

Bartholomew News



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In May next year, our Year 8 students and staff will travel to Northern France and Belgium to visit the Menin Gate in Ypres, where George Ashwin Curnock is commemorated, and go to the grave of Robert Arthur Patterson near Athies. They will also visit Thiepval Memorial, where Bertram Saxelbye Evers' name is enscripted, and see the memorial plaque placed five years ago in St George's Memorial Church in Ypres to commemorate the sacrifice made by former St Bart's students in World War I. The plaque reads:

'This plaque commemorates those soldiers who attended St Bartholomew's School, Newbury. They are named individually in pride of place at our school. They gave their lives in the First World War and their sacrifice will be remembered by us all.'

Alexander Herbert Davis died in 1915 and is buried just 400m away from the school in Newtown Road Cemetery.

Dr Fitter spoke of our thoughts being with those who risk their lives in order to do their duty and to uphold values such as democracy and freedom of speech around the world. He reminded us of the importance of kindness, respect for others and promoting peace in our own community.

Following Dr Fitter's speech, our Head Students read the traditional Roll of Honour – the names of those 101 St Bart's students who perished in war. Bugle calls by Ethan (Year 10), Lawrence (Year 11), Matilda (Year 11) and Edmund (Year 12) were heard, and then the School reflected during the two-minute silence.



Following the service, the School Officers laid wreaths in the Memorial Garden, joined by members of the CCF, symbols of those young people who found themselves wearing uniform, by the flagpole to lower the flag to half-mast.

Thank you to Matilda and Lawrence who also played the Last Post for younger students at the John Rankin Remembrance Assembly last week.



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Calendar

Y10 GCSE & BTEC Business trip	Wednesday 16 November	Cadbury World - all day
Y12 English Language Conference	Wednesday 16 November	London - 8.00am - 5.30pm
Y12 & Y13 Senior Mathematical Kangaroo	Wednesday 16 November	P4
PA Coffee Morning	Thursday 17 November	St Nicolas Church - 10.00am-12.00pm. See below.
Non Uniform Day for Children In Need	Friday 18 November	See below
Y11 PRACTICE EXAMS Continue	Monday 21 November	Hall (until Wednesday)
Y8 and Y9 Reports issued	Tuesday 22 November	
GCSE Music Performance Non Examined Assessment Recording Day	Tuesday 22 November	
Y13 Dance Choreography Day	Tuesday 22 November	all day - Dance Studios
Eco Committee	Tuesday 22 November	WCC - 3.30pm
Parents' Association Meeting	Tuesday 22 November	WCC - 7.00pm

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

Non Uniform Day for Children in Need

Friday 18 November

We will have a Non Uniform Day on Friday 18 November for Children in Need.

You can donate to this excellent charity through ParentPay. To increase the impact of your donation, you can Gift Aid it.



Please use [this link](#) to make your donations

Parents' Association Events

The Parents' Association have a busy and exciting half term coming up with the Christmas Fair on 4 December (11am-3pm), and a Coffee Morning at St Nicolas Church on 17 November (10am-12pm).



If you'd like to book a stall for the Christmas Fair, please get in touch at stbartspa@gmail.com. Student stalls (fundraising for charity or school trips) are free of charge.

If you can help the Parents' Association with any of the following:

- raffle prizes for the Christmas Fair,
- help for a couple of hours at either event,
- baking a cake for either event,
- donating bric-a-brac for the coffee morning

Please get in touch at stbartspa@gmail.com.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

Army Careers

16+ Options – Applications now open

[Army Foundation College Harrogate](#)

[Army Officer Scholarship Scheme](#)

[Army Apprenticeships](#)

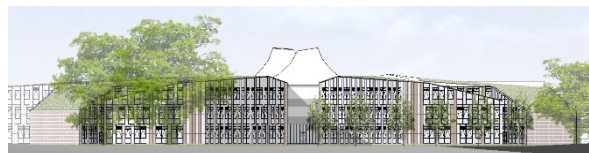
Visit our [Y7-11 Careers Opportunities webpage](#) for more events. And a more comprehensive listing for older students is also available on the Sixth Form Hub: [Careers and Study Opportunities page](#).

