda and Scarlett who helped us out by filling in at the last minute.



A very even game across the entire match with little bits of star quality coming through and that ended up being the difference in the end. Kennet went 1-0 up thanks to a well worked goal and then found a second one from a corner. However, St Bart's didn't give up, following tactical instructions brilliantly and managing to pull one back just before half-time. After fantastic work down the left from Freya who succeeded in putting a cross in and Tilly was there to finish it.

In the second half, St Bart's started strong and made it 2-2 through another well worked goal after excellent hold up play from Tilly. This allowed Jessie to nip in and pull it back to Freya who finished well. Unfortunately for us, a constant thorn in our side in the form of Isla at Kennet scored an absolute rocket from distance to give them a 3-2 lead and then they made it 4-2 from a good free-kick routine with 2 minutes remaining. It was a fantastic team performance considering the circumstances, Miss Bilcliff was extremely proud despite the result and a huge well done to all the girls involved who never gave up and fought until the very end. Squad was as follows: Freya S, Molly, Rosie, Matilda, Avvi, Jessie, Amy, Poppy, Freya B, Scarlett and Tilly.

**U14 & U16 Netball**

What a fantastic day of netball for St Bart's at the National Schools Competition! Both teams represented the school brilliantly, showing determination, resilience and some excellent netball against very strong opposition.

We are incredibly proud of the girls, not just for their performances but for the teamwork, commitment and attitude they showed throughout the day.

*U14 – A brilliant day of progress and determination*

The U14s started their campaign with a narrow 7-8 loss to Queen Anne's School, before bouncing back with an excellent 10-4 win against Reading Blue Coat.

Moving into the seeded qualifying round, the girls produced a fantastic 14-5 victory over Bradfield School, followed by a tough 2-25 defeat to Wellington School.

The team progressed into the Plate competition, where they had the opportunity to face Queen Anne's again – this time coming out on top with a brilliant 8-7 win! They also faced Newlands and The Marist Schools in two further challenging fixtures.

There were outstanding individual performances across the court. Flo produced numerous flying interceptions, while Polly and Molly were relentless with their arms over the ball and driving play forward. Liz, Esme, Katy and Immy delivered some brilliant shooting, and Liv and Year 7 Emma were outstanding in defence.

A special mention to the whole squad – the teamwork was fantastic, everyone contributed and there is so much potential and so much to look forward to!

U16 – High-quality netball and fantastic teamwork

The U16s also faced a challenging draw, opening with an 11-5 loss to Wellington School before battling to an impressive 11-11 draw against St Mary's.

In the seeded qualifying round, they narrowly missed out against Claire's Court School, losing 8-9, before responding with a great 10-7 victory over Heathfield to secure their place in the Plate.

The girls continued to compete fiercely, narrowly losing 7-8 to St Mary's School and 6-9 to St George's School, with every game providing valuable experience against high-quality opposition.

The standard of netball was phenomenal. The girls worked brilliantly as a unit, with fabulous connections through court and some excellent passages of play. They held their own against some very strong schools and certainly looked the part in their new dresses!

The defensive trio of Maya, Caitlin and Ellie were absolutely outstanding, making life incredibly difficult for opposition shooters. Hattie was on fire in the shooting circle, hardly missing, with fantastic feeds from Freya and Nieve. Liv and Hollie also delivered accurate shooting, while Sasha provided brilliant versatility and support, stepping in at GA, WA and C.

Looking ahead… Both squads should be incredibly proud of what they achieved. The competition provided a fantastic opportunity to test ourselves against some of the strongest school teams, build combinations and gain valuable experience.

There were plenty of positives, some excellent performances and, most importantly, a real sense of togetherness across both teams. We have a lot to build on and plenty to look forward to!

A huge thank you to all the parents for their continued support, encouragement and commitment in getting the girls to these competitions. It really is appreciated.

Well done, St Bart's!

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Maths Challenge Questions Answers: Q7D, Q14C, Q21E

## On the grid…






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St Bart's

# Christmas Card Competition

## Calling all Artists and Designers

Be the official artwork on the school's Christmas card!

Hand in your submissions to the Art Office by

**Friday 20th November**

### Rules:

- No cotton wool or 3D parts
- No text
- No cartoon-like drawings

# Chocolate Tombola Donations needed!

At the St Bart's Christmas Fair on
**Sunday 29th November 2026,**
the PA will be running a Chocolate Tombola
to help raise funds for the school.




## Please could you help by donating a box of chocolates?

The chocs should be in date
and box fully sealed.

Students are asked to bring their
box of chocolates to their
House Office by

**Friday 20th November**

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## Contact us for more information and support:

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