

VERULAM VOICE

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Hertfordshire Governor Awards

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Marion Brown on being recognised at this year's Hertfordshire Governor Awards.

Marion joined the governing body in 2013 after we had sent an appeal to local community groups for Community Governor volunteers.



She immediately became immersed in the work of the governing body and became particularly engaged in the work of the Curriculum Committee.

She was a massive support to the school over the last three years and resigned from the governing body due to other commitments last summer.

General Election Preparations

The school will be welcoming candidates from all the main parties at a Sixth Form lecture/Hustings on Friday 6th December. We will also be inviting Upper Sixth students from Beaumont and Sandringham schools to join us.

All candidates will have an opportunity to make a brief presentation and then will answer questions submitted in advance.

School Election preparations

As part of the run up to the General Election, I will be presenting assemblies about the election process and the policies of the major parties next week.

In our internal school election, a number of candidates have already put themselves forward:

Conservative	Ethan Phillips
Liberal Democratic	Richard Carabine
Labour	Charlie Barbour
Independent	Stanley Douglas
Brexit Party	Jack Langford
Green	Kian Hughes-Sparrow

Headmaster's commendation

This week's commendations go to Oscar Afonso-Trindade and Jack Ritchie for their contribution and enthusiasm in being part of the panel who are selecting the School Captain, Head Boy and Head Girl.

P A Ramsey

2019-2020 Academic Year

Autumn Term

3rd September to 20th December 2019

Key Dates

Meetings start at 7pm unless stated otherwise

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	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 (no pupils)
7th January	First Pupil Day
9th January	Beaumont 6th Form Open Evening

Maths Challenge Update

Our senior mathematicians have had a busy month enjoying UKMT enrichment activities.

UKMT Senior Individual Challenge

28 of our Year 12 and 13 students sat the UKMT individual challenge on 7th November and we are delighted to announce that 18 will receive awards for their achievements.

Congratulations to the following students:

Gold award

Matthew Stevens

Silver Awards

Mahim Nosor
Adam Johnson
Liam Winter
Dominic Lamb
Maxwell Robertson

Bronze awards

Alex Gate
William Foy
Kieran McCarthy
Joseph Britten
Daniel Coleman
Oliver Broomfield
Anuk Tilakumara
Benjamin Kelly
Sam Mistry
Jaime Gama
Joseph Moss
Kaviraj Mutty

We would like to wish Matthew the very best of luck when he takes the British Olympiad challenge later this month.

UKMT Senior Team Challenge

On Wednesday 20th November, Matthew Stevens, Dominic Lamb, Jack Fitzpatrick and Joseph Moss competed in the UKMT team challenge against 17 other Hertfordshire schools. This is always an extremely tough competition. The commitment shown by our students both before the event, in practicing as a team, and during the challenge was outstanding resulting in being awarded 4th place, a fantastic achievement.



Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols – Thursday, 12th December 2019

You are invited to our annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols this December. As is tradition, all music will be performed by the students of Verulam.

The evening has an informal start from 6.30pm with a glass of warming mulled wine and a mince pie, whilst listening to Verulam's musicians playing a medley of Christmas songs. As in previous years, the hall will be lit by candles as we recreate the atmosphere of a traditional carol service. The festival itself will run from 7pm – 8pm.

We very much hope that you will be able to join us for what has proved to be a popular evening. Ticket price is £5 per adult ticket (children and students free) which covers the cost of refreshments and a small donation to the charities **Earthworks** and the **Marine Conservation Society**.

A ParentMail has been sent with a reply slip which will need to be included with your cash or cheque (made payable to Verulam School) and returned to main school reception to ensure a seat (tickets will be sent home via your child) or alternatively you can buy tickets on the door.

Year 12 Celebration Assembly

On Friday 15th November it was a pleasure to award our Year 12 students with their GCSE certificates and their subject prizes for Year 11.

This was the culmination of years of work by both students and staff and we were honoured to share the event with two of our Governors and representatives from Earthworks; the highlight being a speech from Jack, one of the successful young people who they have helped become gainfully employed.

Congratulations to all students and good luck with your future endeavours.



*Mr J Tromans
Head of Year 11*

Non-Uniform Day

To continue our support for our nominated charities Earthworks and Marine Conservation Society, there will be a non-school uniform day next week **Thursday 28th November** for a minimum donation of £1.

Please come into school wearing non-school uniform and with your Earthworks wristband or a green item of clothing.

Please remember to bring your school bag and all the equipment you need for a normal day at school. This includes your lunch card and locker key.

Please bring in £1 on the day which should be handed to your form tutor during morning registration.

We hope that you enjoy the day and that we are able to raise even more money for 2 fantastic charities.

Matthew Stevens

Art Department - Year 9



House points

Please keep an eye out for the updated house point totals this week as they will include the results of the Feed collection competition, Year 7 Chess competition and Year 9 House sports.

Points are awarded according to the House rank order for each competition.

PTA News



QUIZ NIGHT RAISES AN AMAZING £2300!

Thank you to all 160 plus quiz goers (a new quiz record!) and the usual army of helpers from the PTA and school staff (and governors) for another extremely successful and enjoyable quiz last Friday evening. Thanks in particular to Jenn for organising the evening and Mr Bint our trusty and enthusiastic quiz writer/master. We are in the process of discussing how to invest the takings with the school and will confirm once agreed.

PROPS NEEDED FOR DRAMA DEPARTMENT

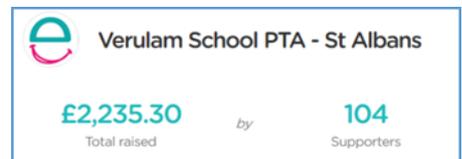
The Verulam Drama department are slowly adding to their collection of costumes and props and would be grateful for donations of coat hangers, shirts, trousers, hats and anything else that could be used for a 'character'. Also any props to add to a scene e.g. plastic (food, plates, cups etc.) and house 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

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!

If you can help serve refreshments between 6.30-8.00pm at the drama department's first performance on Friday 6th December, or at a number of other events in the Spring term, please sign up here [Volunteer signup](#)

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](#).



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

Julie Williams
PTA Chair