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Welcome from the Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a term it has been!

This edition highlights the wonderful things that have taken place. It is packed with trips, speakers, events and rewards! It gives me great pleasure reading the entries and reflecting on how great the year has been.

Verulam has really bounced back from the Covid years where schools were so limited in what they could do to enrich a student's experience. This year, the staff and students have excelled and the atmosphere at the school has been wonderful. I am incredibly proud of all the efforts and achievements to date, and look forward to seeing what the next academic year has in store!

I hope that you enjoy this edition and wish you all a well deserved Summer break!

Miss Richardson

**Miss Richardson
Headteacher**

Duke of Edinburgh

Over the last 2 months over 80 Year 10s have undertaken their bronze expeditions for the Duke of Edinburgh award. 3 expeditions took place to the Chiltern Hills which saw the boys out walking for 6 hours or so - some went faster, others slowly. Weather conditions played their part as did the boys interest in the countryside - so much so that one group decided to walk in a nice big circle to take in the scenery at Ashridge Woods!

It was a pleasure to see the boys work in their groups and navigate from their start point to camp and then the next morning reach the end point. Over the course of the



two days, boys were self-sufficient and had to cook their evening meals. All boys were able to do this with differing levels of success!

The boys are now in the process of completing the award and getting their evidence in for the other areas of the award - volunteering, skills and physical.

Finally, thank you to the parents and staff for supporting the award with their time.

By Mr Toley

Word of the Week

Every week, we have a Word of the Week to help improve our vocabulary and literacy; this is shared with students, staff and parents. Students first encounter the Word of the Week in morning form time, where students are introduced to how to pronounce the word, a definition of the word, the word in a sentence, synonyms of the word and the etymology of the word.

Throughout the week, students are challenged to use the Word of the Week in lessons, both written and verbally. If successful (or at least an attempt!), teachers issue a House Point (H2). There is in fact a



Blue Stag Letter 'L' available for 10 x different H2 WotW!

It has been a great success this year with over 1000 house points being issued from September.

The Escape Room was also very successful, with many pupils breaking the code!

By Mr Pettitt

Year 8 Highlights

The Year 8's continue to showcase the attributes for success. They have had a great year with many highlights.

Recently, Tobi I, 8P and Blake M, 8Y presented at the 75th Windrush Anniversary at the Metropolitan Black Police Association. The students have been learning about the Windrush generation and it was great to have the students represent Verulam School with such confidence and authenticity.

The House Reps participated in a whole school team building session which involved learning and performing circus skills. The students mixed well with the other year groups and presented shows to each other. As a result the students will be motivated and committed to their role as House Reps for the next academic year.

Our athletics team worked so hard at the athletics meets and demonstrated an outstanding level of commitment to attend all the meets as well as supporting each other. Zakariah M 8P in particular deserves huge recognition. His performance in the High Jump, Hurdles and Relay were brilliant. Jack B 8J

was drafted in at the last minute for the Pole Vault at the District Athletics meet in Watford. Having never done the Pole Vault, he was helped by Mr. Halsall, Matt F and other Year 10 students. Amazingly, Jack came 3rd! This is an incredible example of character and Jack's ability to adapt and overcome a challenge.

This term also saw Shing HS 8H achieve huge success in badminton. Shing was part of the Hertfordshire U17 squad that were crowned double national champions. What a fantastic achievement!

The school has hosted some brilliant reward trips. Many Year 8 students have been to the Odyssey Cinema, Thorpe Park, Escape Rooms and Nandos. The trips are recognition of those students who have excellent attendance and House points. Next year it would be great to see some new faces getting on the trips.

Lastly, I would like to thank all parents and guardians for supporting the school and ensuring the students continue to get to school every day, are ready to learn and stay hungry for success.

By Mr Halsall

Year 13 Celebration Evening

Early in the term we were delighted to welcome back our 'Class of 2022'.

Taking time out from their University studies or new careers, it is always a special event, ex-students returning to demonstrate #VerulamForLife.

We celebrated the various prize winners, excelling in certain subjects, along with outstanding A*'s at A' Level.

By Mr Base

Alumnus of the Month

Clive Dickens is our Verulam School Alumnus of the Month. Clive left Verulam School in the 80s and is now living in Sydney Australia.

To find out more - [click here](#).





Paris Trip 2023

On Tuesday 25th April, 39 students from years 9 and 10 and 4 members of staff left Verulam School to visit Paris and its well-known landmarks. The first day when we arrive in Paris was spent chilling out at the Campus accommodation where the students played football, basketball and got to know the building, which was going to be their “home” for the week.

The second was packed with great visits and adventures. In the morning, the boys were given a tour of the Stade de France in full action as it hosted the French Cup Final on Saturday. They got to sit in the changing rooms, take photos and feel shirts from well-known players like: Zidane, Mbappe, Griezmann and many more. They finally got to sit in the Presidential area and got out on the pitch through the stadium tunnel: you cannot imagine their excitement as well as Mr Freakley's!

We then went to visit the famous and magnificent Eiffel Tower. I was amazed at how quickly the boys climbed up the stairs to the second floor! Quite a few even ventured up to the third floor: quite a dizzy experience! For some of the students, this was the highlight of the trip as they thoroughly enjoyed the views of Paris from up high!

