

# VERULAM VOICE

## Issue 30 - 15th May 2020

### **Good News for Year 10 and 12 Btec Students – Sport, Business and Media**

I am pleased to inform parents that the examination boards will be issuing results for assessments due to be taken between 20 March and 31 July 2020 for all students taking these qualifications, where appropriate evidence is available. The boards will use a calculated results approach similar to that used for other examinations using all the evidence available. Students do not need to submit any further work or evidence to support this process.

### **Re-opening Schools**

I am sure parents and students were all interested to hear Boris Johnson's road map for the future last Sunday.

His plans suggest it is unlikely that Years 7, 8 and 9 will return to school during the summer term.

His announcement did contain the ambition for Year 10 and 12 to return for some kind of face to face contact with their teachers this summer.

The details and timings for this plan are not clear. I will update parents as soon as more concrete proposals emerge.

### **Miles for Mills**

I would like to thank Mr Tansley for setting up the "Miles for Mills" challenge which replaces this year's Mills Match which is played to celebrate the life of former Verulam Student Oli Mills who sadly died of cancer in 2005 and to raise money for charity.

We are asking students, staff, parents, governors and Verulam alumni to raise money through sponsorship or donations over the next 2 weeks.

You can find the Just Giving page with the link here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/verulamschoolmilesformills>

I will be walking 19.38 kilometres this Saturday in support of the event. I would encourage pupils to see what they can do! We hope to hold the next formal Mills Match next May.

Further detail can be found overleaf about this initiative.

### **Changes to Virtual Learning**

After half-term the diet of learning for Year 7, 8 and 9 will see some changes which Mr Emsley will be communicating in full next week. We aim to vary the diet experienced by boys in Key Stage Three by introducing some longer project based learning which will be divided into segments, to revise some key learning and to assess progress in the core subjects. This will allow us to issue reports to parents in Years 7, 8 and 9 at the end of term.

Year 10 will not sit an end of year assessment and instead will have their Trial 1 exams moved to the two weeks immediately preceding October half term.

This decision has been made to ensure that all students have maximum teaching time should they return to school after the May half term or be working remotely.

For Year 12, the BSV consortium have agreed that an examination week will be held in the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June, undertaken remotely. This will be held either in school or at home depending on the government's advice regarding re-opening. Further details of the nature of these exams will be sent shortly.

### **Headmaster's Commendation**

This week's HM commendations go to:

Victor Artemi 7C for his hard work and dedication to his online learning.

8JPY1 have HM commendations for continued outstanding work in Maths during lock-down: Alfie Fowler; Adam Gardner; Fadi Hanania; Austin Kennedy; Ryan Kennedy; Mohammad Miah; Dylan Norman; Jamie Perrin.

Corey Percival Year 9 English Literature - for the consistently high quality of his independent work on 'Power and Conflict' poetry.

Bayley Hoggarth in 7C his work this week was brilliant and clearly showed the awesome and amazing effort he has put in.

Jake Larkin 10B - Excellent work from home in a number of subjects highlighted by number of house points given.

Sean Tidd 10J - Fantastic commitment to self study shown in number of house points given.

*P A Ramsey*

### **This week we have also attached a number of communications and useful documents:**

- Mental Health Powerpoint

## Miles for Mills

Last Thursday, we were all due to attend the Mills' Match, a biannual football match of 6<sup>th</sup> Formers vs staff and old boys at the home of St Albans City Clarence Park.

The Mills' Match is played to celebrate the life of former Verulam Student Oli Mills (seen in the centre of this photo), who sadly died of cancer in 2005. We would have spent the last 4 weeks planning how to raise money for this cause so we want to launch something similar to raise money for the Oli Mills foundation, in place of the postponed Mills' Match 2020.



In 2018, we raised over £5000 and over the years the event has raised over £45,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust and adds to the money raised by the Oli Mills Foundation which was set up by Oli's brother Eddie.



We have taken inspiration from the recent 26 Challenge where thousands of people raised money to make up for the cancellation of the London Marathon, by coming up with activities based around the numbers 2 and 6, and we thought we would do something similar to raise money.

Instead, we have used the year Verulam opened, 1938 as inspiration. For example, you could do a 1.938km run, 19.38km bike ride or walk 1938 laps of your bedroom for our Miles for Mills Challenge.

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Anyone who wishes to participate can send their pictures/videos/challenges to our Verulam Facebook page or [admin@verulam.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@verulam.herts.sch.uk), or put on social media themselves with the hashtag #MfMChallenge.

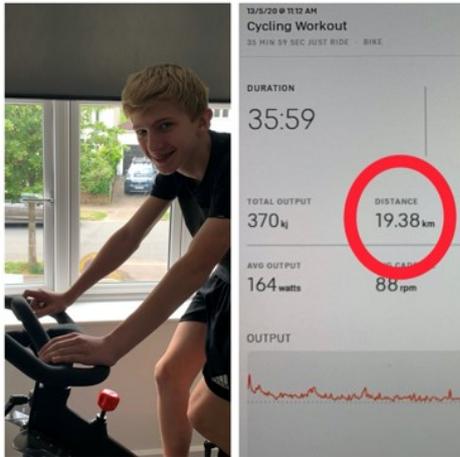
Good luck Team Verulam  
#COYV

So far this week we have had an incredible response for Miles for Mills Challenge #MfMChallenge raising £1,166 in 4 days!

See below for challenges received so far...we would love to see more student's photos or descriptions of their challenges!

