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#HolocaustMemorialDay
27 January



On Holocaust Memorial Day, we remembered the many millions of lives that were lost during the Holocaust, whilst also remembering other victims of the Nazis and their collaborators. These included homosexuals, disabled people, Roma & Sinti, Soviet POW, non-Jewish Poles and political opponents. January 27 also marks remembrance for those who were persecuted during other genocides in the 20th century including Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

As there now exists only a handful of Holocaust survivors in the world, we must ensure that the memory of those who were persecuted lives on. At St Bart's, we are committed to preserving this memory and have worked alongside UCL's Holocaust Education Centre to develop our teaching resources. In April 2024, 40 of our current Year 13 students visited Krakow, Poland, to learn more about pre-war Jewish life, the Holocaust and life after the

Holocaust. They walked through the old ghetto where Jews were concentrated under Nazi control, heard from a Holocaust survivor and visited Auschwitz-Birkenau.

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welcome 'Voices', a Holocaust education charity on 10 February, who will perform their play 'Kindness: A legacy of the Holocaust' to our Year 9 cohort. They will also perform a second showing for any of our students, their parents and carers on 10 February at 4.30pm. For further information please visit [The Beacon School Programme page](#) on our website or if you have further questions please email mowen@stbarts.co.uk



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Calendar

Y11E/P English Trip, 'An Inspector Calls'	Wednesday 29 January	Mayflower, Southampton, 11.00-5.30pm
Y11 C/D English Trip, 'An Inspector Calls'	Thursday 30 January	Mayflower, Southampton, 11.00-5.30pm
Commemorative Rose Planting - All welcome	Friday 31 January	Heritage Garden, 3.30-5.00pm. (See below).
Ten Tors Sunday Walk 3	Sunday 2 February	Newbury area, 8.30am-3.00pm
Y11 DofE Silver Canoeing Training	Sunday 2 February	9.30am-3.30pm
BTEC Business Students work experience	Monday 3 February	Ends Friday 7 February
Y10 Separate Science Day	Monday 3 February	
House Creative Writing Competition	Tuesday 4 February	Robinson Rooms, 5.30pm - 7.00pm
Y11 Internal Interviews	Wednesday 5 February	WCC/RR, P4/P5
Y11 External Interviews	Wednesday 5 February	WCC/RR, 3.30pm-6.30pm
Davis/Evers House Evening rehearsal	Wednesday 5 February	Hall, 3.15-5.15pm (See page 4)
Y9 & 10 Girls' Rugby Development	Wednesday 5 February	Trinity School, 2.00 - 4.00pm

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

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Commemorative Rose Planting

St Bartholomew's School

Friday 31st January 2025 ◊ 3.30 - 5.00pm

2024 was marked by the very sad loss of a number of distinguished ex-members of staff, Eric Danvers, Phil Gray, Elizabeth Hopper (née Hughes), John King and John Wright. All gave exceptional service to St Bartholomew's School and are much missed by our alumni and wider school community.

As a mark of our respect and appreciation, our Headteacher, Dr David Fitter, will be hosting a reception after school on Friday 31st January from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. A commemorative planting of a rose in our Heritage Garden will be followed by tea.

We would like to invite members of our community to join us in remembering the service our former colleagues gave to the school. No RSVP required.



House Evenings

St Bart's is really looking forward to our House Evenings! These are delightfully entertaining occasions, showcasing students' talents from dance and musical performances to hilarious sketches and teacher cameos. This is the biggest fundraising event of the year for our fabulous House Charities...



Curnock: Newbury Cancer Care
Evers: Mencap

Davis: Swings and Smiles
Patterson: Guide Dogs



On both evenings there will be a raffle. If you would like to donate a prize, maybe you have some unwanted Christmas gifts needing a home, please do bring them into school, either via Reception or the House Offices

Audience tickets are £2.00 each and are available now on [ParentPay](#).

[Davis and Evers](#)

[Curnock and Patterson](#)

Rehearsal

Wednesday 5 February,
3.15-5.15pm in the Hall

Friday 7 February,
3.00pm-5.00pm in the Hall

House Evening

Thursday 6 February
6.30pm in the Hall

Tuesday 11 February
6.30pm in the Hall.

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CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

SPOTLIGHT: Apprenticeship Insight Event - Lloyds Banking Group

Tuesday 4 February, 5.00 – 6.00pm. Would you be interested in learning more about student career opportunities with the UK's largest digital bank? Gain valuable insights into the world of banking, finance, and technology at this Zoom event. [Register here.](#)

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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THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE FOR KENYA SCHOOL LINK!