We then walked to the Seine for a boat ride in a “bateau mouche” to see the landmarks from the river. They got to see the impressive scaffoldings on the Notre-Dame Cathedral following from the fire in April 2019. Finally, it was time to go back to the Campus. We would have thought that this full day would have knackered anybody but not our Verulam Boys who went on to play football after dinner!

The next day started with the visit of the Sacré-Coeur Basilica at the summit of the butte of Montmartre: more walking and more steps to climb! The boys

enjoyed seeing the “artists’ village” of Montmartre as well as the view of Paris from the Basilica. Although they enjoyed Montmartre, they couldn't wait to go to “Le Parc Astérix”, which I would call the “French” Theme Park. They were all so beaming and happy at the end of the day, telling me all about thrilling rollercoasters that went backwards, very high and had 8 loops, which made me dizzy just listening to them!

Sadly, the last day was upon us but we still had a few visits to do: we had to see the “Mona Lisa” in Le Louvre museum and walk up the most beautiful avenue of the world: The Champs-Élysées and of course stop at the PSG shop! We also managed to see the Arc de Triomphe very close-up.

What an amazing trip, full of fun and excitement! Well done to the students who contributed to the success of the trip, as well as the accompanying staff.

By Mrs Herrington

Maths Highlights

GCSE and A level warm ups

The maths faculty would like to congratulate our Year 11, 12 and 13 students for their hard work studying for their GCSE maths, A level maths, A level further maths and level 3 maths studies. It was great to see so many of them warming themselves up before their exams in the canteen or 6th form centre!

We look forward to celebrating with them when they receive their results in the summer!

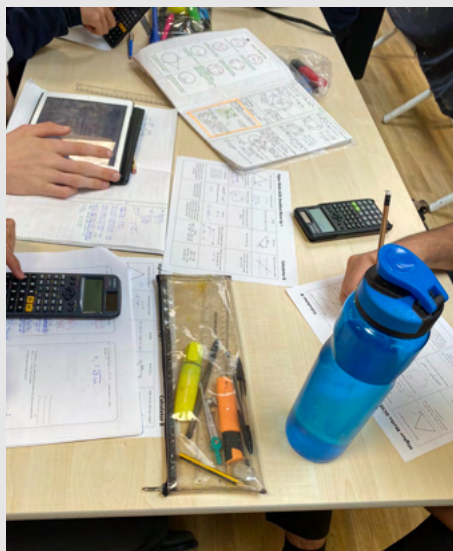
By Mrs Cornmell

Year 10 Edexcel award evening sessions

A huge well done to so many of our Year 10 maths students for coming every Monday night to our #Monday Nightmaths sessions in Bradshaw! Our students will all be taking an Algebra or Number and Measure Edexcel Award in January to complement their GCSE. Our sessions so far have covered fractions, algebraic fractions and quadratics.

We will be continuing these sessions into Year 11 and look forward to seeing even more students in attendance!

By Mrs Cornmell



Junior UKMT Challenge

On the 26th of April, nearly 70 of our fantastic Year 7 and 8 mathematicians took part in the Junior UKMT Challenge. 85% of these students achieved certificates including 13 Gold awards, 27 Silver and 16 Bronze. Congratulations to all those who took part, we are so impressed with your determination and resilience! Special shout out to Csongor G and Ernest J for getting best in Year 7, and Sebastian S for best in school.

Eight of our students then qualified for the next rounds held on the 12th of June. Dmitrii D, Harry D, Mackenzie F, Benji M, George N, Sam P and Shing HS qualified for an amazing round of the Kangaroo Challenge, and Sebastian S qualified for the Junior Olympiad.

Well done, boys!

By Ms Moreland

Year 7 Herts for Learning Group Challenge

Two teams of Year 8 students competed in the Herts for Learning Group Challenge on the 24th of April, they completed four rounds of challenges – including drawing a poster for memory! They boys were brilliant, incredibly keen and worked so hard, you can see them enjoying the challenge on our maths twitter page @verulammaths!

Congratulations to Francis H, Ollie K, Luke W, Thomas BD, Sebastian S, Elias B, George N and Fabian O. And a massive thank you for taking part!

We also managed to take our ULA team to Stevenage on the 22nd of June after they qualified for the finals. They competed against another 17 teams and finished in 9th place – with only 6 points between them and 3rd place! All of you have done Verulam proud!

Ms Moreland



Eid Lunch

As the final golden rays of Ramadan's sun dipped beneath the horizon, Eid unfolded its wings. Verulam students adorned themselves in their blessed best and the tables of Verulam were overflowed with culinary delights. Students and staff celebrated the completion of the most important month of the Islamic calendar: Ramadan.

Ramadan is the month in which the revelation of the Quran began, making it a period of heightened divine connection

and guidance. Muslims engage in additional acts of worship, such as increased prayer, recitation of the Quran, and acts of charity, to further strengthen their relationship with Allah. In particular, they seek the night the Quran was first revealed called the night of power, believed to be better than a thousand months!

Eid is celebrated with Muslims gathering to offer prayers, express their thankfulness, and seek forgiveness, while embracing the spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood.

The Quran teaches that Eid is a time to rejoice in the blessings bestowed upon believers and to share those blessings with others. That's exactly what Verulam's Eid celebration was about: togetherness, celebration and rewarding humble hard work and of course a gourmet lunch!

