

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

April 2019

The school has suffered two sad losses this year. Thomas Early a former student and Jon Sheppard our Head of Science

Thomas Early

Thomas Early studied at three centres in West Oxfordshire and was very well-liked by everyone who came into contact with him. He was kind, caring, polite and charismatic.

Thomas joined Bartholomew School in 2013 where he played an active part in school life. He was a keen sportsman with a particular passion for rugby.

In September 2018 Thomas joined The Henry Box School in Year 12 and quickly settled into their Sixth Form community. Thomas also studied at Abingdon and Witney College. Thomas will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

“Everyone at Bartholomew School, The Henry Box School, and Abingdon and Witney College is deeply shocked and saddened by the tragic loss of Thomas and our thoughts are with Thomas’s family and friends”.

Jon Sheppard

Jon was a phenomenal member of the school community. He was an amazing teacher, who's knowledge and passion guided and supported so many young people. He had that gift, which all the best teachers have, of making really challenging concepts understandable.

Jon was also a great member of staff. He was a great colleague, mentor and friend to so many.

Examination performance: Awards

Bartholomew School has been recognised nationally for its excellent results in 2018 based on data from The Department for Education and Ofsted, analysed by SSAT, the Schools, Students and Teachers network. Bartholomew School was found to be among the best performing secondary schools in the country, receiving two awards for being in the top 20% of non-selective schools nationally for attainment and progress. The SSAT Educational Outcomes database compares all state-funded schools in England and the highest performing schools for a range of key measures are awarded SSAT Educational Outcomes Awards. Bartholomew School will be presented with their award during the summer term at a ceremony attended by winners from across the region.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said: I am delighted that Bartholomew School has won two Educational Outcomes Awards. This recognises one important aspect of the school’s work but at SSAT we believe an outstanding school has deep social justice at the heart of its plan; it subjects that plan to constant challenge and innovation; and it liberates teachers to perform brilliantly in the classroom. SSAT is pleased to recognise the quality of leadership and the hard work of all staff to ensure the success of every child. A big thank you and well done to students, parents, staff and governors.”

Examination performance: Summary Data

The very good performance at Bartholomew School in this summer's examinations was significantly due to the efforts of a highly dedicated staff working very effectively with students.

A Level

73% gained the highest grades A*-C
44% gained grades A*-B
23% of all entries gained grades A* or A
99% of all entries gained A* - E grades

GCSE

Progress 8 0.38
87% achieved 9-4 in English Language
87% achieved 9-4 in Maths
85% achieved 9-4 in English and Maths
55.2 average Attainment 8
% Ebacc entry 40%
% Ebacc 23%

These exam results are a testament to the commitment and dedication of the students and staff at Bartholomew and all of our students should be justifiably proud of their excellent achievements. These results have enabled our students to continue onto the post-16 and post-19 courses, to go into training or to enter the employment that they wanted. We wish all our students every success and happiness in their future lives and careers.

I would like to reiterate that it is to the great credit of *all* staff in the school that, despite all the demands, they managed to maintain their focus, ensuring they taught and supported students, stayed committed to their goals, and completed all tasks set them to the highest standards. I would like to thank them all again, and publicly, for their amazing dedication to the students and the school.

Highlights of the Academic Year

Lilly Anderson, Jamie Baker-Pike, William Brewis, Kizzy Davidson, Harvey Dyson, Harvey Hill, Josh Holman, Molly Moorby, Callum Pope, Daniel Roisin, Josh Sear, Shannon Trinder, Ateeq Yasin and Eisa Yasin represented Bartholomew in the Oxfordshire Secondary Panathlon County Competition in Abingdon. They came 2nd and each won silver medals so very well done! They are a credit to the School.

The Mosaic Design Competition was won by **Jamie Mellin**, with **Maisa Stewart, Kathryn McCulloch, Oihana Fernandez De Larrinoa** and **Freya Rogers** as worthy runners-up. Jamie's winning design is now being brought to life by local artist, Becky Paton with contributions from the communities of Eynsham and Long Hanborough. Churchfields Care Home in Cassington will also add some tiles and then the mosaic will be completed by members of Bartholomew School

I would like to give a special mention to **Ben Robson** in Year 11 who has been invited to attend the UKMT National Mathematics Summer School: only 45 students *nationally* have been selected to attend so this is quite an achievement!

