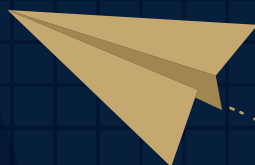




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Welcome to Verulam School

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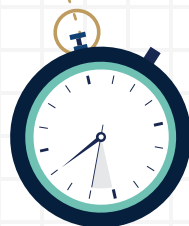
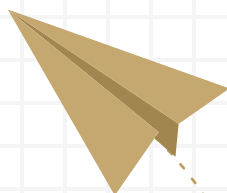
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Welcome

Welcome to Verulam School. I am so pleased that you will be joining us in September. Your happiness and success at school are very important to me so there will be lots on offer to ensure this.

From September you'll be taught about our core values of Excellence, Character and Respect, so that you go on to lead a fulfilling life.

A Verulam education is like no other, and your time at the school will help you to reach your potential, be compassionate, a creative thinker and someone that embraces diversity and challenge.

Our school motto '**Faire Mon Devoir**' is French, translating to "**Do my duty.**" As humans we all have duties or obligations to fulfil such as:

- being true to ourselves
- loving ourselves
- identifying and making a unique contribution to the world
- learning and growing
- being happy and grateful
- giving and contributing to something bigger than ourselves

Everything from our curriculum to the co-curricular offer at Verulam is designed to support you in doing your duty and becoming the best version of yourself.

You may be feeling slightly anxious about starting secondary school. However, be reassured that you will be joining an environment where everyone is valued and respected.

As a smaller than average secondary school, there is a family atmosphere, helping you to gain confidence and

forge new friendships quickly. I am sure that any nervousness or anxiety that you may feel about starting secondary school will be swiftly replaced by a sense of belonging and pride at being a 'Verulamian Student'.

There is also so much for you to look forward to. We have a bustling co-curricular offer to help you to develop friendships and uncover new passions. Even if you have an interest that we don't yet have a club for, then let us know and we'll try to start one!

In September, you'll also have the opportunity to develop your leadership skills by contributing to our termly pupil-led newsletter, the Student Council, our peer mentoring programme and in the termly PASS (Pupil Attitudes to School and Self) survey.

I'm really excited about you starting and I can't wait to get to know you all better. I look forward to seeing you on September 4th for your first day!



Julie Richardson

Miss Richardson
Headteacher

Verulam Values

During your time at Verulam you will be taught about our core values of Excellence, Character and Respect. Learning to embrace these values will help you lead a meaningful, fulfilling life beyond school and will provide you with clarity regarding what is expected both inside and outside of the school environment.



Excellence means exhibiting high standards in all areas. Not necessarily being the best but doing your best, fulfilling your potential and championing others to do the same. Striving for excellence means aiming high and maintaining positive attitudes and behaviours to support achievement.



Character means having strength of character - developing positive moral attributes such as charity, empathy, kindness, compassion, integrity, loyalty, responsibility and honesty. Having a good character means not tolerating any kind of discrimination or bullying, and not being afraid to call it out if you see it. It also means doing the right thing, especially when no one is looking!



Respect means being more than just being tolerant of others – it's fully appreciating and valuing diversity, inclusivity and multiculturalism. Respect is about celebrating our differences as well as the things that unite us. Being respectful is shown through actively seeking to understand experiences outside of our own and striving for a more equal society, where all are valued and given equal opportunities. In addition, it is illustrated by contributing to your local, national and global community, as well as by treating others with kindness, compassion and consideration.

Expectations

As a Verulam student, in addition to upholding our core values, you are expected to support your classmates, to stretch and challenge yourself and to contribute to the school and wider community. As a Verulam student you are expected to be ...

- Polite to others
 - Helpful
 - Hard-working
 - Kind
 - Thoughtful
 - Generous
 - Respectful
 - Open-minded
 - Caring
 - Inquisitive
 - Enquiring
 - Solution-focused
 - Honest
 - Punctual
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Verulam for life

Verulam for life means that you will be supported to be academically successful and to develop into a compassionate, modern individual, ready to contribute to the modern world. At the end of your seven year journey you will possess a strong sense of social responsibility and will have the resilience to cope with any challenges that you may face in later life.



Compassionate for life

You will be supported to become a well-rounded individual that understands and appreciates the viewpoint and experiences of others.

