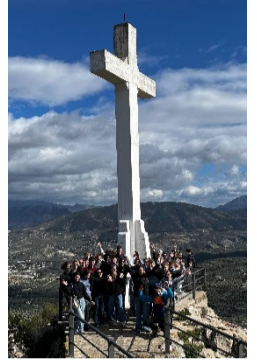




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"Our trip to Andalucia was so jam-packed. We got to see so much over the course of the four days, as well as practising our Spanish! On day one we arrived at Malaga and received a tour of the city. We ended the day by visiting the Bronze statue of Picasso (and having an ice cream there!) before arriving in Jaén.



On day two we met our pen pals for the first time, and visited their school to do a variety of activities. This helped us with our communication skills and it was a very enjoyable way for us to practice our Spanish. In the evening, we did a scavenger hunt in Jaén with the pen pals.

Day three was our busiest day! In the morning, we went to the market in Jaén to buy the ingredients for our 'Masterchef' competition, it was a perfect opportunity to practice our Spanish in real life situations. After this, we did olive oil tasting. Jaén is the olive oil capital of the world with more olive trees than people! In

the afternoon, we visited the 11th century 'Castillo de Santa Catalina'.

Day four was our final full day. In the morning, we went to the interactive science park museum in Granada. On the way back, we saw the views of Granada. Then in the evening, we had a party with the pen pals before saying goodbye.

On our way back to the airport, on the final day, we visited the Alhambra palace in Granada, one of the most famous sites of Islamic architecture. Overall, the Spanish Immersion trip was a great opportunity for us to not only practice and improve our Spanish, but to get a massive insight into the history and culture of Spain whilst being partnered with somebody of our own age!"



Calendar

Y9G Geography Trip to Kew Gardens	Wednesday 13 March	All day
Y7CD Gamelan	Friday 15 March	WCC, All Day
Y10 CCF Field Day	Friday 15 March	8.00am-4.00pm
Y11 DofE Silver Canoeing Practice Expedition	Friday 15 March	From 5.00pm
PA Quiz	Friday 15 March	Hall, 7.00pm
Y11 DofE Silver Canoeing Practice Expedition	Saturday 16 March	All Day
Y9 Mock Trials Trip to Reading Crown Court	Saturday 16 March	7.55am-1.15pm
CCF Sunday Walk 5	Sunday 17 March	8.30am-5.00pm
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Y9F & 9H Geography Trip to Kew Gardens	Monday 18 March	All Day
Y11 and Y12 - Reports issued	Tuesday 19 March	Hall, All Day
Y12 Computing Trip to Equinix Data Centre	Tuesday 19 March	All day
Theatre Performance - Spanish- selected students Y8, Y9, Y10	Tuesday 19 March	P4
Managing Exam Stress - Time to Talk presentation	Tuesday 19 March	6.30pm. All years welcome. Please see this letter.
Y9-12 Dance Performance at the Corn Exchange	Tuesday 19 March	6.30-9.30pm
House Lacrosse/Hockey	Wednesday 20 March	Y8 - P1, Y9 - P2, Y7 - P3
Sixth Form House Football (Girls)	Wednesday 20 March	P5

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

Non-Uniform Day: Friday 15 March 2024

We will have a non-uniform day this Friday, 15 March to celebrate Red Nose Day. This [national fundraiser](#) is about having some fun and raising money to support people whose lives are incredibly difficult. Year 9 will also be participating in a 1-mile fun run on Luker Field during their PE lessons to help encourage even more donations. Students may bring something red to wear in celebration of Comic Relief or add something red to their PE kit.



Finally, there will also be a Cake Sale in the Hub at break, so please make sure your child has some money with them so they can buy a cake and support this great charity. [You can support all these activities by making your donations here.](#) To increase the impact of your donation, you can Gift Aid it. Thank you in advance for helping us raise as much money as possible.



The PA's ever popular Quiz & Chips night is back!

Friday, 15 March 2024, from 7.00pm

Adults £13, staff £11, students £9

Includes fish & chips.

Bar & Raffle

Tickets can be bought at stbartspa.co.uk.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: West Berkshire Training Consortium Open Afternoon/Evening

Wednesday 13 March 2024, 3.30pm – 6.00pm. 7 Cheap Street Newbury RG14 5DD. WBTC are running a 'drop in' advice and guidance session where you can discuss your options for when you finish school/college. Whether you have a firm idea of your 'next step' or just want to know the options available to you, come in for an informal chat. No appointment needed, parents/carers welcome. There will be advisors available to discuss Apprenticeship options, vacancies and our Great Start (Study) Programme.

