

## How are you making a difference?

The contribution of each and every one of our students is added to our house points allocations. We encourage every student to strive to 'be the change you want to see in the world.' Mahatma Gandhi. In our school community this is demonstrated through positive participation and support for our house system. Every house point achieved by an individual, team or form makes a welcome contribution to the house totals. These are updated weekly and added to the school website as well as being circulated to form tutors so the students are aware of how they are doing in our school house competition. The ultimate goal is to get your house colours onto the Hawkes Cup at the end of the year.

# HOUSE Round up Autumn Term 2019



So how are we doing so far?  
The term kicked off with the inauguration of our new House representatives:

**Jennings:** Sam Tillin and Charlie Powell  
Captains: Year 10 Faizan Qutbi Year 9 Sebastian Ferdinan  
Representatives: Year 8 Liam Powell Year 7 Tommy Cowie

**Churchill:** Adam Smith and Freddie Laycock  
Captains: Year 10 Owen Phillips Year 9 Bruno Winter  
Representatives: Year 8 Arlo Webb Year 7 George Brandt

**Brampton:** Oakley Rennie-Sivell and Ned Threadkell  
Captains: Year 10 Jean Esterhuysen Year 9 Hugo Wright  
Representatives: Year 8 Matthew Nicholls Year 7 George Logie

**Park:** Roman Hewit and Harvey Bogush  
Captains: Year 10 Kai Bharadia Year 9 Harry Field  
Representatives: Year 8 Austin Kennedy Year 7 Tanaka Chisenwa

**Hamilton:** Oscar Reeves and Morgan Deamer  
Captains: Year 10 Yusuf Hotee Year 9 Toby Oxley  
Representatives: Year 8 Milo Hegarty Year 7 Lucas Hooper

**York:** Cameron Wilson and James Man  
Captains: Year 10 Alex Ray Year 9 Oliver Mullen  
Representatives: Year 8 Elyan Bakour Year 7 Oliver Oledra