Until the next one - Eid Mubarak.

By Mr Zaman



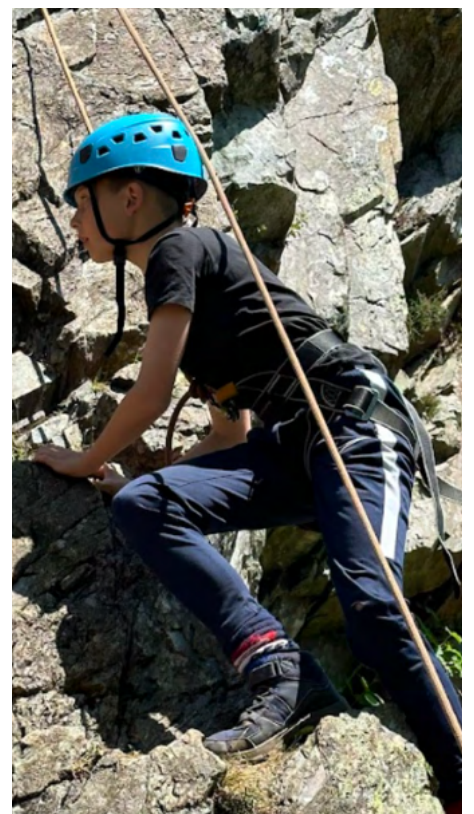
Year 7 Lake District Trip 2023

During May half-term 2023, we successfully relaunched the annual Year 7 trip to the Lake District that had been absent from the school calendar for several years due to the pandemic. For those who were familiar with the trip in the past, a new location and an overhauled programme of activities which were more physically challenging, was offered to our eager Year 7 students who had been looking forward to the trip for many months.

On Friday 26th June the first group of 70 students from 7BCH and several from JPY departed for the Lakes lead by Ms Avery and seven other staff, some Lakes veterans and some green around the gills, not knowing what they had let themselves in for. Dressed in their brightly coloured Lake District 2023 t-shirts and hoodies they were about to embark on one of the most memorable trips of their Verulam career.

Unfortunately, their five hour journey turned out to be a horrific ten hour stop-start trip up the M6 in bank holiday traffic. However, despite arriving after 7pm, they enjoyed their first meal in the hostel with spirits still as high as they were that morning.

Next morning, it was an early start for the first day of their activities. Led by Real Adventure instructors some groups had the gruelling task of climbing Low Pike at 508m above sea level. Dylan in 7C, highly prepared, brought along a backpack that transformed into a





seat so he could rest in comfort! Other groups went abseiling down a 10 metre cliff face (although it looked a lot higher!) followed by an opportunity to explore the caves of the old slate quarry known as Cathedral Quarry with huge caves below ground and some rather dark and small entrance caves to explore. The rest of the boys' first challenge was learning how to raft canoes together for a day on Windermere before eventually untying them and going solo trying not to fall in. Not that that mattered as they got the chance to jump in and get wet right in the middle of the lake!

Back at the hostel it was time for a quick shower and change, dinner and then straight out again for evening activities. Half of the boys plastered themselves with insect repellent to walk up to the midge plagued woods to do Bushcraft where they could learn how to flute sticks into tools, foraging for wood sorrel and making makeshift shelters with branches and tarpaulins. The rest of the boys

did an "initiatives" activity on the banks of Windermere solving crystal maze style puzzles and demonstrating their team working skills. The most exciting part came at the end where they had to get in the lake, collecting water from the to try and fill tubes with holes in them as quickly as they could. No-one had accounted for this and by 9pm it was time to walk back to the hostel exhilarated, exhausted and even a little bit soggy.

Day two of activities began but this time with the addition of Ghyll scrambling and Rock climbing added into the mix. This activity is a firm favourite of Mr Knowles and some of the veteran staff from previous Lakes trips. On our trip it became a whole day activity rather than an hour in the evening as it was in years gone by. It quickly became a favourite of the boys too despite it starting with a gruelling dry ghyll scramble deep in the Langdale Pikes followed by lunch and an afternoon of rock climbing. The boys teamed up in groups of 3 to secure and hold the ropes and

whilst their team mate climbed the rock face. The best part of the day, which everyone was most looking forward to, came at the end with the wet ghyll scramble over rocks, in the running water and of course lots of jumping into deep pools between the rocks.

No down time for everyone after a quick shower, change and dinner before setting off to the woods for Bushcraft and Initiatives activities as the sun went down over Windermere.

As the week continued there were further activity rotations allowing all students to experience the full programme of activities. The boys (and staff!) were starting to flag so on the last full night after a 25 minute walk in to Ambleside we treated the boys to a more relaxing trip to Zeffirellis cinema to see Guardians of the Galaxy 3, however it was a late night back at the hostel for an 11 o'clock lights out. Tuesday marked the start for the other half of the trip with a 10am departure from school with the



other 60 students led by Mr Knowles and his team of seven staff including Miss Richardson.

Whilst the second expedition had begun with two coaches full of eager Year 7s, the first half of the trip were on their final rotation of activities up the mountain, in the ghyll, on the rock face and on the Lake. The boys and the staff were by now a little exhausted to say the least, but still just as enthusiastic! On return to the hostel they were greeted by the pizza van which churned out home-made pizzas by the side of Windermere until everyone was full to the brim.