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 on our website a [Careers Opportunities page](#), which features news the school is sent on Apprenticeship Courses and Programmes, University Workshops and Schemes, Industry Webinars, Careers Resources for Parents and Carers and much more. The opportunities on this page are updated weekly. [Please click](#) to view the latest information.

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VACANCIES

TECHNICIANS: SCIENCE



We are looking for two part-time Science Technicians to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis.

If you are keen to support the work of teaching staff in the Science Faculty in order to raise student achievement, we would love to hear from you. Full training will be provided.

Role One:

16 hours per week, Monday and Tuesday 10.30am to 4.00pm and Wednesday 9.30am to 4.00pm

Role Two:

14 hours per week, Wednesday 12.00pm to 4.00pm and Thursday and Friday 9.30am to 4.00pm.

Both roles are term-time only, plus 5 training days pro rata. There may be some flexibility for one role to work more and the other less within the days and hours above.

SALARY: £23114.00 - £24702.00 FTE gross pa (£11.98 - £12.80 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary for 16 hours equates to £8568.50 gross pa and for 14 hours equates to £7497.44 gross pa.

To find out more details, and to apply, please [click here](#).

Closing date: Wednesday 20 March 2024

Other Vacancies

We currently also have vacancies for the following roles:

Site Supervisor – permanent, 37 hours pw

Site Supervisor – casual

Teaching Assistant – permanent, up to 29 hrs & 40 mins pw

Closing date: Wednesday 25 March 2024

To find out more details, and to apply, please [click here](#) and scroll to the link to browse jobs.

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 email: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

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SIXTH FORM HOUSE CUP

The revitalised Sixth Form House Cup has been a huge success this year and we are now well over the half-way point. The new format includes a wider range of activities and sports to ensure that all students are able to participate and represent their house. Since December, we have had multiple House Dodgeball events, House Film, The Big Fat Quiz of the Year, House Netball, House Basketball, Fun with Numbers, a Spelling Bee and most recently, House Girls' Football.



As the Patterson Sixth Form House Leader, I am extremely disappointed to report that currently Curnock are leading the race to win the Sixth Form House Cup. However, Mr Roberts is more than delighted! This is thanks to their numerous wins in House Dodgeball (always beating Patterson in the final!), winning House Rugby and The Big Fat Quiz of the Year. Evers have won two events, the Spelling Bee

and House Netball, playing some excellent Netball, and Patterson have won House Basketball and Fun with Numbers. Davis should also get an honourable mention for winning the Senior House Film competition with two wins a in row. We still have many House events to look forward to over the coming months, including Boys' Football, Rounders, Debating and a mini Sports Day. It's been a wonderful year so far with a variety of students involved. Congratulations to all Houses and participants on making it so fun and enjoyable to be part of.



Miss M Bilcliff, Patterson Sixth Form House Lead

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ATHENS TRIP

Tell me, muse, of the St Bart's trip to Greece! The A Level students of Classical Civilisation and some guests from other subjects embarked on a PanHellenic Odyssey of Epic proportions. We went to Athens, seeing the theatres, Acropolis and museums, along with the prison of Socrates, ancient Agora, and finally made our own Greek comedy/tragedy masks and watched a performance of Aristophanes' comedies. We then departed for Delphi, which was absolutely incredible and a favourite among the students. This was followed by the site of Olympia – the original site of the Olympic Games, which we recreated – before a meandering return to Athens via Agamemon's palace at Mycenae and the healing cult of Epidaurus and its world-famous theatre. The St Bart's Instagram page ([muses_tell_me](#)) has photos and videos of all this and more.



Some students reflected:

"This trip to Greece was absolutely amazing, and I had so much fun. I didn't expect we'd manage to visit so many different places and attractions over six days but the trip was so well organised and I learnt so much more than I knew before."



"Such an amazing trip, I could literally go on and on about it, the teachers were not as strict as they are usually required to be, being able to play games with us in the evening (and to see their true personalities was pretty amusing). I was so upset to be back in England, I wanted to go back as soon as we landed. The experience was one that I will always remember, seeing all of the sites was so interesting and to be with all of your friends was amazing. "

The trip would not have been possible without the help of Mrs Jenner and Miss Floyd and the admin staff. All of the students were fabulous and the trip was truly unforgettable. Next year...Italy?