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VACANCIES

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Permanent, to start as soon as possible



We are looking for someone to contribute to the improvement in outcomes for children and young people by ensuring that the needs of children and their families are identified within the school environment at an early stage and supported.

You will help address issues such as attendance and behaviour within school and provide support on an individual basis, ensuring that the appropriate services are provided or referral to other services is facilitated. You will provide appropriate counselling support for students to meet their needs whilst managing a triage system that ensures needs are met in a priority order.

HOURS: 18 hours and 15 minutes per week, Monday & Tuesday 8.45am to 3.30pm and Wednesday 8.45am to 3.00pm, term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata.

SALARY: £23953.00 - £26446.00 gross pa (£12.42 - £13.71 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term time. Starting salary equates to £10150.86 gross pa.

For full details and to apply, please visit: www.stbarts.co.uk

Closing date: Sunday 27 November 2022

All applicants shortlisted will be subject to an online search. Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks.

Tel: 01635 521255 E-mail: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

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DARTMOOR ADVENTUROUS TRAINING WEEKEND



On Friday 4 November, 20 Year 10 CCF cadets travelled to Dartmoor for the second Adventurous Training Weekend this term. The group completed two days of walking in some very wet conditions, with poor visibility adding to the navigational challenges. They should be very pleased with their achievement and resilience. Everyone was wet through on their return to Okehampton Camp on Saturday evening and grateful for a hot cooked dinner in the Camp canteen and a dry bed for the night in army accommodation. Sunday started equally wet, but the cadets still approached their day out cheerfully and were able to appreciate a rainbow and some drier

conditions by the end of the walk. Thanks to all the staff who supported the weekend: Mr Brooker, Mr Edwards, Miss Baikie, Major Patrick, Miss Moore, and the CCF volunteer staff, without whom we would not have been able to include so many students: Mr Cantwell, Mrs Evans and Dr Scourfield.



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SPOTLIGHT ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE is a core subject and plays an important role in providing a robust curriculum for our students. To enrich our curriculum, we lead a range of activities throughout the academic year. We have just launched the annual foodbank appeal with the West Berkshire Foodbank, requesting Year 7 & 8 students to bring in donations of non-perishable foods. Last Christmas we managed to donate food that weighed 157.4kgs which equals 330 meals!



SPOTLIGHT ON....
RE

This week, we are organising Inter Faith Week. The aims of this are to strengthen good interfaith relations, increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities represented in our school, in particular celebrate and build on the contribution which their members make to our neighbourhoods and to wider society and to increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs. A range of activities are planned, including guest speakers in assemblies, for example, the Street Pastors, members of the Hindu community in Newbury and the Muslim community. The highlight of the week is the interfaith panel made up of representatives from religious and non-religious backgrounds. Year 9 and 13 students will get to ask them questions about their beliefs and practices as well as ask their perspectives regarding current affairs. Year 7 will get involved in a treasure hunt throughout the week as well as a quiz on Wednesday with lots of prizes to be won!

Other planned events include a Philosophy and Ethics Conference for our A Level students in the Spring Term as well as the Mosque trip for all Year 9s in the Summer Term. If you would like to be involved in any of these activities in the future, please contact Ms Oluoch, Head of RE and Mrs Perchard, KS3 Leader.



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ORCHESTRA DAY

Monday 7 November was Autumn Orchestra Day – a day devoted to whole school music making. Over one hundred students assembled in the hall with a wide range of instruments and abilities to play and rehearse together. As well as performing as a massed ensemble, students also benefitted from specialist coaching sessions. In addition to directing the whole School Orchestra, Mrs Robertson ran a strings session, Mr Tostdevine and Miss Boggett shared their skills with the woodwind players, while Ms Maunders drew on her experience to coach the brass and percussion.



As part of the day, Sixth Form students were also given opportunities to take on leadership and directing roles – including conducting the Senior Orchestra in rehearsals for next month’s performances of The Snowman. It was a really valuable day, and great preparation for the upcoming seasonal performances, including the annual Carol Service in St Nicolas Church. There’s always room in the School Orchestra for more players of all instruments and abilities – if you haven’t already tried it, then why not come along to rehearsals during Friday activity times?