The second lot of eager and excited trip-goers were by now on the boat from Bowness-on-Windermere and were approaching the hostel. Taking in their first vistas of the Lake District, the boys were waved in from the bank by the first group as the boat passed the hostel and into Ambleside Pier whereupon we were reunited with them on the banks of Windermere

for a whole year group photo. Shortly after that it was time for dinner for the new arrivals and time for the off for the rest with some very tired boys and their staff who boarded the coaches back to St Albans. Mrs Avery is still quite amazed at how much food the boys consumed at the services despite the amount of pizza they had eaten prior to leaving Ambleside!

After dinner for the rest of them it was time to start our adventure with a kick around in the local park, a spot of badminton and frisbee and for some chess on a picnic table!

Next morning it was the turn of the next group to follow the same programme of activities that the first half of the trip had enjoyed previously. Miss Richardson had set up a bit of an unofficial competition between her blue group and Mr Knowles' green group! Apparently Green group thought that Ms Richardson's bribing with chocolate could not

beat Mr Knowles' humour however Blue group stayed loyal with Ms Richardson despite some negotiations and bribes for Letters of Recognition from Mr Knowles!

From Mountain waking, ghyll scrambling and rock climbing to abseiling and cave walking and then canoeing, everyone got to experience challenging yet rewarding activities provided by the instructors. It was great to see boys pushing themselves to their own personal limits and often exceeding their own expectations of themselves.

On the last evening we sang Happy Birthday to Benji and Miss Richardson brought a Colin the Caterpillar cake to celebrate and share with his best friends before it was our turn to walk into Ambleside to visit the cinema. The boys left the cinema spotlessly tidy despite emptying the shelves of the local Co-op to spend every last penny of their pocket money. The store manager did comment on how well mannered and behaved

the boys were and he said they were a credit to the school! At the cinema Mr Knowles and Mrs Tandon had no recollection of the film and slept right the way through the movie. On the way back to the hostel Miss Richardson was treated to the entire back story of Guardians of the Galaxy by Alex.

The final day of the Lake District trip came and with it the final day of activities, pizza and packing for the return journey. The boys were tiring yet they were still enthusiastic for their final adventure.

As the boys returned from their activities, many of which ended with a visit to the ice-cream shop, Dev and Sunny from 7P took on the challenge, and were amazing at organising the luggage down from the rooms and into the storage area. The pizza van arrived and then it was time for dinner, filling up with pizza on the lawn at the side of the lake. It was then unfortunately time to depart and bring to a close the Lake District Trip 2023. The return journey was supposed to be quiet with everyone asleep but Coach 1 were more energetic than ever with lots of singing lead by Casper 7P with a brief interlude from one of the drivers. So that ended what was an amazing experience for Year 7 and the staff involved. We were blessed with wall-to-wall sunshine for almost the entire trip, lots of laughter, lots of bonding and team work, making new friends, learning new skills and pushing ourselves to our limits. It was humbling to see the achievements of everyone that went on the trip which has rounded off a successful academic year for Year 7.

By Mr Knowles





British Library Year 12 History Visit

In May, Year 12 historians took part in an exciting A Level history day-trip opportunity at the British Library. As part of the History A Level India and the road to Independence course, Year 12 participated in a bespoke workshop at the British Library, including a tour and chance to see the famous African and Asian Studies Reading Room.

The workshop was delivered by Hedley Sutton, the Reference Leader of the African and Asian Studies Reading Room, and included handling documents and official primary material from 1914-1947; opportunities like this are rare and usually only available to University academics (not students) over 18 years old! The British

Library is the national library of the UK and is one of the largest libraries in the world, estimated to contain 200 million items from many countries, including the Magna Carta and handwritten Beatles lyrics amongst its some 400 miles of shelving.

During the object handling workshop, white cotton gloves had to be worn for collection care. Some of the documents included:

- A government top secret handwritten letter from Gandhi during the Quit India movement of September 1942;
- Parliamentary questions and replies and reports on demonstrations, rioting and

police action, arrests, trials and judgements passed from the Salt Satyagraha of 1930;

- A telegram outlining the resolutions passed from Motilal Nehru, the leader of the Indian National Congress in December 1919 about the Amritsar Massacre.

These resolutions presented Congress in disagreement and in political rebellion against the Raj for the atrocities caused in the Sikh holy city.

By Mr Pettitt

Celebrity Football Match at QPR

On Saturday 20th May, 50 Verulam staff and students had the opportunity to attend a charity football match at QPR. The event marked the 17-year anniversary of the tragic loss of one of QPR's academy players, Kiyan Prince and raised money for the Kiyan Prince Foundation.

The charity, run by Dr Mark Prince OBE, Kiyan's father has a strong relationship with Verulam School and gifted a number of complimentary tickets.

Staff and students enjoyed a great day out for a good cause.

By Miss Richardson



Y12 Post-18 Options Evening

Following a successful Apprenticeship Evening in the Spring Term led by Mr Hall, the summer term saw the attention for Y12 now focused on UCAS Applications.

Mr Base led parents through the process, from registering with UCAS, shortlisting down to 5 Universities, making the most of the personal statement with Super

Curricular additions through to University Open Days.