Get ready, St Barts! Our Kenya School Link Club is launching an exciting new fundraising challenge, and we need your support!

Students and staff will be attempting to run, walk, or travel the distance from St Bart's to our partner school, Ulafu School in Kenya. That's an incredible **6,500 miles**, and while we won't be physically making the journey, every step, lap, or mile we complete will bring us closer to our goal.



The challenge aims to raise funds to support Ulafu School with essential resources, helping to improve the education and opportunities available to students there. Whether you're running laps around the school field, walking your dog, or cycling at home, every contribution counts!

We encourage everyone to get involved by seeking sponsorship from friends and family to help us make a real difference. Together, we can go the distance and show our commitment to global community spirit!

How to Get Involved:

- Sign up with the Kenya School Link Club. (Mondays at 12.40pm for Years 8, 10, 12 & 13 in D116 and Tuesdays at 12.10pm for Years 7, 9 and 11 in W210)
- Track your miles through our special event app or paper log sheets.
- Seek sponsorships and donations to help support our cause.
- Join us in special running and walking events throughout the term!

Let's come together as a school and achieve something amazing! Every mile matters, and every step counts. For more details, visit the Kenya School Link Club notice board (behind Patterson stairs) or speak to Miss Broome. Let's make a difference—one step at a time! See poster on [page 13](#).

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DESTINATIONS FAIR FOR OUR YEAR 11

Last week, a group of our Year 11 students were given the opportunity to explore a destinations fair held in the Robinson Rooms. This was an opportunity for students to find out about alternative post-16 options to Sixth Form, to chat to a selection of local providers about the courses they



have on offer and to receive advice on making choices and next steps. Our thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time to support this event, including Activate Learning (with information about Reading College, Bracknell and Wokingham College), Basingstoke College of Technology, Sparsholt College, University Centre Newbury and West Berkshire Training Consortium.



We are following the success of last week with two more upcoming careers events for our Year 12 students.

Online Careers Fair

On Tuesday 25 February we will be holding an online Careers Fair during which students will be able to choose from a selection of online webinars and join to learn more about a career that interests them. We would love to hear from professionals who would be interested to support this.

Are you available on Tuesday 25 February between 12.10-13.00pm? Would you be comfortable delivering a 30 minute presentation to our students on how you got into your career, the work you do on a daily basis and how you followed this career path?

Do you work in one of the following sectors?

- Business related fields such as marketing and HR
- Education

Online Careers Fair

Date
Tuesday 25 February

Time
12.10-13.00pm

Please email Co-Head of Sixth Form
mowen@stbarts.co.uk

- Law
- Emergency services
- Crime and probation
- Sport related professions

If you would like to learn more about supporting this event, please email Co-Head of Sixth Form, Mr Owen - mowen@stbarts.co.uk

Post-18 Destinations Fair

On Wednesday 19 March we will hold our inaugural Post-18 Destinations Fair, which will be attended by local employers, colleges and universities, enabling students to explore different post A Level opportunities in our area. Our thanks to Activate Learning (Reading, Bracknell, Wokingham College), AWE, Gardner Leader, Kerridge Commercial Systems, Oxford Brookes University, Portsmouth University, Royal Holloway University, University Centre Newbury, University of Reading and University of Winchester who have all committed to supporting this event. If you work for an organisation which offers post-18 opportunities and might like to join us, or know of an organisation you wish us to approach, please do get in touch with dseward@stbarts.co.uk

To learn more about the Careers Programme at St Bart's, visit our [Careers pages](#) on our website.

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CCF ARMY SECTION, AUTUMN TERM 2024

As with both the RAF and RN sections, the Army cadets have had plenty to do. September saw the Year 10s embarking on the new CCF Army cadet syllabus which is now closely aligned with that of the ACF where cadets can achieve Basic/1*/2*/3*/4* qualifications. An early Field Day in October enabled cadets to cover some early basics including cooking in the field and elements of fieldcraft such as camouflage and concealment, while school-based activities have already covered aspects of military knowledge, first aid and the air rifle.



Year 11 cadets have continued to push on with elements that will enable them to complete either the Basic or Advanced Proficiency certificate. Field Day in October saw the Year 11 Army section participating with enthusiasm, and 39 cadets staying on for the Night Exercise through Friday evening into Saturday morning, when they undertook ambush drills and section attacks with many blank rounds fired. This enabled many to complete the fieldcraft syllabus. The Year 11 cadets participated in a range of problem solving and leadership activities led by the Army Engagement Team during one of their Friday afternoon timetabled sessions (see photo!). They have now begun the series of round-robin activities involving air rifle shooting, archery, a local mapex (a navigation exercise around Newbury/Speen Moor area) and first aid on a Friday afternoon.