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WORLD BOOK DAY AUTHOR VISIT

It was a delight to welcome our Patron of Reading, Peter J Murray and his wife, Kath, back to St Bart's on Monday 4 March to celebrate during the week of World Book Day with our Year 7 students. Pete had the students enthralled with an amazing, albeit slightly scary and spooky presentation, which featured his latest book, 'The Darker side of Wight'. Telling fantastic stories about his life growing up in Rotherham, teaching at Cheam School amongst other places before becoming an author and detailing the inspiration for his new book 'The Darker side of Wight', the students were hooked in to his ghostly tales.



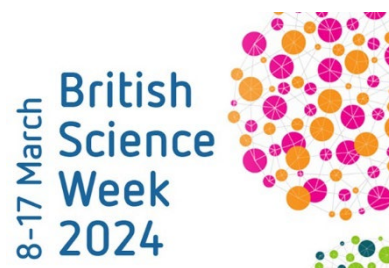
We then had a book signing the next day for all those students who had ordered a book, and the library was abuzz with discussion and excitement! Pete commented on how engaged the Year 7 students were.

We would like to pass on a huge thank you to Pete and Kath – it is always a pleasure to welcome your energy and enthusiasm to St Bart's! Also a big thank you to Mr Randall, Head of English, and Mrs Hewetson in the Library, together with our Finance team for sorting out the online payments as part of the author visit and book purchases.

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BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. Taking place between 8 - 17 March, schools around the country are celebrating the occasion with a range of activities and competitions. St Bart's Science faculty will be holding a number of different fun and exciting activities for the students over the course of the week. This year marks the 30th anniversary of British Science Week, therefore the theme this year is 'time'.



During the week, Mrs Woodgate will be holding her famous Pigs Head Dissection! This is a fascinating event, open for any students to come and attend. Year 7 will have a Whizz Bang assembly just before Easter. This is an assembly jam-packed with experiments and fun. Furthermore, both Year 7 and 8 will be looking at science careers in their lessons.

As for competitions, it's time for Year 7 and 8 to get creative with the 'design a lab coat competition' run by Dr Costambeys. Students can collect a template from their tutors and there are prizes to be won. Dr Costambeys will be choosing some to be entered for the national competition. [See page 11 for more information.](#) There will also be an inaugural House Science Competition, where students will be put into teams to design science experiments to a brief.

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MFL THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

On Wednesday 28 February and Thursday 7 March we had the pleasure of welcoming an MFL specialist theatre company called Onatti. This company performs plays in French, German and Spanish, suitable for beginners and immediate level learners. The play we saw in German was called 'Der Babysitter' which tells the funny story of a babysitter agreeing to allow her ex boyfriend to come and help her but after an argument she walks out leaving

the teenager in charge of the baby. In some of the scenes, the actors even invited the students to participate. This is what Matilda in Year 10 had to say about the event.

"I really enjoyed the play that was put on, it was engaging and easy to understand even for those who had only just started learning German. It was impressive for only two people to be acting, and the set and costumes were very well thought out and intricate. My favourite part was the audience participation. They frequently invited members of the audience to participate, this kept everyone engaged and led to many laughs."



The French play 'Le Cours d'Art' was equally as amusing with the actors acting out what happened when five students were shut in an art classroom with no means of escape- both Kuda Y10 and Maria Y9 were great sports.

We are extremely grateful to the Parents' Association who have funded these events for all MFL students in Years 8, 9 and 10.

The Spanish play takes place on Tuesday next week and we are really looking forward to it.

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PE

National Schools Lacrosse Championship



Congratulations to the Senior Lacrosse team who took part in this weekend's National Schools Lacrosse Championship at Aldershot Garrison. On day one the team competed well against the top schools in the country (including the eventual winners, Moreton Hall) and qualified for Division Two for the second day. After being undefeated in their group they convincingly won their last 16 tie against Abbots Hill. However they then narrowly lost 4-3 in the quarter finals to

the eventual winners, Fettes College. Thank you to Mrs Leach and Miss Thorne who made this possible.

Well done and congratulations to the following: Grace Conington, Freya Morse, Izzy Quesada-Getgood, India Duly, Francesca Parson, Immy Moon, Izzy John, Emily Cox, Sophie Livingstone, Charlotte McDonald, Josephine Winchester, Alice Johnstone, Ellie Upton, Annabel Maclean, Immy Duly and Katya Burgess.