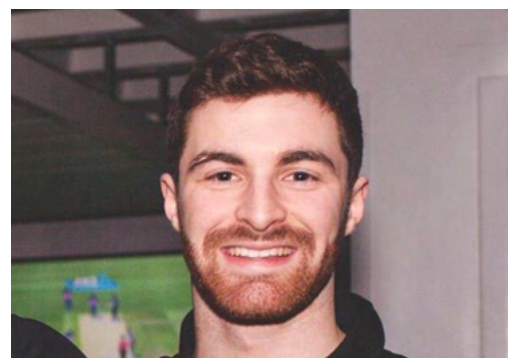
For families embarking on this journey for the first time, supplementary parent workshops were led by Miss Saggart as a drop-in service available at the weekends.

By Mr Base

Alumnus of the Month

Spencer Caminsky is our May 2023 Alumnus of the Month. Spencer left Verulam School in 2016 and is now the campaigns organiser for the St Albans Liberal Democrats.

To find out more - [click here](#).



Year 13 Last Day

With the A 'Level exams starting a week early this year, mid-May saw us formally marking the student's final day in school before study leave began.

The Senior Prefect Team had chosen a fancy-dress theme of 'dynamic duos' for the day, and they did not disappoint.

Breakfast was served by the Sixth Form Team in the café, providing a chance for subject staff and form tutors to wish our students good luck for the 6 week(!) exam season. The morning concluded with a formal assembly, marking their time at the school, with speeches by Senior Prefects, Mr Base and Miss Richardson.

By Mr Base



Star Pupil!

Massive congratulations to Jacob H who has gone from strength to strength. Recently refereeing a game between the GB Police Womens team and a competitive Spurs Women FC. A very talented young man and a true role model for Verulam School.

Since joining Verulam in Year 7. Jacob is a leader in every sense of the word and truly exhibits what it means to be a Verulam student. He exudes Excellence, Character and Respect in all that he does.

By Mr Lewis



Smile-ing Boys Project 2023 Cohort!

On Tuesday 13th June, artist Kay Rufai returned to Verulam School for this year's exhibition to celebrate the BAME boys that participated in this worthwhile project. Over a series of weeks, Rufai worked with a group of BAME boys from Year 9 to explore identity, masculinity, culture, mental health and happiness.

The project, seeks to create a safe space for boys to speak; empowering them to feel a sense of worth and belonging. At the end of the project all boys select a colour for the background to their own professional portrait

where they show their smile. The images, once collated and exhibited, counter-act the disproportionate negative images of this group perpetuated by the Media.

Rufai spoke at the exhibition, sharing with attendees the purpose of the project, its components and impact. In addition, the boys shared the impact that participation had on them. We look forward to welcoming Rufai back in 2024 for the next cohort!

By Miss Richardson



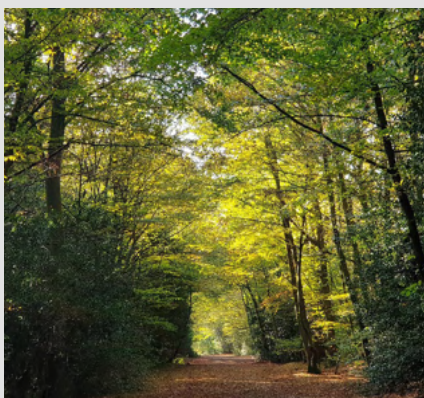
Geography

This term has seen the Year 10 geographers undertake their fieldwork to Epping forest to study changes in a river and then visit Strafford to investigate the concept of regeneration. As opposed to the previous year, the weather was lovely on each day. The down side of this was a lack of water at one site for the river study!

On each occasion we had to consider the theoretical background to the concepts being studied before looking at and creating 3 testable hypothesis. Data was collected which will be presented, analysed and evaluated to allow us to draw some conclusions. Once completed, boys will be writing this up to allow them to sit and complete paper 3 of their Geography GCSE next summer.

As always, thanks to parents for supporting us in supporting the boys by getting them on the trip and the staff for supporting us on the days.

By Mr Toley



Year 9 Battlefields Trip

On the 19th June, we started our battlefields trip to France and Belgium. We arrived in France early in the afternoon and we went to a cemetery where we learnt about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and their ethos of treating everyone equally and respectfully in death. We then went to the grave of Captain Noel Godfrey who received two Victoria Crosses and is the only person to receive two Victoria Crosses that later died in action. We then went for dinner at Captain Cook in Ypres and we had delicious chicken, chips and ice cream. After dinner we went back to where we would be staying at the Peace Village where you could play games and relax.

The next day, we had a delicious breakfast and set off early to go to Hill 60 which was the place of major fighting between the Entente and the Germans on the hills around the city of Ypres. Next, we went to a replica German trench where we were able to walk around it and learn what life was like for those living in the trenches. Afterwards we went to the museum of the Battle of Passchendaele where we learnt about the reality of trench warfare and how World War I had advanced by 1917. After that, we went to a German cemetery where Hitler had visited in 1940 to create the myth of the battle of Langermarck. That evening, we went to have pizza in Ypres and then went bowling! After that we went

back to the Peace Village. The next morning, we went to the Battle of the Somme and learnt about "Kitchener's Army" and the first day of the Somme. Then, we went into a Newfoundland Memorial (now owned and kept by modern day Canada) where we learned about the troops from across the empire who attacked during the Somme and how they proved themselves in the battle. We then walked through the countryside until we arrived at a crater where the German trench had been blown up by the British before the attack which led to a catastrophic failure where the Germans were able to regroup and defeat the British attack. We then went to have lasagna before heading back to the hostel. On Thursday we were changing accommodations from the Peace Village to a hotel near Brussels. On the way there, we went to the Battle of Waterloo where we learnt how the British won the battle. We also got to watch a short 3D film of the battle which was very cool! After that we drove to the hotel where we had a delicious dinner at the hotel where we had ham, melon and more!