We continue to be supported by a very good group of senior cadets in Years 12 and 13 who take the lead instructing in many activities. As always, the Year 12 cadets have completed the course on cadet instructional techniques.

CCF CVQ

In September 2023, the CCF re-introduced a BTEC course for those in Year 12, Personal Development and Leadership. Take-up was 16 cadets across all three sections with only one dropping out early on. Almost all

have completed successfully already. This year's take-up was smaller, but those involved are being given the excellent assistance by the visiting tutor on her four 2-hour visits.

CCF into 2025

The CCF already has plenty on the calendar for the coming year. Field Days are in the planning stage for both March and June, while the Easter Adventurous Training week will include climbing, watersports and mountain biking as well as a 2 day expedition. With both 35 and 45 mile teams participating in Ten Tors this year, those involved will be busy with Sunday walks through the Spring Term, followed by the final team selection weekend and then the Ten Tors event early in the Summer Term. Additionally, the Army section has been allocated 35 spaces on the Cadet Training Team run Summer Camp at Okehampton in July. As always, a wide range of opportunities to engage with as a part of the CCF, and plenty more to come!

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ALUMNUS FILM TALK

Y12 Film Studies students were joined this week by Marc Jenner, a former student who, having completed a Film Production degree is working in the film industry. He gave a fascinating talk, reflecting on his own academic experiences and providing insights into careers and opportunities in film. The students are currently working on writing screenplays as a key component of their A Level NEA (Non-Examined Assessment). Working as he now does as a Script Reader, Marc was able to advise students on the ingredients of successful screenplays and he engaged on a one-to-one basis with many of the students who were keen to try out their ideas on someone with real industry experience.



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AQA UNIT AWARD SCHEME

Congratulations to Sophie Locke who has been awarded an AQA Unit Award Skill in: Understanding and Improving Self-Esteem. This new and exciting scheme provides an opportunity for all students at St Bart's to evidence their learning and develop their own personal interests. Moreover, it helps to boost confidence, increase engagement and reward students so they make further progress during their learning journey at St Bart's. We are very proud of their continuing achievements!

Miss K Marshall

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PE

U13 Football

The U13 girls delivered a phenomenal performance in their match against Charters School in Ascot. The game began evenly, with both teams creating counterattacking opportunities, but it wasn't long before St Bart's began to dominate. St Bart's quickly found their rhythm and produced moments of brilliance.

Freya (8P1) opened the scoring with a stunning shot from outside the box, assisted by Olivia (8E3). Taking on multiple players, Freya slotted the ball into the bottom left corner. Olivia (8E3) doubled the lead with a screamer into the top right corner, crossing the keeper from outside the box after an excellent pass from Alice (8D1). Alice (8D1) joined the scoresheet with a powerful left-footed strike from outside the box, assisted by Jessie (8D1). A shot from Freya (8P1), set up by Amy (7D2), was fumbled by the goalkeeper and rolled into the net to make it four. Jessie (8D1) added a fifth just before half-time, firing into the top left corner from just inside the box after being set up by Freya (8P1).



By half-time, we had stormed ahead with a 5-0 lead.

St Bart's carried their momentum into the second half with outstanding linkage play. Alice (8D1), with a precise finish, scored her second goal, assisted by Tilly (7D3). Olivia (8E3) took advantage of a clever pass from Freya (8P1), slotting in a simple tap-in. A rebound from a shot by Amy (7D2) fell kindly to Alice (8D1), who completed her hattrick by calmly placing it in the back of the net. Another tap-in from Olivia (8E3), following excellent work and a pass from Alice (8D1), brought the score to 9-0. Alice (8D1) performed a side-footed finish, showing her strength and precision. Alice (8D1) then capped off her outstanding performance with yet another goal, a simple tap-in. Although Charters had one through ball that threatened St Bart's goal, Rosie (8D1) and Isla (8E3) quickly stopped the attack, allowing Freya (7D2) in goal to safely collect the ball. The final goal came from Freya (8P1), who volleyed the ball down the middle of the goal after a pinpoint cross from Olivia (8E3).

An incredible 12-0 win!

Player Performances:

The entire team displayed incredible skill and determination:

- Freya (7D2): Exceptional in goal, keeping a well-earned clean sheet.
- Poppy (8D2) and Rosie (8D1): Solid in defence, ensuring Charters posed no threat.
- Lucia (7D3): Dominated defensively, breaking down attacks effectively.
- Jessie (8D1): Controlled the midfield with crucial passes and excellent vision.
- Isla (8E3), Tilly (7D3), and Freya (8D2): Brilliant midfield runs and excellent passing.
- Olivia (8E3) and Amy (7D2): Delivered exceptional crosses, creating numerous opportunities.
- Alice (8D1) and Freya (8P1): Unstoppable upfront, taking their chances.