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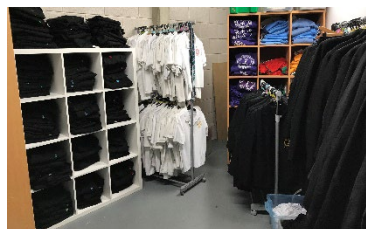
UNIFORM SHOP ON THE MOVE

The Skoolkit uniform shop in the Kennet Centre is moving to a new location in Parkway, Newbury, and will open the doors to the new shop on Thursday 1 December. You will find them at 40 East Street, opposite The Honesty Cafe. They will be trading from the Kennet Centre shop up until Saturday 26 November. This does mean there will be a few days without a Skoolkit shop whilst they transfer stock from one location to the other. During that period you can still order school uniform online at www.skoolkit.co.uk

In store purchases made at the new Skoolkit shop on 1, 2 and 3 December will benefit from a 15% discount. Please see their [flyer](#) for further information.

There are two uniform suppliers for the purchase of St Bart’s uniform, as well as a second hand shop.

In addition to Skoolkit, uniform can be purchased from West Berkshire Clothing. Online orders at www.westberkshireclothing.co.uk/school-shop



The St Bart’s PA second hand uniform shop is open in school on Fridays during term time from 3.00-3.45pm.

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PE

Year 8 Football



Our Year 8 teams were fantastic at their next round of West Berkshire fixtures. The A team beat St Gabriel's, 4-1, with 4 goals from Jessie, and beat Park House School, 1-0, with the goal scored by Cesca. Our B team lost both their games, 2-0, to The Willink School and The Downs School but had great chances to score and never gave up. Well done to all involved, and we nearly missed the torrential rain!



KS3 Badminton Festival

Congratulations to the girls who took part in the West Berkshire Badminton Festival at St Bart's. This was a great opportunity for the girls to play several singles and doubles matches against other local schools.

The A team came 2nd in their section, just missing out on a semi-final place. The B team finished in 3rd place in their section. Well done to you all.

KS4 West Berkshire Badminton Festival.

Congratulations to the 8 girls who took part in the KS4 West Berkshire Badminton Festival at Kennet School.

It was great to see so many teams involved, 11 in total, and the standard of play was of a high level from all schools. Our girls performed superbly and this was reflected in some excellent results. The B team finished in 3rd place and the A team finished in 1st place. Well done to you all.



Year 10 Rugby



The Year 10 Rugby Team beat Claires Court, Maidenhead, 29-12, in the County Cup. In what was an excellent whole team performance, the boys showed how far they have come as a year group. This was a special win for the boys as the same Claires Court side just beat them at the County Festival when the boys were in Year 7.

Tries were scored by Marcus, George, Albert, and Alex H (2). Jimmy converted two of the difficult conversions. Player of the match was Jack for his brilliant handling and attacking threat on the wing.



Daniel Sports County Tie!

Congratulations to Daniel (11E1) who has been selected, after making his way through two rounds of county football trials to represent Berkshire. He is now the proud owner of a county tie which he can be seen wearing around school. Well done from everyone at St Bart's and good luck in your forthcoming matches.

U16 Football

Our U16 Girls' Football team lost 5-2 in the next round of the cup. After a tough first half, the girls fought back brilliantly and ended up winning the second half 2-1, thanks to goals from Meg and Mya. Each and every girl put in 100% effort and didn't give up. No team photo was taken due to the torrential rain that started right at the end of the match!

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STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

You must have the following items with you in school at all times.

Pens: 2 x black
1 x blue
1 x green



Pencils x 2



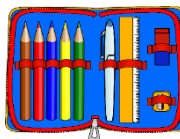
Ruler



Eraser



Pencil Case



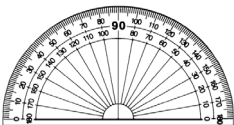
Pair of Compasses



Calculator



Protractor



Reading Book



Glue Stick



Highlighter



Equipment must not be shared between students and staff will be unable to issue any missing equipment.

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