On our last day we drove back to the French coast to catch the Eurostar. On the way, we stopped at the beaches of Dunkirk and we learnt how the British Expeditionary Force had to chaotically evacuate from the beach during the Second World War. We all had an amazing time and hope to go back soon!

By Alex P - 9C and Mr Pettitt

75th Anniversary of Windrush

On Friday 23rd June, Tobi and Blake in Year 8 attended the university of East London to attend 'Windrush: Conversations Connecting Our Past, Present and Future' Windrush 75th Anniversary Event run by the Met Black Police Association and the Black Police Association.

Tobi read a poem that he wrote to mark the anniversary, and both boys participated in a panel to discuss how to engage young people with the Police further.

On Saturday 24th June, the newly formed Verulam Choir performed Stormzy's 'Blinded By Your Grace' to open the KickOff@3 football tournament that was held at Oaklands College to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Windrush.

In addition, our wonderful Year 7 pupils formed a team to enter and came second in the tournament. All of the students involved were fantastic ambassadors for the school and demonstrated our core values of Excellence, Character and Respect.

By Miss Richardson





Toms Talks

On Thursday 16th June, Verulam welcomed Tom Dickinson from Toms Talks to speak to both Year 9 and 10 students about mental health and suicide. Dickinson, who travelled down from Barnsley, shared the tragic loss of his older brother, Liam to suicide and his subsequent struggles with mental health and well-being.

The hour-long talk explored the impact of suicide and the importance of boys and men sharing their thoughts and feelings, as well as the danger of bottling things up. Dickinson also explored the effects of social media on people and the importance of being kind.

His talk was powerful and left students overwhelmingly inspired by Dickinson's attitude and resilience. A number of students stayed at the end to ask Dickinson additional questions and to take a photo.

By Miss Richardson



Pride Month

June marks Pride Month and at Verulam this was marked with Mr Knowles delivering an assembly on the history of Pride month and why it is important to celebrate this important month within the LGBTQ+ community and for everyone to understand its significance to everyone, not just the LGBTQ+ community.

Pride month is celebrated worldwide in June, however, many Pride events start in April and last well into September. The reason why June is used to mark Pride Month stems from the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots which happened in New York City on 28th June 1969 and is the turning point for the rights of LGBTQ+ people across the world.



The Stonewall Riots began at the Stonewall Inn, a gay club, in Greenwich Village in New York City. Being gay was illegal in New York at the time and this pushed homosexuality underground and gay people would flock to bars and clubs where they could express themselves freely and be themselves without fear of repression from the outside world. These bars became a sanctuary for people within the LGBTQ+ community to be who they wanted to be. However, the governing body in the city had other ideas and forced many of these “safe places” to close and ordered police raids to prevent the illegal act of same-sex relations. The gay men that frequented the Stonewall Inn staged a series of protests in response to a police raid of the club that began in the early hours of 28 June, 1969. The Stonewall riots, also known as the Stonewall uprising, took place over several days ending on 3 July, 1969.

Today we use this anniversary to celebrate LGBTQ+ people and their rights, continue the fight against marginalisation and support the struggles of LGBTQ+ people across the world who live in repression in countries where homosexuality is still a crime. Most major towns and cities in the UK now hold a pride event, even Hertfordshire holds Herts Pride at the end of August in Watford. Pride in London holds the largest event in the UK. The event attracts hundreds of thousands of people both in the LGBTQ+ community and their supporters



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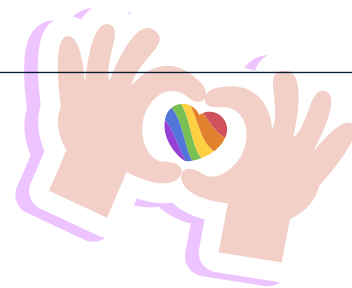
from all parts of the world. The Pride Parade which used to be called the “Pride March” forms the backbone of the event and came from the original protest marches to fight for equality and the rights of LGBTQ+ people. The Pride Parade is now a colourful and vibrant procession of companies and organisations that walk through the streets of London in support and celebration of the LGBTQ+ community.

Pride events are about human rights. The fight for equality is absolutely not over!

They empower LGBTQ+ people to reclaim the rights and freedoms they are denied, and the public space they are often excluded from. Visibility is crucial, especially when the State and opposition groups go to considerable lengths to put LGBTQ+ people at the margins of society. Fighting shame and social stigma, and marching in the face of threats and violence – Pride parades are not only inspiring celebrations of difference but also



LGBTQ+



a declaration of intent. Through these events, demonstrators assert that they will not be intimidated, that they will continue to demand equality, and that LGBTQ+ rights are human rights.

