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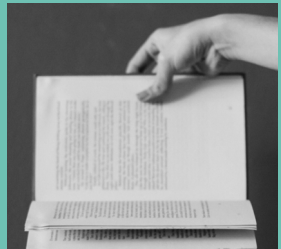
Lectures 2022

WELCOME

Verulam School and the BSV Consortium welcome you to a series of lectures by experts in their fields to help students look further and journey outside the curriculum.

All lectures held at Verulam School on Friday afternoons. Lectures begin at 13.55 in the main hall.

SPRING TERM SCHEDULE



DATE SPEAKER AREA OF EXPERTISE

07/01/22	Jennie Potts	Mama Bamboo
14/01/22	Robert Voss CBE CSt J	Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire
21/01/22	Generation 2 Generation (G2G)	Holocaust remembrance charity
28/01/22	Spencer Caminsky	Shout Out UK
04/02/22	Matthew Goodwin	Professor of Politics
11/03/22	David Lloyd	Police and Crime Commissioner
18/03/22	Linda Ritchie	Chemical Engineer
25/03/22	Andrew Ridings	Lawyer/Legal Recruitment Partner



JENNIE POTTS

Director of Operations, Mama Bamboo

Jennie has a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Chinese Studies from the University of Durham, which saw her spend a year in Beijing studying the language and culture of this country. When her university friend (Laura Crawford) founded Mama Bamboo in St Albans, this experience proved invaluable. Mama Bamboo is an environmentally-conscious company which sells an eco-friendly range of nappies and wipes. The company's products are made from bamboo, which is not only organically grown without fertiliser, pesticide and irrigation, but its growth rates surpass demand and it is naturally antibacterial, breathable and temperature regulating.

As Director of Operations with the company, Jennie used her language skills and experience in China to seek out the best manufacturing plants and selected partners to work with to source materials and develop products.

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ROBERT VOSS CBE CST-J

Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire

Robert graduated in Management Science from Manchester University and The Manchester Business School in 1975 and went on to spend 40 years in the commodity business trading internationally in over 65 countries-running his own company for the last 28 years.

He was elected President of The British Metals Association at the age of 31 and went on to become President of the European Metal Federation in Brussels for 16 years and Vice President of the International Federation for over 20 years-acting as the UK representative in various trade and environmental negotiations.

Robert has a keen interest in young entrepreneurs and been a judge and mentor for Young Enterprise for a number of years and also established and ran Young Entrepreneurs. He was awarded a CBE 'for services to British Industry and voluntary work in the UK' in the New Year's Honours List of 2014 and was appointed Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire by The Queen in 2017- a position he will hold until 2028. In February 2020, The Queen sanctioned Robert being honoured as a Commander in the Order of St John (CStJ).



GENERATION TO GENERATION

Holocaust remembrance charity

Generation to Generation (G2G) is a charity that helps the children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors to tell their moving family stories through presentations to schools and community organisations. By telling the stories of their parents, grandparents and close relatives, using their testimonies wherever possible, their speakers capture the empathy and attention of their audiences. In this way G2G seeks to promote and inspire tolerance and understanding in society.

For this talk G2G have offered Verulam the services of Maralyn Turgel will tell the story of her father - Sam Gardner aka Shmuel Yankel Golberg.

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SPENCER CAMINSKY

Digital Communications Officer, Shout Out UK

A past pupil at Verulam School Spencer has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature from the University of St Andrews. Whilst at university Spencer secured a number of journalism internships as well as mentoring students in Sociology, Government and Politics and English Literature.

He is employed as a Digital Communications Officer with Shout-Out UK and this involves daily social media management of number of social media platforms. Shout Out UK was launched in 2015 to fix the lack of political education in schools by bringing young people together to talk and learn about politics. Shout Out UK's mission is to protect and amplify democracy by ensuring Political Literacy education is as widespread as possible, and available to all citizens in and out of school, regardless of their socio-economic background, ethnicity, or gender.



MATTHEW GOODWIN

Professor of Politics, University of Kent, Canterbury

Matthew was born and raised in St Albans, is an Alumnus of Verulam School and was the first person in his family to attend university. He holds a BA (First Class Hons) in Politics and Contemporary History, a M.A. in Political Science and a PhD in Political Science. He is currently Professor of Politics and Rutherford College, University of Kent, Fellow at Legatum Institute and in recent years has served as Senior Visiting Fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House.

He is the author of six books including the 2018 Sunday Times bestseller and Financial Times book of the year 'National Populism: the revolt against liberal democracy. He appears regularly in international and national media including BBC News, Financial Times, New York Times and Politico, among many others.

He tweets at @GoodwinMJ.

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DAVID
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Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire (PCC)

David has been the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire (PCC) since 2012. His focus has been on delivering effective and efficient policing, supporting victims, promoting partnership working and delivering the public's priorities. Prior to his election as PCC, he was the deputy leader of Hertfordshire County Council as well as serving as borough councillor in Dacorum.

Outside politics his career encompasses banking and personal finance. He has a degree in French Language and Literature from the University of Birmingham, and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

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LINDA RITCHIE

Chemical Engineer

Linda grew up in Scotland and went to Strathclyde University graduating with a B.Eng. (Hons) in Chemical Engineering. She went on to have a very successful career, predominantly in the oil Industry (the majority with BP).

Linda forged a very strong reputation within BP (in Engineering, Commercial and Leadership roles). This led to her being given the opportunity to take on the role of Executive Assistant to the Group Vice President of BP Refining.

For her it was always about practical application of her engineering knowledge & the ability to think through problems in a logical way to solve them. Linda remains fiercely passionate about STEM and in particular encouraging women into STEM careers.

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ANDREW RIDINGS

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire (PCC)

Andrew has a LL.B degree in Law from the University of Manchester and a Masters of Law (LL.M degree) from the University of Southampton. Prior to his current position with the Michael Page Group, Andrew had 20 years plus in private practice in the City of London as a solicitor, 15 years as a Partner, specialising in shipping and commodities trading litigation.

He moved into executive recruitment in the autumn of 2020 to the newly created desk at Page Group Legal dealing solely with Partner lateral hires (and teams) for the London and South East region.



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