

VERULAM VOICE

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Welcome back to the second part of the Summer Term

I do hope that both parents and students were able to enjoy a break over the half-term holiday and that the relaxing of lock-down regulations this week has enabled you to meet friends and family.

This promises to be a busy half term for staff and pupils as we continue our distanced learning but also begin to enjoy more face to face contact with some Year groups.

We have planned to achieve the following before the summer break:

- Submission of Centre Assessed grades for all examination groups
- Hold virtual parents evenings for Secondary Transfer
- Welcome our new Year 7 students for a half-day transition visit
- Hold a virtual Sixth Form Induction for Year 11 and external students
- Offer further guidance to Year 13 on university and career choices
- Plan results days in August to offer maximum support for students in making choices regarding destinations and next steps
- Introduce Project work at Key Stage Three
- Introduce increased pastoral contact and Google meets in each subject
- Conduct end of Year examinations in Years 7 to 9
- Provide reports for Years 7 to 10
- Complete Year 12 examinations and organise feedback
- Complete the options process for Years 8 and 9
- Begin teaching Year 10 and 12 in small groups from the 15th June
- Organise further pastoral support for some Year 10 pupils
- Meet with Year 12 pupils in small groups to discuss progress and consider careers planning and University application
- Arrange House, Reward and Celebration assemblies for all Year groups
- Provide ideas for “bridging work” to help pupils maintain and embed learning over the summer
- Continue our planning for a return to more normal school life in September.

I would be grateful if parents could note that for our current Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 students the first day of the Autumn term is scheduled for Friday 4th

September. This is to allow us to dedicate time on Thursday 3rd September to our new Year 7 and Lower Sixth.

I regret that what we are allowed to do “face to face” this term is very much limited by government guidance introduced to aid social distancing and restrict transmission of the virus.

Year 10 students will be welcomed back to school for one day each week to receive lessons in English, Maths and Science. Year 12 will receive a more varied diet including exam preparation in each subject, pastoral guidance meetings and further subject sessions giving feedback from their exams and preparing them for Year 13.

Headmaster’s Commendation

This week’s HM commendation goes to:

Toby Southcombe in Year 7. His RE work is simply outstanding; showing a maturity and insight that clearly reflects his hard work.

P A Ramsey

Miles for Mills Update

Even more challenges sent in over half term which has pushed the total up to a magnificent £5630 (£6851 if you include gift aid). An incredible effort by all involved in raising money for TCT in memory of Oli.

Below is a message from the Oli Mills Foundation:

“A massive thank you to everyone at Verulam School who over the last two weeks came together in memory of Oli.

7 young people between the ages of 13-24 get diagnosed with cancer every single day in the UK and particularly at the current time, this money will do an awful lot of good.

Oli spent some of his best years at Verulam School and was lucky enough to meet some incredible friends and people who helped shape the time he had with us. We couldn't be prouder of our association with you guys and your continued support is not only inspirational, but testament to the values and ethos that drives the special community there.

Big love to you all.”

#HopeSpringsEternal



We are aware that there are still some challenges pending, so will keep the Just Giving page open, so there is still time if you want to take part!

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

Below is a list of challenges which have been completed over half term:

Sam in Year 8 and family completed: 193 x 10m garden shuttle runs and 8 x goals scored, 4 x 19.38 minutes Pilates sessions, 28 x 7 sets of training hoop runs.

Adam in Year 8 did his 1.938 miles (and a little extra!!) as part of a socially distant Parkrun kids marathon relay.

Ollie in Year 9 ran 1.938 miles in 18.40 minutes on the hottest day of the year!

Matthew in Year 8 ran 1.938 miles early morning before the start of home schooling.

Matt in Year 12 and Mum completed a 19 minute 38 second power walk

Lynton in Year 8 ran well over 19.38km in the past week.

Josh in Year 9 and Dad hiked 19.38km through Wendover Woods and up Coombe Hill.

The Whayman family completed a challenge of 19.38 miles worth of bike rides and 19.38km of dog walking.

Milo in Year 8 raised £100 for MfM by doing 1938 clean catches using his crazy catch.

Louis completing 1.938 (rounded up to 2) times 19.38 miles on his mountain bike with his Dad, while Mum completed 19hrs38mins on her Spinner bike.

Harrison in Year 10 completed a 5K run

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Marcus in Year 8 and Daniel in Year 9 ran 19.38 miles (over 3 runs)

Alex in Year 7 decided to see how many penalties he could save in 19 minutes and 38 seconds. The result was he saved 79 out of 103!

Charlie in Year 9 & his dad walked 19.38km in 4hrs40mins.

Joshua in Year 7 did a sponsored Bounce for 19m38s

Mr Hammond completed 19 minutes' 38 secs worth of bench pressing 19.38kg

Mr Toley ran 19.38 laps of Verulam School, wearing 19 tops and losing one a lap. With Eddie Mills, Dave Bullock, Cara Leung (cycling) and Bruce Wilson in relay support.

Charlie Taylor 10C cycled 19.38Km, other members of his family did trampoline backflips, football and basketball goals and weightlifting.



Alex Culkin in Year 10 used half term to volunteer to help paint Clarence Park...19 hours and 38 minutes' worth.

Daniel Walsh in Year 7 did a 19.38 mile bike ride

Frank Naseby in Year 9 kicked in and scored 193 goals.

Davide in in Year 9 did a sponsored silence, which was a challenge for him as he doesn't stop talking!

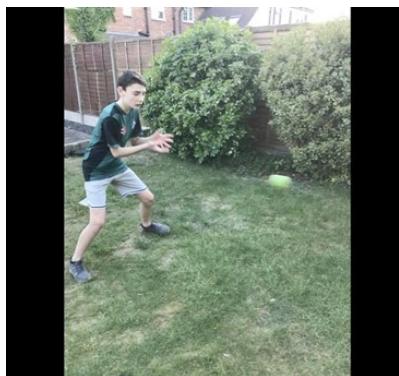
Sebastian Jones in Year 8 has run 1.938 km each day of this week with his Mum, and has also cycled 19.38km this week.

Oscar and Nero in yr10 skateboarded a massive 120 miles over 3 days.

Mr Nicoll completed a 19.38km run in an impressive time.

Thank you to everyone for all your support with the MFM challenge. The Verulam community has really come together for an incredible cause.

*Mr D Tansley
Head of Year 10*



Intofilm

The into film website (www.intofilm.org) has a whole host of interesting resources, recommendations and competitions for any pupils interested in watching, making or analysing films. So any budding young filmmakers, film critics, costume/set designers, cinematographers, storyboard artists should have a look and see if there is anything interesting to fill the days with. At the very least there are some very interesting recommendations to films that most of us would not have heard of, so it is well worth a 10 minute perusal.

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