A question I always face is why is there no “straight pride”? My answer to that is this: “Straight” people don’t experience heterophobia! Straight, cis-gendered members of society have nothing to fear when it comes to expressing their sexuality or acting proud of who they are. Straight pride does not exist because straight people do not need a community, a club, message-board or proper representation to feel safe, accepted, and well-rendered in the media. Gay pride is necessary to inspire change and make LGBTQ+ feel safe!

At Verulam, we strive to ensure that all students understand the historical significance of events like

Pride and we encourage them to treat everyone, regardless of one’s personal or religious beliefs, with dignity, respect and equality. We encourage all students to refrain from judging others or from treating people differently.

Celebrating diversity, not only in the LGBTQ+ community but also minority groups is about fighting from equality.

Above all Pride is inclusive!

By Mr Knowles



Year 10 Art trip to The Royal Academy

The Year 10 Art students were excited to visit The Royal Academy on Tuesday 13th June. The Summer Exhibition is a wonderful mix of work from contemporary practising artists like Michael Craig-Martin and Lisa Milroy but also amateur artists just like them. Students had opportunities to interact with artworks, which were laid out in the old-fashioned way of cramming everything on the wall at once.

There was a room for sculptures as well as traditional painting and lots of mixed media works made using interesting and unique materials. The most obvious difference for the students, is of course the size of the works – which never translate over computer screens! It was a great opportunity for the students to see real life artworks and note the pencil lines, the mistakes and in some cases the rough edges. Students were asked

to sketch and draw their favourite pieces as they meandered around the displays.

'I really like the good variety of different artworks. I was particularly impressed with the black and white pen drawings – I loved the amount of detail in them.'

Thomas H.

'My favourite artwork was the fishes. I loved the blending and toning as well as the variety of materials. I got up close to see how it was done.'

Hanson L.

'The wide variety of artworks and the big range of skills and techniques made for an exciting show. I didn't know where to look at times!'

Ted F.

By Mrs Tomlin

RA Royal Academy of Arts



Art Week @ Bernards Heath Primary School

The Year 10 art group were lucky enough to be invited to Bernards Heath Primary School to meet the year 3 and 4 pupils and help out in their art week.

All Verulam students were asked to bring some work and give a little talk to the primary pupils about how they made their work, the different materials they used and how they are inspired by other artists. The Year 3 and 4 pupils were so impressed with the quality and

range of different work. Verulam students then got stuck in helping the pupils form artwork from onomatopoeia words – shaping the letters, cutting them out, making borders and printing backgrounds.

It was a fantastically artistic afternoon! A big thank you to Bernards Heath for having us.

By Mrs Tomlin



Year 11 Boat Party

A wonderful way to close Year 11 for our students. Our Year 11 students have been truly brilliant during the exam season and have given it everything they have to be as successful as they can possibly be.

It is always a great relief and real sense of achievement when their exams are over. To celebrate we had a party on the Thames. Students could relax and enjoy each other's company whilst passing the most famous sites of London.

It was an excellent opportunity to reflect on their year and their plans moving forward.

It was also a chance to enjoy music, food and soft drinks along with a photobooth to create memorable photos for them.

Well done Year 11, enjoy the summer and then take on the challenges of Post-16, whatever your plans are.

By Mr Freakley



Let's Talk About Boys

On Saturday 20th June, Verulam School hosted the first Let's Talk About Boys conference for boys' educators. Colleagues from a range of Independent and State Boys schools attended to discuss a range of topics such as boys' achievement, masculinity, identity, belonging, mental health and reading.

In addition, a number of students supported at the event – welcoming delegates, issuing goody bags and serving refreshments.

Three superb keynotes spoke at the event; Matt Pinkett (author of the books 'Boys Don't Try' and 'Boys Do Cry'); The Rt Honourable Stuart Lawrence (consultant, youth

engagement specialist, coach, public speaker and younger brother of Stephen Lawrence, the British teenager murdered in a racially motivated attack in 1993); Andrew Bernard (Innovative Enterprise and one of the Directors of National Careers Week).

As Verulam School is now a member of the IBSC (International Boys School Coalition) the Chairman, Tom Batty also attended. A number of exciting opportunities for staff and students are on the horizon as part of our collaboration with other IBSC schools such as Harrow School and St Paul's Boys' School. More to be announced in the Autumn term!

By Miss Richardson





Y13 Prom

The following week, after the final two exams had been sat, the pride of Verulam descended on the ancestral previous home of the Earl of Bute, Luton Hoo.

It was a grand evening, with Myles and the Senior Team doing a magnificent job of organising the event. With over 200 guests, including nearly every member of Y13, plus ones and over 20 staff.

As seen in the photos, the weather bathed the venue in a spectacular early summer sunset, equally measured by the spectacular takes on the black-tie dress code.

By Mr Base



Alumnus of the Month

Nick Phillips is our Verulam School Alumnus of the Month. Nick Phillips left Verulam School in 1991 and is now Head of the Technology faculty at Verulam school.

To find out more - [click here](#).



Sixth Form Sports' Day

Whilst the lower school transferred to Westminster Lodge for the day, Y12 had their very own Verulympics event, held in parallel at Sandpit Lane.

The day consisted of a fiercely fought 6-a-side Interform Football tournament. 12PIC proved valid victors, after winning all 4 group games, they dominated the final, winning 4-1.