An education at Verulam is not just about academic success, it's about shaping you as an entire person so that you are equipped to be successful in every aspect of your life, with strong mental-health

and well-being, resilience and the ability to form positive, meaningful relationships for life. Having a deep sense of compassion is essential for this to happen and is prioritised across the curriculum and co-curricular offer.



Creative thinkers for life

As a Verulam student you will be encouraged and be given opportunities to think 'outside of the box'.

You'll be inspired to be fearless, pushing boundaries in order to break convention, to re-imagine the future for society and its citizens, by creating new and amazing ideas.



Truly inclusive for life

Our Verulam community will teach and encourage you to be truly inclusive, celebrating the differences between individuals whilst cherishing that which binds us together.

Verulam is a school for *all* types of individuals, where *all* are celebrated and supported to thrive.

Pastoral Team

One of the reasons that we are so successful in developing students that go on to achieve great things in life is a result of the pastoral care that we offer. As a student, you will have the support and guidance of not only your Form Tutor but also the Head of Year 7, Pastoral Support Worker, Assistant Headteacher and KS3 Pastoral Assistant.

This extensive team is on hand to support you each day so that your time at Verulam is meaningful and so that you thrive.



Mrs G Perry
Assistant Headteacher



Mr M Holding
Head of Year 7



Ms D Moss
**Pastoral Support
Worker**



Mr D Ide
**KS3 Pastoral
Assistant**

Meet the tutors

Here at Verulam we operate a House system. You can earn points for your House in all sorts of ways, such as being consistently punctual, being helpful or by simply doing a great job of your homework!

House points can also be won with lots of competitions taking place throughout the year, that culminate in the exciting 'Verulympics' event at the end of the summer term. Here are the Year 7 form tutors and the name and colour of the House they represent.



Mr Lewis
7B Form Tutor
House | **Brampton**



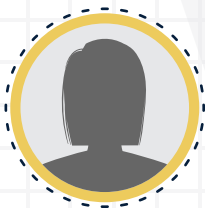
Mr Austen
7C Form Tutor
House | **Churchill**



Mr Curcic
7H Form Tutor
House | **Hamilton**



Mr Coughlan
7J Form Tutor
House | **Jennings**



Ms Wilson
7P Form Tutor
House | **Park**



Mr Moroney
7Y Form Tutor
House | **York**

The Verulam day

On arrival at school, as a Year 7 pupil you must only enter via the Brampton Road entrance. If you are arriving by car, please ensure your parent or carer doesn't park on the double yellow or zig zag lines. If you ride your bike to school, you must lock your bike securely in the back playground bike racks.

The School Day - Year 7 & 8 Timetable

Registration	8.35 – 9.00am
Lesson 1	9.00 – 10.00am
Break	10.00 – 10.20am
Lesson 2	10.20 – 11.20am
Lesson 3	11.20 – 12.20pm
Lunch	12.20 – 13.10pm
Lesson 4	13.10 – 14.10pm
Lesson 5	14.10 – 15.10pm



Break & lunch time

At Verulam, we offer you a bespoke transition timetable in Year 7. Your break time and lunchtime will be earlier than the rest of the school so that there are less students moving around the building and so that you can enjoy the outdoor spaces more freely.

Break time

At break time you can buy items from the canteen. Food should only be eaten in the canteen or in the back playground.

If you need the toilet you must use it during break or lunch.

Lunch time

You can either bring a packed lunch or you can purchase food and drink from the school canteen.

The main hall is used in bad weather.

In addition, the library is available for you if you wish to read or study.

Any students wishing to participate in Muslim prayers during Friday lunchtime are able to do so – exact details will be communicated in September.

You are not permitted to leave the school site during the lunch break.

Attendance

Regularly missed time soon adds up!

Look at how many days can be lost over the course of a year, if you are regularly late to school.



**5 minutes late per
day = 3.4 days lost
every year.**



**15 minutes late per
day = 10.2 days lost
every year.**



**10 minutes late per
day = 6.8 days lost
every year.**



**20 minutes late per
day = 13.6 days lost
every year.**

You are expected to be on the school site by 8.30am and be in registration by 8.35am. Your attendance target is 97%+.

