

Year 7 Information Evening



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An Overview

- Mr. Flack – Host
- Mr. Ramsey - Welcome
- Ms. McNally – FAQs
- Ms. Rosler – Maths learner
- Mrs. Avery - English learner / House system
- Ms. Purnell - Science learner
- Ms. Rosler - Home learning and BYOD
- Mr. O'Connor Extra curricular / Trips / Enrichment
- Ms. McNally - Closing words.



Ms. McNally – Head of Year 7

FAQs

- **Summer holiday transition work**
- **Textbooks**
- **CAT Tests**
 - Tues 22nd Sept. V/E/R
 - Wed 23rd Sept. U/L
 - Earphones/ reading book



Ms. Rosler – Director of Maths

Year 7 Maths

- Currently mixed ability
- Set w/c 21st (baseline test and teacher judgement)
- White Rose scheme of learning on website
- Hegarty Maths and Memri tasks
- Topic tests and regular retrieval practice
- Open book assessments
- UKMT and STEM enrichment



Mrs. Avery – Director of English

Reading at Verulam

- Our school is a reading community.
- Boys are expected to have a private reading book with them EVERY DAY. This expectation continues from Year 7 up until their last day in Year 11.
- Boys will shortly take a reading test and will then be given a personalised reading target for the Autumn term.
- All boys are expected to at least achieve their target – the vast majority go beyond their target.
- In English lessons (and in other subjects) boys are encouraged to read aloud from texts and to read out their own work.



What to expect this year in English lessons:

Boys are taught in mixed ability groups in Years 7 and 8.

Boys have 4 English lessons a week and a drama lesson.

- Every English lesson begins with silent reading.
- Each week boys will have a spelling test.
- Boys will be set one 30 minute piece of written homework per week.
- We will cover a range of topics this year:

Macbeth

Sherlock
Holmes
short
stories

Literature
through
time

Introduction
to Media
studies

Creative
writing: Poetry

Non-fiction
persuasive
writing



The House System at Verulam

We have six Houses:

BRAMPTON

CHURCHILL

HAMILTON

JENNINGS

PARK

YORK (white)

Your son's form initial and tie colour will indicate the house he is in. For example if your son is in 7B he is in Brampton House and will have a tie with blue stripes.

Year 7 House Representatives will be chosen at the end of September. If your son is interested in this opportunity he will need to apply for the post – form tutors will explain the process to the boys.

All house points awarded help your house. Weekly totals are added to the website and contribute to the competition for the Hawkes Cup awarded to the House with the most points at the end of the year. Brampton are the current cup holders.



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FEED – supporting St Albans Food Bank: The first House competition of the year.

The FEED Collection is the first opportunity for the boys to get involved with a House competition and join in with the rest of the house in supporting this worthy cause.

Items donated must be **NON-PERISHABLE** such as:

Coffee, tea, sugar, long-life milk, fruit juice/squash, tinned meat/vegetables, rice, pasta, noodles, cooking sauces, tinned puddings, custard, jam/spreads, cereals, cereal bars, biscuits, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, washing up liquid/powder, toilet rolls, nappies

Items should be taken to the form room at the start of the day from Monday 21st for two weeks.

Can we beat our record of 7,181 items?



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Ms. Purnell – Director of Science

Built from the Activate AQA KS3 curriculum – based on 10 “Big Ideas”

Four key skill areas mapped across the Big Ideas:

- **Analyse**, consisting of presenting data, analysing patterns, drawing conclusions and discussing limitations.
- **Communicate**, consisting of constructing explanations, communicating ideas, critiquing claims and justifying opinions.
- **Enquire**, consisting of devising questions, testing hypotheses, planning to control variables and collecting data.
- **Solve**, consisting of estimating risks, examining consequences, interrogating sources and understanding how scientific ideas change over time.



Ms. Rosler - Bring Your Own Device

- Reminder of requirements
- Students need to bring in from Thurs 24th
- Form time introduction and set up
- Home routine for students
- Contact: BYOD@verulam.herts.sch.uk



Mr. O'Connor – Enrichment

- **Extra Curricular Clubs** (Personal Development)
- **House Sport** (Short term due to Covid-19)
- **Curriculum Enrichment Days** (Nov, Jan and March)
- **Verulympics 2021** (June 26th)
- **Asker Lake District Trip** (July 12-16th)



Contact

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Year 7 Pastoral Team

- Ms. Moreland 7B
- Mr. Knowles 7C
- Mr. Conn – 7H
- Ms. O’Grady – 7J
- Mr. Ahmed – 7P
- Ms. Chirchi – 7Y
- Ms. McInally - HoY 7

Subject query:

Class teacher or HoD

SENCO:

Ms. Hart



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