

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
22nd November	Beaumont Year 13 PTC
27th November	A Level Biology Live Trip 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)
3rd December	A Level Physics Live trip
6th December	Christmas Show (5.00pm-10.00pm)
10th December	Year 11 Parents Information Evening
12th December	Nine Lessons Carols Concert
17th December	Senior Prizegiving celebration
20th December	EARLY CLOSE 12.00pm End of Term

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.