Uniform

Your uniform should be worn correctly at all times when on site, as well as when you travel to and from school. When you are in uniform and are out in the community, you are representing the school, so it is vital that you are presentable. Shirts must be tucked in, top buttons fastened and ties must have the shield and two stripes visible.

Our uniform is as follows:

- Navy blazer with school badge
- Black or grey trousers
- White long or short sleeved shirt
- Optional grey v-neck jumper
- House tie (Blue for Brampton House, Red for Churchill, Green for Hamilton, Purple for Jennings, Gold for Park and Silver for York)
- Black or grey socks
- Black hard-soled shoes
(not trainers or canvas type shoes)



PE Kit

To be equipped for PE lessons and Games you should bring the following items:

- PE shirt – navy with school crest
- PE shorts – navy
- Navy tracksuit trousers
- White sports socks (no school socks allowed)
- Clean indoor trainers for PE
- Boots AND trainers are required for every lesson games lessons
- Thermal tops or 'skins' are advised to be worn as a base layer during cold weather
- A blue Verulam fleece top is also an optional addition
- During the summer term you are advised to bring sun block and a cap





Equipment

You can only make good progress and enjoy school if you have the correct equipment to use in both lessons and when doing your homework.

You need to make sure that you are fully equipped for school and that you check your equipment is correct before school each day.



Rucksack

This should be large enough to carry all of your books and your tablet device to and from school. Please note that small, fashionable, 'man bags' are not permitted



Ruler

This must be a rigid 30cm ruler



Tablet Device

Your device must be charged and with you each day



Scientific Calculator

Casio fx-83GTX or similar required



Black or Blue Pens

Your classwork must be written in either blue or black ink only



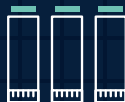
French/Spanish Dictionary

e.g. The Collins Easy Learning or similar



Maths Set

To include
a protractor and pair
of compasses



Solid Adhesive

Glue stick or similar



Small Scissors



Coloured Biro Pens

Red and green



Pencils

HB Graphite pencils



Coloured Pencils

A variety of colours



Highlighter Pens

In a variety of colours



Pencil Case

To keep all of your
equipment tidy

Make sure you have
a private reading book
with you at all times.

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Co-curricular

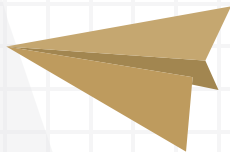
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We have a number of clubs on offer for you to join. Here is an example of some of our existing ones but look out for new clubs coming soon in September!

- Rubik's Cube Club
- Spanish Club
- Chess Club
- Art Club
- Air Fix/Lego Club
- STEAM – Science Technology Engineering, Art and Maths Club
- Debating Club
- Ted Talks
- Origami Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Basketball Club
- Popcorn & Pictures – Film Club
- Rugby Club
- Modern Board Games Club
- Drama Club

If you have an interest or passion that we don't have a club for, let Mrs Avery, Assistant Headteacher know and she will try to create one!





Beyond the classroom

Compassionate for Life

We run a **Civic Duty Programme**. You will have the opportunity to participate in a range of voluntary activities and fundraising events throughout the academic year.

Each fortnight you will have one period of **PSHE/RSE**. These lessons are designed to help you to achieve your potential by supporting your well-being and tackling issues that can affect your ability to learn, such as anxiety and unhealthy relationships.

Creative thinkers for life

Verulam is the first school in the country to use **Vortic VR** in the Art and Technology departments. You will have the highest quality digital experience of a number of high profile art galleries and institutions using this cutting edge technology to complement and strengthen the physical experience of viewing art.

You will have the opportunity to take the **Higher Project Qualification**. The Higher Project Qualification will allow you to discover the joys of independent learning, take responsibility for your own study and develop new life and study skills.

Inclusive for life

Clubs - In sport alone there are dozens of clubs, catering for all abilities, ranging from football to fencing. We also have an orchestra, a choir and numerous ensembles for those who enjoy music. Further clubs include Art, Chess, Classics, Coding, Debating, Engineering, French board games, Green Team (environmental), History, Lego, Politics, Science, and Youth Theatre.

Each year **The Smile-ing Boys Project** runs for Year 9 boys. The project is the creation of internationally acclaimed artist, Kay Rufai, in order to promote positive mental well-being.

In September the art department will be leading a school competition entitled **"Identity"** to encourage you to celebrate your cultural heritage through art.





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