



VERULAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

As this school year draws to a close, a mix of excitement, relief and anticipation is upon us. We have achieved so much over the course of this academic year and there is much to be proud of. This term we have seen our Year 11 and 13 students complete their examinations with resilience, maturity and optimism. I wish our school leavers well as they as they journey down their individual and collective roads.

I would like to thank you once again for your continued support and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the summer. May it be a safe, healthy and happy one and whatever your holiday plans are, may they be most enjoyable!

Site Improvements

As you are aware, a great deal of site improvements have started in preparation for students' return in September. New perimeter fencing, improved site security at the front of the school and the new MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) in the back playground are all well underway.

In addition, this term saw the first of the boys' toilets open following their renovation. A number of students supported us with this project, viewing them and providing crucial feedback that is now informing the work in the other toilets.

When students return after the break, all of the toilets will have been fully renovated providing boys with modern, well equipped facilities that they can be proud of.



Over the Summer break, the majority of classrooms are having Prowise boards installed as part of our technology upgrade. This will enable staff to teach more effectively.

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Uniform

As stated in my May letter, with the cost of living soaring, the Government published statutory guidance to make school uniform costs affordable for all, after a legal requirement to do so passed into law last year. Thank you to all parents/carers that gave feedback on the cost of our school uniform.

As a result of this feedback, we are currently working with the uniform suppliers to review all items ready for September 2023 and I will send out the details once finalised. However, I can announce one immediate change. From September 2022, boys will be able to wear either a plain white shirt (long sleeved or short) with their tie and blazer, or the Summer shirt, with a blazer and tie (tucked in).

We would also gratefully receive any unwanted uniform that is in good condition for our second-hand uniform shop. Please drop off any items in a clearly labelled bag to the main reception via the Brampton Road entrance.

Summer Results

A Level results will be available on Thursday 18th August. GCSE results will be available from school on Thursday 25th August. Students can arrive from 10 a.m.

If parents are collecting results on behalf of their child they can attend from 11 a.m. I look forward to celebrating the success of our students.

Lunchtime supervisor positions available

With our timetable changes, we are looking for new lunchtime supervisors, to cover from 12.20 – 2.20 (or part thereof). The role pays £12.50 per hour – if you would like to find out more, or wish to register interest, please [contact Mr Flack](#).

Goodbye and Good luck

We will be saying goodbye to a number of staff and welcoming new members of staff to Verulam School in the new academic year. On behalf of the school community, past and present, I would like to thank the following staff for their time at Verulam: Mrs Stockman-Black; Mr Tansley; Mr Taylor; Mrs Phillips; Mrs Berriel; Mrs Farquarson; Miss O’Kelly; Mr Woodville; Mrs Locke; Mr Emsley; Mr Tromans; Mrs Shute; Mrs Uminski; Mrs Gray; Mrs Lam; Mr Jordan, Mrs Jeckells, Ms Mashhadi-Ebrahim, Miss Mills, Miss Chapman and Mr Austin.

While it is always difficult to see members of our community move on, we wish them all well in the future. I know that our new staff will be both positive and productive additions to our school community.

I would like to welcome the following new members of staff: Mr Jamali (Director of Science); Mr Hobbs (Head of Year 9); Miss Davey (Teacher of English); Miss Chakir (Teacher of English); Mr Toley (Joint Director of Humanities); Mr Holding (Teacher of MFL); Mr Schallker (Head of Computing); Mrs Thomas (Careers Admin); Miss Khan (Teacher of Sociology); Mr Higgins (Teacher of Science); Mrs

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Tandon (Teacher of Maths); Mr Ahmed (Teacher of Maths); Miss Nicholls (Director of Social Sciences and Philosophy and Ethics); Mrs Tomlin (Director of Creative Arts); Mrs Rogers (PA to the Headteacher); Miss Tan (Second in Science); Mr Zaman (Assistant Headteacher); Mrs Morrison (Safeguarding Assistant); Ms Daya (Head of Year 10); Mrs Wright (Deputy Head of Year 8); Mrs Van Zyl (Payroll and HR); Mr Ide (KS3 Pastoral Assistant); Mrs Bedi (KS4 Pastoral Assistant); Mrs Murphy (First Aid Administrator); Mrs Kwong (Learning Support Assistant); Mr Myers (Sixth Form Cover Supervisor); Ms Reynolds (Physics technician).

Start of Academic Year Arrangements

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September are closed to all students as these are now staff training days. All students return on Monday 5th September at 8:35 a.m.

A reminder that the school day will be different for Years 7 and 8 in September.

Year 7 - 8 only

	Start time	End time	Length of time
Registration	8:35:00	9:00:00	00:25
Lesson 1	9:00:00	10:00:00	01:00
Break	10:00:00	10:20:00	00:20
Lesson 2	10:20:00	11:20:00	01:00
Lesson 3	11:20:00	12:20:00	01:00
Lunch	12:20:00	13:10:00	00:50
Lesson 4	13:10:00	14:10:00	01:00
Lesson 5	14:10:00	15:10:00	01:00
End of school day	15:10:00		

Years 9 – 13 only

	Start time	End time	Length of time
Registration	8:35:00	9:00:00	00:25
Lesson 1	9:00:00	10:00:00	01:00
Lesson 2	10:00:00	11:00:00	01:00
Break	11:00:00	11:20:00	00:20
Lesson 3	11:20:00	12:20:00	01:00
Lesson 4	12:20:00	13:20:00	01:00
Lunch	13:20:00	14:10:00	00:50
Lesson 5	14:10:00	15:10:00	01:00
End of school day	15:10:00		

Finally, please find linked our final [Verulam School newsletter for this academic year](#), and the [AAT Summer Newsletter](#).

The summer promises to bring rest, relaxation and perhaps even some adventure and discovery. I hope you and your family enjoy sunshine and the warmth of each other's company.

We look forward to seeing all students return to school on Monday 5th September at 8:35 a.m.

Yours sincerely,



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