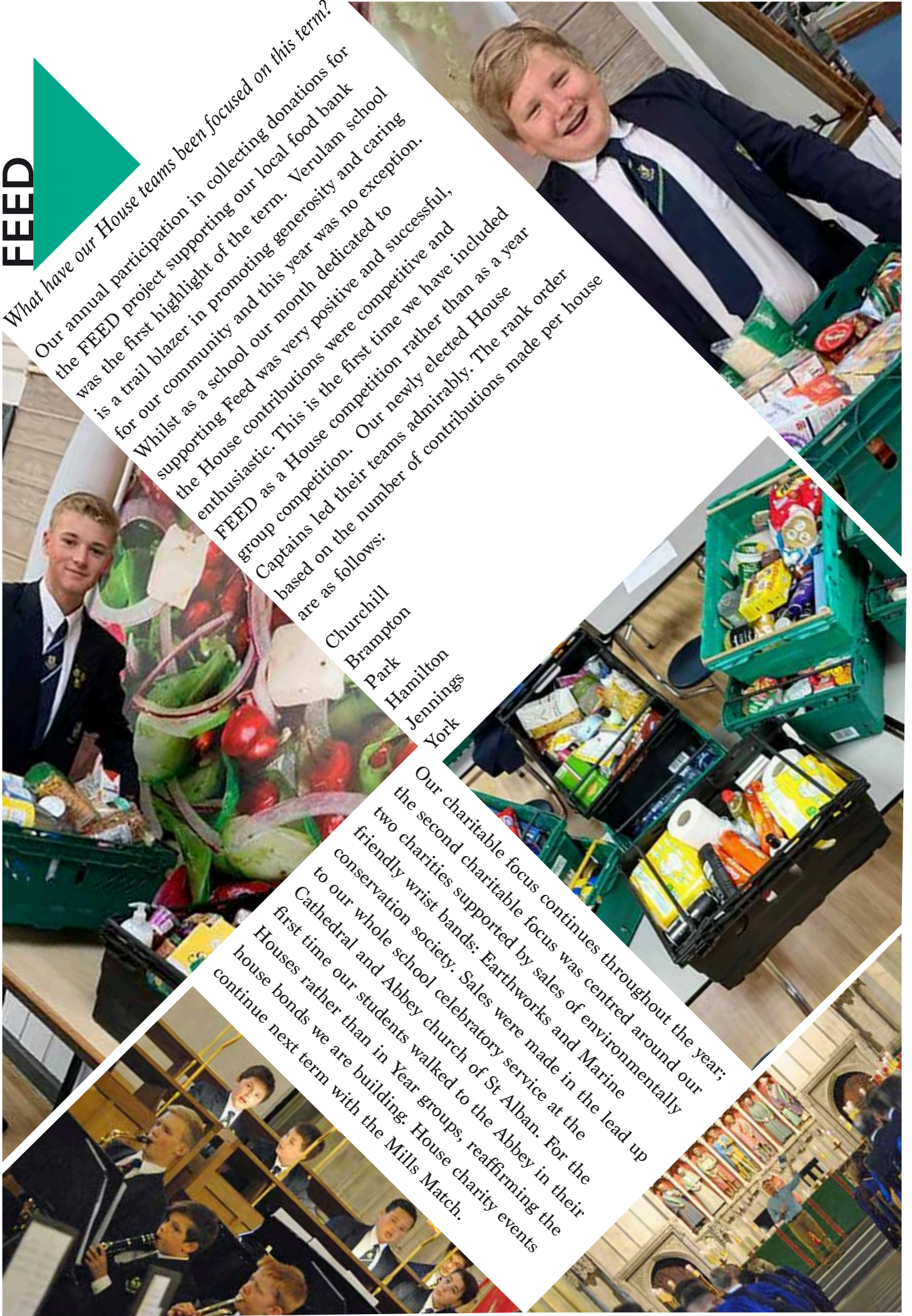
# FEED

*What have our House teams been focused on this term?*

Our annual participation in collecting donations for the FEED project supporting our local food bank was the first highlight of the term. Verulam school is a trail blazer in promoting generosity and caring for our community and this year was no exception. Whilst as a school our month dedicated to supporting Feed was very positive and successful, the House contributions were competitive and enthusiastic. This is the first time we have included FEED as a House competition rather than as a year group competition. Our newly elected House Captains led their teams admirably. The rank order based on the number of contributions made per house are as follows:

- Churchill
- Brampton
- Park
- Hamilton
- Jennings
- York

Our charitable focus continues throughout the year; the second charitable focus was centred around our two charities supported by sales of environmentally friendly wrist bands: Earthworks and Marine conservation society. Sales were made in the lead up to our whole school celebratory service at the Cathedral and Abbey church of St Alban. For the first time our students walked to the Abbey in their Houses rather than in Year groups, reaffirming the house bonds we are building. House charity events continue next term with the Mills Match.



# SPORTS

House sport also began this term with Year 9 being the first to take part. Other year groups will participate later in the year. The results for the Year 9 House sports competition are as follows:

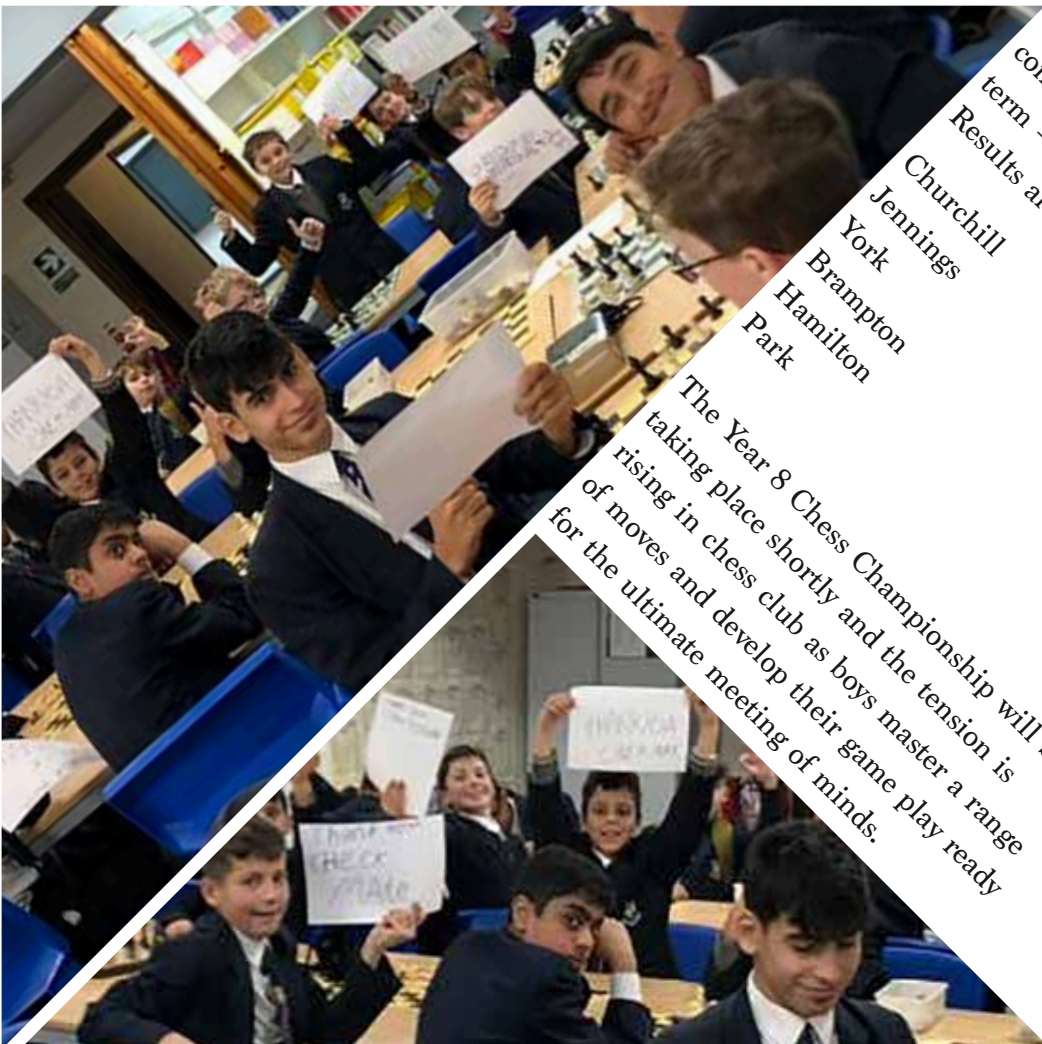
Jennings  
Hamilton  
Park  
York  
Churchill  
Brampton



The ever-popular chess club has also completed one round of competitions this term – the Year 7 Chess Championship. Results are as follows:

Churchill  
Jennings  
York  
Brampton  
Hamilton  
Park

The Year 8 Chess Championship will be taking place shortly and the tension is rising in chess club as boys master a range of moves and develop their game play ready for the ultimate meeting of minds.



*And beyond competitions*

In addition to these competitions, boys have individually been contributing to the overall success of their House by earning house points through excellent work and participation in lessons and clubs.

As at Thursday 12th December house point totals are as follows:

Jennings: 11,620 points  
Churchill: 11,100 points  
Brampton: 11,081 points  
Park: 10,892 points  
Hamilton: 10,499 points  
York: 9857 points

### *Collaborative form time*

As well as earning points to support their houses, boys have been working together across their houses during form times. Year 8 boys have met with Year 7 boys from their House to give advice on how to make the most of their first year at Verulam and Year 10 boys have met with Year 9 boys in their House to give advice on choosing GCSE options. Feedback from these collaborative form times has been positive with boys really making the most of the opportunity to ask advice of older boys and equally older boys have risen to the responsibility of offering good advice to younger boys.

## WHAT NEXT?

There is still everything to play for as the next two terms see the results of the House maths and House Icon debating competitions and many more competitions taking place including House Music and House Drama. In addition, individual contributions make a significant difference to House totals. The year will culminate in the many events that make up the truly outstanding 'Verulympics' at the end of the summer term.

