



VERULAM
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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been an incredibly busy Spring term. You can read about all of the wonderful events, achievements, speakers, awards and charitable endeavours in our end of term Newsletter (please click [here](#) to read).

As a community, we focused our charitable work this term on raising money for the Oli Mills Foundation and Teenage Cancer Trust in honour of Oli Mills, a former student that sadly passed in 2005. As stated in previous letters, the rules and regulations regarding staff versus pupils' matches has changed. Although we recognise that this was somewhat of a tradition, we had to adapt the event as these rules cannot be breached. To date we have raised over £2,000, illustrating the truly compassionate nature of our students. This is not the final figure and if you would like to still donate, you can via the Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/millsmatchverulam>.

Start of term arrangements

Please note that all year groups will return on **Tuesday 19th April** and must arrive at the slightly later time of **9:40am** to go straight to registration.

Communicating with the school

I would like to thank all those who have read and followed the process for contacting the school, as outlined in my letter dated 3rd March 2022. I would urge everyone to take on board the advice issued regarding how to arrange a call back from the school, as we are able to respond more efficiently this way. I would encourage you to avoid making personal comments on our social media platforms. If you have a question, concern, query or are upset about something, please email admin@verulam.herts.sch.uk and request a call back.

This year there have been a few trips that were scheduled to run but have had to be cancelled. Although we appreciate some parents offering to run or staff residential and non-residential trips, this is not possible due to Safeguarding regulations. The staff body have been working incredibly hard on organising alternative trips/events.

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Uniform and standards

Pupil appearance has improved significantly. Students are now more mindful of the importance of being well presented, wearing the correct uniform and wearing it well. Please remember to purchase new shoes for your child over the break if they are outgrown or broken.

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit ready for use after Easter. The PE staff will be sanctioning all students that do not have the correct kit with them. Please note, if you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

Summer dress code

Each year when the weather gets significantly warm the dress code is adapted. Please note, that ***only after the May half term***, boys will be able to adopt the summer uniform – a short sleeved shirt with the logo without the tie. Shirts will still be expected to be tucked in and students will receive an EL (lunchtime detention) should they be seen to breach this rule.

Safeguarding the site

Over the Easter break we have some building works to increase security at the front of the school. When pupils return after the break the one-way system will no longer exist. However, all students will need to 'Keep Left' as they move around the site.

Staffing matters

This term we say goodbye to the following staff, and we thank them for their hard work during their time at Verulam and wish them all the best in the future: Ms L Purnell and Mrs J Glass.

I would like to welcome the following new members of staff: Mr A Jamali - Director of Science (September 2022), Mr P Shaulkner - Head of Computer Science (September 2022), Mr Thomas Hobbs – Teacher of Geography and Head of Year (September 2022), Ms Wing Ho – Finance Manager, Ms A Hudd – HR, Miss S Chakir – Teacher of English, Miss Z Davey – Teacher of English, Mr M Holding – Teacher of MFL, Ms J Thomas – Careers Admin.

On behalf of the governors and staff, I would like to wish you all a happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you all in the summer term.

Yours sincerely

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