

VERULAM VOICE

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Celebration Assemblies

This week it has been a great pleasure to present awards in our end of term celebration assemblies. I would like to congratulate all those students who won pastoral or academic awards.

These assemblies also allowed me to talk about the importance of both kindness and politeness in every day life. Year 7 are our role models as their cheery good mornings and enquiries after staffs wellbeing has been outstanding this term. I hope the rest of the school follow their example.

Equipped for learning next half term

I would be very grateful if parents could devote some time during the half term holiday to ensure that all students are correctly dressed and equipped for the next half term.

As you may remember, uniform rules changed in the summer and hoodies and white socks have been banned from school. We have also asked parents to move to white shirts from January 2020 onwards. Skin tight trousers have also been banned.

It would also be wonderful if all pupils could clean their school shoes during the holidays!

Revision matters

Parents might like to know that I have set revision homework on SMHW for all Year 11 students over the holidays. My recommendation is that they try to do at least 20 hours of revision.

Similarly, the **Upper Sixth** should begin revision for their trial examinations now.

Volunteers

Verulam are looking to expand the enrichment clubs, sports and activities we have available for students. If you are interested in running a club, team or would like to recommend an organisation who is able to add to our programme, please contact Mr Flack via email (anthony.flack@verulam.herts.sch.uk)

Lunchtime clubs - run from 12.45pm - 1.15pm.

After School clubs - run from 3.30pm - 4.30pm and are all located on the school site at Brampton Road.

Armistice Day - Monday 11th November

As always the school will be commemorating Armistice Day on Monday 11 November with 2 minutes silence at 11.00am. Pupils who are interested in the commemoration of World War One may like to know that there is a large Commonwealth War Grave cemetery which parts forms part of the Hatfield Road cemetery. A large number of servicemen from World War One are buried there as a number of hospitals in the local area treated soldiers wounded on the Western Front during World War One. The site is well worth a visit.

Headmaster's commendations

This week's commendations go to Mason Kerr and James Gale for their support of other students.

Congratulations on being vigilant and great ambassadors for the school.

P A Ramsey

2019-2020 Academic Year

Autumn Term

3rd September to 20th December 2019

Half Term

28th October to 1st November 2019

Key Dates

Meetings start at 7pm unless stated otherwise

Half term 28th October - 1 November 2019

28th October	Poland trip departs
30th October	Poland trip returns
4th November	First pupil day back
5th November	Curriculum Enrichment Day
7th November	BSV Information Evening for Year 11 7.00pm at Sandringham for BCH and 8.00pm at Verulam for JPY
8th November	Yr 8 Immunisation catch up
9th November	Second Hand Uniform Sale 10.30-11.30am
12th November	Year 10 DofE Bronze Information Evening
13th November	Ski Trip Parent Information Eve
15th November	GCSE Celebration Event for all of Year 12 (2pm-3.30pm) PTA Quiz Night
29th November	Occasional Day

QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 15th November 7pm for 7.30pm

Join us to take on the teachers and test your general knowledge over a fish and chip or vegetarian supper in the School Hall. Please complete and return the attached booking form to reception by **Monday 4th November**. All proceeds will be used by the PTA to support our school. We hope to see you there.

Year 12 GCSE Prizegiving Ceremony
Friday 15th November 2019 – 2.00pm to 3.30pm

Parents and Carers of current Year 12 students are invited to the GCSE Prizegiving ceremony for the academic year 2018/2019 where we will celebrate GCSE results of both students who were at Verulam in Year 11 last year and students who have joined us from other schools in Year 12. Students who were at Verulam in Year 11 will receive their GCSE certificate(s).

The ceremony will take place on **Friday 15th November** in the Main Hall from **2.00pm–3.30pm**.

Due to the constraints of space, each child will only be able to have two guests per family. Please confirm your attendance [here](#) by **Friday 8th November**.

We look forward to seeing you on the **15th November**.

Mr A Flack
Deputy Headteacher

Radio Verulam –History Podcasts

On Wednesday 23rd October, Henry Hitchiner (8H), Henry Gaskin (8C) and Roan Hoggarth (8C) visited the recording studio at Radio Verulam to record a history podcast about Remembrance Day for Mr Pettitt's new history podcast series for the local radio, broadcasting to St Albans over the next coming weeks.

Dennis Haggart (Year 13) also recorded a podcast about the local DeHavilland Aircraft Company and gave an insight into the life of the aircraft industry in St Albans during World War Two.

These podcasts will be aired soon; all the boys were true ambassadors for the school and showed a real passion for history!

Well done boys – Mr Pettitt is proud!

A Level Life Drawing sessions

Over the past couple of weeks our A Level Art students have been attending extra-curricular Life Drawing sessions on Wednesday evenings.

The standard of work produced has been highly impressive - all should be proud of the way they have improved their looking and drawing skills in such a short space of time! Work produced in these sessions will be a great addition to their portfolios and will show a deep appreciation of the subject.

We all look forward to more life drawing sessions next year!"



PTA update

PTA LOTTERY DRAW:

This half term's PTA Lottery winning numbers were drawn by Zachary Hill 9C. To be 'in it to win it' sign up here.



1st prize £110 Richard Holmes

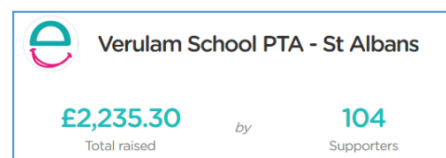
2nd prize £70 S Barbour

3rd prize £30 Frank Orchard

Congratulations to all the lucky winners. A cheque is in the post!

RAISE MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP ONLINE

Thousands of retailers will donate a small percentage of the value of your purchase to the Verulam PTA every time you shop online using easyfundraising. To date we have earned over £2000 with only 100 supporters, so the potential with more supporters is huge. It is easy to join and doesn't cost you anything via this link [easyfundraising](#).



IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO – WE NEED YOU!

We have a number of events requiring support as shown below. If you can help at these or other events, please sign up via the link here: [Volunteer signup](#)

- Sat 9th November 10.00am-11.30am – supporting the second hand uniform sale
- Friday 15th November 1.30-3.00pm - serving refreshments at the Year 12 prizegiving ceremony
- Tuesday 17th December 6.30-8.00pm - serving refreshments at the Senior prizegiving ceremony



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE: 10.30-11.30am Saturday 9th November in the Dining Hall

The next uniform sale will be on 9th November due to the half term holiday next week. Come along and stock up on spares – or if your son has grown out of items of uniform before they are worn out (and in particular new design PE kit) please pass it on to us via reception so we can give it a new home. NB ANY BRANDED PE KIT is acceptable for the boys to wear, so if you do need spares we have plenty of the old design available.

Finally, on behalf of the PTA we hope you have a safe, healthy and happy half term break.

Julie Williams
PTA Chair