Berkshire School Games

On Friday 8 March, St Bart's hosted the Berkshire Primary Schools Indoor Athletics finals. Eight different primary schools from around Berkshire came to St Bart's to participate in this event held by staff and Year 10 and 11 Sports Leaders.

In the morning, the Year 10 Sports Leaders had an early start, arriving at the sports hall at 7.15am to help set up and learn about their roles for the event.

Six primary schools (Year 3 and 4) then took part in a



range of fun track and field events which were officiated by the Sports Leaders. In the afternoon, eight Year 5 and 6 primary schools got involved in a number of track and field events which were organised and run by the Year 11 Sports Leaders.

The event, which has now been hosted by St Bart's for several years, had a great atmosphere from all of the children and was overall a huge success.



Barclays Girls Football School Partnerships

On Friday 8 March, St Bart's supported the 'Let Girls Play' biggest ever football session. The 'Let Girls Play' campaign was launched in October 2021 to support England Women's Football ambition to provide girls with equal access to football and inspire communities and schools to make change.

On Friday morning, two Year 9 half year groups and one Year 7 half year group participated in a football festival on the Astro. It was a great event with approximately 180 girls playing football throughout the morning to support this campaign.



As a school, we have been supporting this initiative to encourage more girls to play football. The girls thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and had lots of fun playing football as well as contributing to the campaign.

Girls' Area Cross Country results

Congratulations to all students who took part in a slightly unforgiving Cross Country course last week at Mary Hare, a beautiful setting but a challenging course, which they all took on board with grit and determination.



Girls

U13 Girls

2nd place out of 9 schools

Runners were Jessie McCurtin, who finished in a superb 3rd position, Hattie Mason, Rose Cooper, Mabel Roberson, Olivia Dow, Darcey Herdman, Alice Kirby, Sunna Mahmoud, Maya Buczkowska, Freya Ilsley and Sophie Yorston.



U15 Girls

2nd place out of 9 schools

Runners were Anna Hall, 9th place, Chloe Yorston, Daisy Wallis, Lauren Baily, Emmeline Lloyd, Eva Mahoney, Sofia Hughes, Mariella Frod, Violet Hughes, Georgia Hillyer and Ellena Clare.

U17 Girls

1st place out of 7 schools

Runners were Isla Clare in fabulous 1st position, closely followed by Katya Burgess in 2nd place and Olive Muir in 3rd place which were brilliant finishing positions, Brooke Thomasson, Izzy McAnally, Anna Delavere, Georgia Knight in a well deserved 6th place, Chloe Shore and Erin Cameron.

U20 Girls

1st place went to Kirsten Fraser, which was a superb achievement back on the Cross Country circuit! A tremendous and very successful team effort from you all – very well done and thank you!

Boys

The boys completed a clean sweep, winning every age group team category.

U13 (Year 7) – 1st out of 10 schools

U15 (Year 8 and 9) – 1st out of 9 schools

U17 (Year 10 and 11) – 1st out of 7 schools

U20 (Year 12 and 13) – 1st out of 2 schools

Top finishers included:

U13 - Rupert Knight 3rd, Alex Rowe 4th.

U15 - Antonio Valdivia 1st, Jacob Tang 6th. A special mention must go to Henry Wilson who led for most of the race, but sprained his ankle on the last section – and still carried on to finish 10th.

U17 - Haydn James 6th.

U20 - Charlie Adams 1st, Aston Howse 2nd.

You did so well and we are really proud of you all for your fantastic achievements.



