VERULAM VOICE Issue 10 - 15th November 2019

School Election

The school will be holding a mock election on Thursday 12th December. We hope to field candidates from all the main parties and organise an electronic ballot.

Please do encourage your son or daughter to take part in this event and to follow news of the general election on the news and in newspapers as it is an invaluable part of their education.

Road and Cycling Safety

As all parents are aware, the roads surrounding Verulam School can be very dangerous. Only this week, two Year 6 girls were hit by a car on Brampton Road. Fortunately they were not hurt as they were only dealt a glancing blow.

Our neighbouring roads are very narrow and often congested with parked cars and other traffic. This means that sight lines for both pedestrians and drivers can be restricted, thus increasing the risk of accidents. I would, therefore, ask that parents adopt the following practice if they need to drive their son or daughter to/from school:

- Please drive at no more than 20 mph in the vicinity of the school.
- Be aware of the potential for young people to step out from behind parked cars.
- If at all possible, arrange a pick up or drop off point away from the school.

Could I also take this opportunity to remind parents that parking on the yellow lines outside the school and in particular the junction of Brampton and Sandfield Road is highly dangerous.

Calendar 20/21

The calendar for the academic year 2020/2021 is attached.

Parents might wish to note the one change which is a long weekend in November.

2019-2020 Academic Year

Autumn Term
3rd September to 20th December 2019

Key Dates

Meetings start at 7pm unless stated otherwise

19th November	Sandringham Year 13 PTC
20th November	UKMT/AMSP Senior Team
	Maths Challenge, Longdean
	School, 1.00pm to 5.00pm
21st November	Spanish Exchange students
	depart
	Beaumont Year 13 PTC
22nd November	A Level Biology Live Trip
27th November	Art trip National Portrait
	Gallery and Royal Academy
	Years 11 & 12
28th November	Non-Uniform Day (for the
	charity EarthWorks)
29th November	Occasional Day (school
	closed)
3th December	closed) A Level Physics Live trip
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Spring Term 6th January 2020 - 3rd April 2020 Half Term 17th - 21st February 2020

6th January INSET Day 7th January First Pupil Day

Senior Prize-Giving Ceremony Tuesday 17th December 2019 – 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Last year's Year 13 students and their parents/carers are invited to attend this year's Senior Prize-Giving ceremony for the academic year 2018/2019 where we will celebrate the A-level results of our 2018 2019 Year 13 students.

The ceremony will take place on Tuesday 17th December 2019 in the Main Hall from 7.00 – 8.00pm. Please arrive at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Refreshments will be provided after the event. Parents/Carers can go to the main Hall upon arrival. Students need to register in the Sixth Form block first.

Students will be given their certificates on the night. We will also present Special Subject Prizes and a number of Special Awards so it looks like it will be a very special evening of celebration.

Please RSVP to Mrs N Destickere by Tuesday 10th December 2019 here. Due to space restrictions, we can only have a maximum of 2 guests per student.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 17th December 2019.

Mr A Flack Deputy Headteacher

Join us in Art on Wednesday lunchtimes for Art Club!

Open to all - meet to practise existing skills, learn new ones and talk about all things art.

Feel free to bring anything you've been working on at home, personal sketchbooks or any materials you'd like advice on using.

Please note we don't allow food in the Art department, so please make sure to eat before joining us.

We look forward to see you!

Art Department

Year 10 Silent Study

Silent study Period 7 in Room 4 on Wednesdays has started strongly with 40 boys attending the first session last week.

Please remind boys that this option is available to them if they are able to work in silence with no phones or headphones - just good old fashioned concentrated work!

Boys who attended regularly last year saw the benefit in some excellent exam results in the summer!

Mrs P Avery Director of English

Art A Level

Our Year 12 and 13 A Level Art students have been working hard this term to produce a variety of work around the theme of Surfaces and Structures. We've photographed a selection of their work in progress to show the breadth of ideas, techniques and talent across the two year groups.

To see more follow us on Instagram at @VerulamArt where we post regular updates on work produced across the whole school.















PTA update

QUIZ NIGHT 15th NOVEMBER:

Good luck to everyone attending this sell-out event and thank you for supporting the school, PTA and our boys and girls.

PROPS NEEDED FOR DRAMA DEPARTMENT

The Verulam Drama department are slowly adding to their collection of costumes and props and would be grateful for donations of coat hangers, shirts, trousers, hats and anything else that could be used for a 'character'. Also any props to add to a scene e.g. plastic (food, plates, cups etc.) and house hold items that are no longer used (wooden spoons, bowls, old mobiles etc.). If you are able to donate please contact Julie.Williams@tinder-box.co.uk



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

If you can help serve refreshments between 6.30-8.00pm at the Drama department's first performance on **Friday 6th December**, or at other events, please sign up here <u>Volunteer signup</u>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Look out for more information on the following events:

- Chloe James Christmas Shopping Event on Friday 6th December 12:30 2:30pm. Enjoy complimentary mulled wine and mince pies while you get ahead on your Christmas shopping in this lovely boutique opposite Cote restaurant. 10% of everything purchased will be donated to Verulam PTA. We would love to see you there!
- PTA meeting on Tuesday 10th December 7.30-9.00pm in the Bradshaw building
- Our first ever Comedy Night on Friday 20th March details tbc

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 on line 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*.



Julie Williams PTA Chair