- Oil's Mum Sarah completing a 19.38km cycle ride
- The Nelson family constructing Verulam School out of lego using 1938 pieces
- The Catterfeld family cycling 19.38km over the next week
- The Powell family cycling 193.8km between them
- The Ritchie boys cycling or running 1.9 miles each day with 38 burpees and the family burning 1938 calories!
- The Cornmell family climbing 1938 stairs
- Miss Howells and Mr Tansley running 1.938 miles
- Ms Locke completing 19.38km walk with her mini dachshund
- Miss Tan running approx. 32 minutes (1938 seconds)
- Mrs Johnson and Mrs Nelson completing a 19.38 minute HIIT class
- Mrs Lewis (RKL's wife) doing 19.38 minutes of boxing
- Mr Perryman cycling 19.38 miles
- Miss Hickey completing 19 + 38 minutes of body combat
- The amazing Mr Wilson pledging to do 1938 sit ups, squats and press ups over the next 12 days
- Ms Inskip is completing 19 hours and 38 minutes of cycling on her Spinner bike at home over ten days

## Henry Catterfeld's 9Y entry



## The Cormell family



## Mr Tansley's effort!

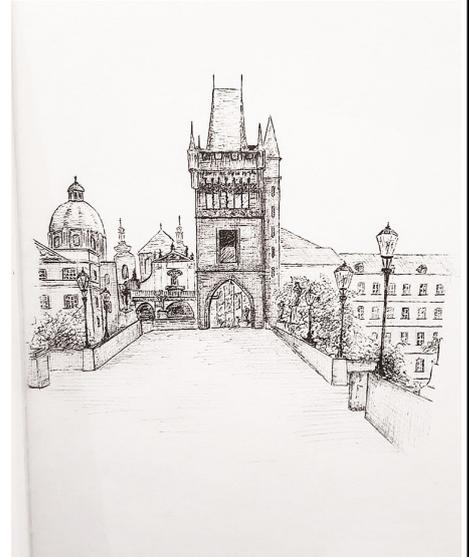


## Ms Inskip's spinning schedule!

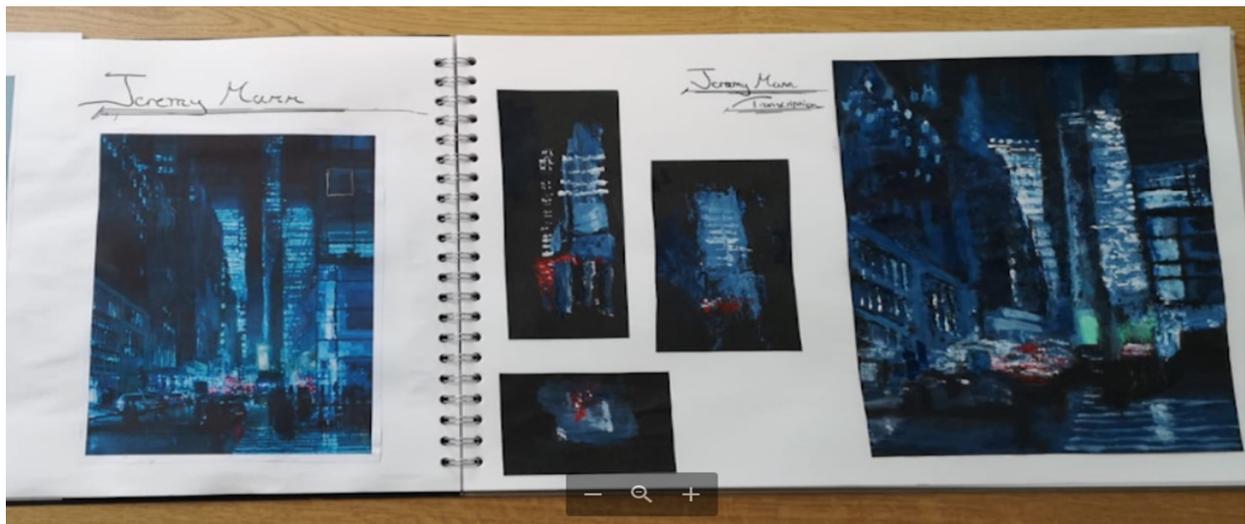


## Art News

It's been great to see our year 13s keeping busy at home! Adam Johnson has been building on his drawing skills and love for architecture by working on this excellent study in pen.



The below work is a transcription painting by Max Dermitzakis. It is produced using the technique of dry brush and palette knife using tints and tones on black paper. Max has shown great skill in replicating the artist's style.



## REMINDER

Please could we remind parents that teachers are not available by phone. If you wish to make contact with a teacher, please could you send an email to:

[admin@verulam.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@verulam.herts.sch.uk)

This will then be forwarded to the correct person.

## Music News

Mission Impossible - success! I am busy working on the recordings of the Mission Impossible theme and will be publishing soon. Our next project is Coldplay's 'A Sky Full of Stars'. I have chosen a song this time so the singers have more of an equal role with the instrumentalists. It should be available now in the Virtual Musicians Class in Google Classroom. If you want to have a go then join the virtual musicians in your Google Classroom, code: et7ra23

Any queries please email [music@verulamschool.co.uk](mailto:music@verulamschool.co.uk)

I look forward to hearing everyone's efforts.

*Mr D Southorn*

A motivational poem by Walter D Wintle....

If you think you are beaten, you are;  
If you think you dare not, you don't.  
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't,  
It is almost a cinch you won't.  
If you think you'll lose, you've lost;  
For out in this world we find  
Success begins with a person's will  
It's all in the state of mind.  
If you think you're outclassed, you are;  
You've got to think high to rise.  
You've got to be sure of yourself before  
You can ever win the prize.  
Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger or faster man;  
But sooner or later the person who wins  
Is the one who thinks he can!

Chosen by Mrs A Hale  
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