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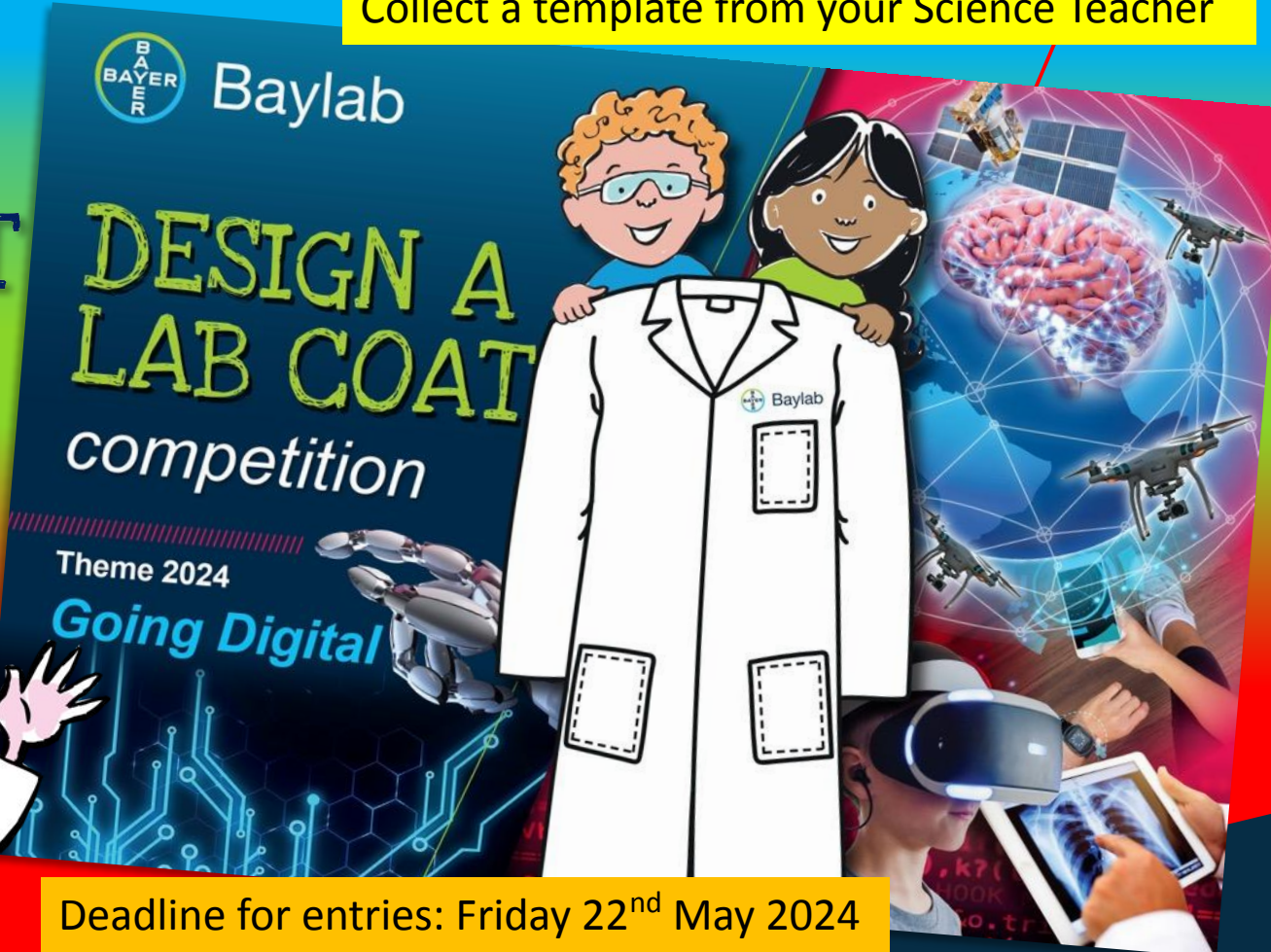
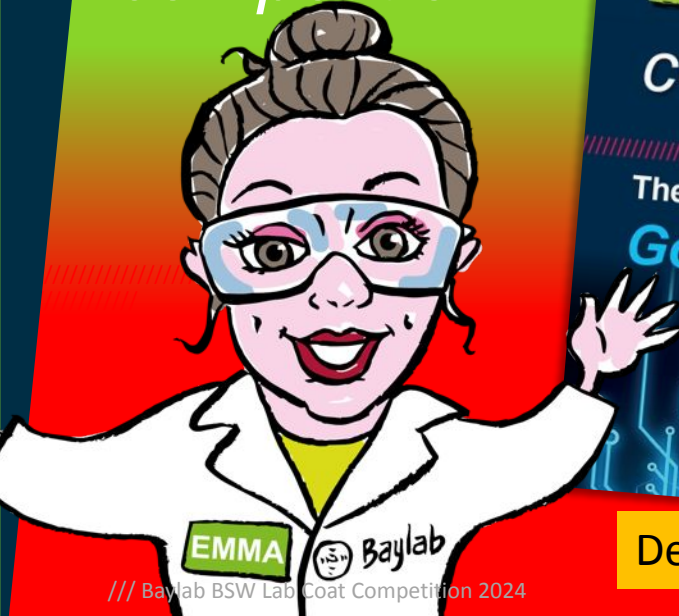




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Collect a template from your Science Teacher

BAYLAB LAB COAT competition



Deadline for entries: Friday 22nd May 2024