Player of the Match: Alice (8D1) was awarded Player of the Match for her remarkable strength and finishing ability, scoring an incredible five goals. Mrs Stevens is super proud of their outstanding performance and exceptional teamwork, securing a dominant 12-0 victory and onto the next round of the County Cup!

Watch out for match videos on the [What's On](#) section of our website!

Year 9 Football

The Year 9 boys' football team have had a great start to the season. They beat local rival Park House School, 1-0, in our first league game with Danny Smith-Mas as the player of the match.

The team then had a tough first round draw in the County Cup against Reading Blue Coat School. The team put in their best performance that Mr Bandy has seen and came away 7-1 winners! Eli Bodin was the player of the match scoring five goals!



Year 11 County Cup Football

The Year 11 boys' football team played Holyport in the first round of the County Cup. The first half was well contested with St Bart's going into the break with a 1-0 lead. The goal was scored by Eddie after a good free kick from Patrick.

The second half was a completely different story with St Bart's having lots of chances to double their lead within the first 10 minutes. This then continued throughout the half, but St Bart's struggled to be clinical and take their chances. However, in the last 15 minutes of the game St Bart's got what they deserved with a great free kick scored by Patryk followed by a great finish from Lukas leading to a final score of 3-0 to St Bart's.

It was a very impressive second half performance from everyone including the substitutes who came on and made a positive impact on the game. However, player of the match was awarded to Stan who was exceptional in possession and worked tirelessly out of the possession to win the back the ball. His performance was one of the best that Mr Fry has seen in a St Bart's shirt. Well done to all involved.

Year 8 Netball

St Bart's A vs St Gabriel's A: St Bart's A faced a tough challenge against St Gabriel's A but managed to maintain their lead throughout the game. A close and competitive match ended with St Bart's A securing a 6-3 victory. Freya, excelling in the centre, and Maya, showcasing amazing defensive skills, were jointly awarded Player of the Match for their outstanding performances.

St Bart's A vs Willink: St Bart's A dominated their second match against Willink, delivering a commanding 11-1 win. The team worked seamlessly together, with Summer standing out for her excellent defending and earning the Player of the Match.

St Bart's B vs Theale: The B team had a tightly contested game against Theale. Both sides battled hard, with the match finishing in an exciting 3-3 draw. Cece's exceptional performance earned her the Player of the Match title.

St Bart's B vs Kennet: In their second match, St Bart's B showed their strength and teamwork to secure a 6-2 victory against Kennet B. Cece continued her impressive form, once again being named Player of the Match.



Yoga Club

A reminder that our FREE Yoga Club runs on a Monday after school in the gym with an external instructor from 3.15 – 4.15pm. Yoga is so helpful for stress, anxiety, sleep and your general health and wellbeing so this is a great reason to take a break from your busy routine. It will refresh you to take on your studies and homework with renewed energy!

The club is open to students in all years, boys and girls, and to staff. Please do join us. Speak to Mrs Leach for more information.



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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 the new style outdoor sports top, black jumpers, ties and blazers are very welcome. Please bring donations to the shop on Friday afternoons or anytime via school reception.

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THURSDAY
6 FEB | 6.30PM
MAIN HALL

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY

RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SWINGS & SMILES, AND MENCAP

CURNOCK PATTERSON HOUSE EVENING

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025

6:30PM

**TICKETS AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE VIA PARENTPAY**

RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS HOUSE
CHARITIES

**GUIDE
DOGS**

**NEWBURY
CANCER
CARE**





Kenya School Link Fundraising Challenge!

Sponsored Walk to Kenya!

Get involved in our goal to walk, cycle, swim, or travel in any other way the distance from St Barts to our partner school, Ulafu Secondary School, Kenya.

Everytime you exercise, track your miles and it will be added up until as a school we traverse a distance equal to the 6,500 miles between the two schools. Our aim is to raise money through sponsorships to support our fellow students at the Ulafu school.

For more information on how you can get involved and make a difference, speak to your tutor or Miss Broome.

FREE YOGA CLASS

Mondays,
3.15 – 4.15pm
in the Gym.

Open to
students in all
years, boys and
girls, and to
staff.



Helps with stress, anxiety,
sleep and well being. A great
reason to take a break from
your busy routine and renew
your energy levels.



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Speak to Mrs Leach for more information.