Bethan Lillistone in Year 8 is also worthy of a special mention following her recent swimming successes. Bethan took part in the Oxfordshire & North Buckinghamshire County Championships and achieved two

Bronze, two Silver and **SIX Gold** medals: very well done! She goes on to compete in the South East Regional Championships in May: maybe one to watch for future Olympics?

The School Voice organised the annual Charities Week which, this year, had a Science-themed focus in memory of Mr Sheppard. The students held joint year-group assemblies on three mornings and seemed totally undaunted by presenting to so many of their peers all at once: individual thanks go to **Robert Murrell, Niamh Seacole, Charlotte Mason, Heather Spilberg, Megan Thomas, Zoe Rogers, Liana Lugosi** and **Shannon Ayres** for speaking so ably and passionately about support of charitable causes. The week's events also included the Cake Bake-Off, for which there were a phenomenal number of entries and Bartholomew's Got Talent on the Friday, which was also a non-uniform day. Please see later in this newsletter for more details of these activities; it was heart-warming, as always, to witness the passion and enthusiasm expressed by those who took part in and/or supported the week and just one of the reasons I am very proud of the Bartholomew School community

Staff who have joined Bartholomew

Mr L Le Texier (Head of ICT)

Mr J Parsons (Mathematics)

Mrs M Paterson (MFL and Head of Year 8)

Miss G Reeves (English)

Miss A Robinson (Science Technician)

Mrs S Westbury (D&T) is joining us to cover maternity leave

Ms S Thornley will shortly be joining us as a part time Receptionist

Mrs H Schmid (Marketing & Publicity)

Mrs A Ward (Examinations Officer)

Mrs S Ockwell (Reception team)

Mr J Dean (Science)

Mrs T Knight (Pastoral Support Worker)

Mr C Warner (Teaching Assistant)

Miss A Treadwell (Teaching Assistant)

Mr R Fisher (D&T Technician)

February to April events

I was keen to give you a flavour of the range of events, after school clubs and activities which our students have been involved in. The list below is from the last 5 weeks

- A thought provoking trip organised by the History department to the battlefields in France and Belgium
- Staff and students dressed up in celebration of World Book Day.
- Two weeks of Year 10 Mocks
- English Saturday School; weekly GCSE Geography revision sessions; various subject 'clinics'
- The second Year 6 Transition Day
- Various events to mark Pi Day on 14 March
- Numerous sporting events: a plethora of Football fixtures including the West Oxon U13 Girls' 5-a-side Tournament, the Bartholomew Girls finishing 3rd in their group overall; U19 Boys' & U16 Girls' Basketball; Year 7 & Year 8 Netball Tournaments; Year 7 & 8 Basketball; Cross Country
- Physics and Chemistry Olympiads, a Particle Physics Masterclass and Various activities in recognition of British Science Week
- The inaugural meeting of a Sixth Form Debate Club
- Year 9 Options Evening and a UCAS Information Evening for Year 12 parents
- The PTA Music Quiz

- Year 7 Disco
- A visiting Artist spent a day in school with Year 12
- Year 8 Mathematicians visited Kellogg College on an 'Enigma' trip (you may have seen them featured on the local BBC News)
- Commencement of a weekly Languages Quiz
- A House Table Tennis Tournament

School Building Developments

The construction of the two-floor building to replace the very old 'tower block' classrooms is now well underway, complete with floors and staircases. The new block will be open at the beginning of June. We then start work on the new reception and courtyard area

I would like to take this opportunity to give credit to our students who, despite the movement restrictions in place because of the building works, and the, at times very inclement weather, continue to behave just as we've come to expect of Bartholomew students. They respond quickly and politely to staff instruction and to the Kier Banksman, whilst he oversees movement of the varied construction traffic on site. The students are a very real credit and, once again, their responsible and sensible behaviour make me and the school staff very proud.

Finally!

It has been a very successful year for the school and I am very proud of the school's achievements. We continue to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum with a rich variety of extra-curricular activities which helps ensure that students have a happy and successful time whilst at the school.

I would like to thank the community for their support and friendship over the past year.

Mr Thomas
Headteacher
April 2019