At the same time, a more relaxed Rounders Tournament took place on the neighbouring pitch. Midday saw the Ice Cream van arrive, for a well-earned break for refreshments.

The day was rounded up by a new Olympic event, the 10 x 100m (1km) relay, keenly contested, with 12MCH running out the eventual winners.

By Mr Base



Y11 into Sixth Form Induction Days

In the same week that we said goodbye to our Y13s, we welcomed in the new September Y12s for a two-day Induction programme.

Over 130 students attended, not only from our own Y11s but a record number from a wide variety of local schools.

Students met with their new tutors, had an induction on the power of study skills and good habits for Y12.

The rest of the programme focused on subject focused taster lessons, whetting the appetite for summer work, before Sixth Form starts for real in September.

We can't wait to welcome them on board for the best two years.

By Mr Base



Sixth Form Curriculum Enrichment Day

For Curriculum Enrichment Day Y12 students used it as an opportunity to explore one of the world's greatest cities; London.

Students had to complete a Circle Line Treasure Hunt that required them to decipher 10 cryptic clues, plan a route and then tick off with a selfie at 10 of the most iconic cultural, economic, historic, scientific & political locations the city has to offer; including Parliament Square, The V&A, National Portrait Gallery, British

Museum and Tower Hill. All the students had a wonderful day, all being ambassadors and returning to the check-in on time. Although some teams only competed in 2 locations, two teams managed all 10 plus the bonus.

Aaron's team proved the proved to be the outright winners by completing all 11 locations in 3 hrs 27 min, just 6 minutes faster than the runners up

By Mr Base



Year 13 Leavers' Reception

With most of the exams over after an intense 6 weeks, students, families, friends, and staff gathered in Quad Garden to relax, reminisce, swap stories, and reflect on their 7-year journey.

A Prosecco reception and canapes were served in the early evening sun.

Speeches by the Senior Team, Mr Base and Miss Perry focused on the theme #VerulamForLife, as this cohort embark on their next journey, University, Careers, Apprenticeships or Travel.

By Mr Base



Year 9 & 10 Prizegiving

On Monday, July 3rd, we had the privilege of hosting a remarkable prizegiving ceremony to honour the outstanding achievements of our Year 9 & 10 students.

The evening proved to be a resounding success as students were nominated for prestigious awards by their subject teachers, form teachers, Head of Year and the Headteacher. It is our sincere hope that the exceptional accomplishments of our students inspire them to continue surpassing expectations and setting new standards for themselves into the next academic year and beyond.

By Ms Daya

County League Final

On Tuesday 4th July, our U16 (Year 9 & 10) athletics team represented us in the County League Final, qualifying 3rd in our division. This is the first time we have qualified for this event in a decade.

Despite a number of the team being absent on the Barcelona trip or injured, the lads who stepped up represented well. The team finished 5th out of top 8 schools in the county, with a very strong St Clement Danes side winning the title. Despite the wet and miserable conditions we had some notable performances from Nikolai C in the 1500m, Michael B winning the Javelin & a very tired Oscar N coming in 2nd in the 800m after representing Hertfordshire in the ESAA Championships over the weekend.

Mr Waters

Year 10 CED

On Tuesday, July 4th the Year 10 students participated in a captivating curriculum enrichment day. Teachers from various subjects organised an exhilarating escape room activity filled with intriguing puzzles, which the students thoroughly enjoyed.

Moreover, the Year 10 students showcased their ingenuity by constructing bridges using pasta, and they demonstrated their culinary skills by preparing nutritious breakfasts enriched

with protein powder.

In addition, they excelled in a business challenge, earning well-deserved treats, and impressed the mathematics team with their exceptional code-cracking abilities. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers who dedicated significant effort to make this day possible, as well as to the enthusiastic students who eagerly embraced the learning opportunities presented.

By Ms Daya



Verulympics 2023

After missing 2 years due to Covid and the extreme summer heat wave of last year, Verulympics returned this year in superb fashion.

Revamped with A and B races the weather was perfect for competitors, with all boys competing in at least 1 event.

Great performances from the boys culminated in 5 school records being broken.

Amazing records were broken by Nico B in the Year 7 100m, Thomás

B-D in the Year 8 200m and in Year 10 Thomas H in the 100m, Nikolai C in the 1500m and Michael B throwing 45.93 in the javelin.

Overall House scores were:
5th: Jennings (273) 4th: Brampton (287) 3rd: Churchill (302) 2nd: Hamilton (310) 1st: Park and York (367).

Well done to all that competed and all the members of staff who helped to make this a successful day.

By Mr Errington





Barcelona 2023

I am thrilled to share an exciting update on our recent school trip to the vibrant city of Barcelona. Our journey was filled with captivating experiences, cultural exploration, and unforgettable memories. Here's a recap of our adventure!

On the first day of our trip, we gathered, dressed in our smart Barcelona Trip polo shirts, ready to start our expedition. The coach departed, heading towards Luton Airport. After a remarkably smooth check-in, we boarded our flight to Barcelona.

Excitement grew as we landed at Barcelona Airport and embarked on a short coach transfer to our accommodation, Generator Barcelona, which everyone absolutely loved. To satisfy our hunger, a delightful dinner of albóndigas (meatballs) awaited us too.

Day two commenced with a hearty buffet breakfast. We then dove

into a Spanish language class, where the boys practised their language skills. Afterwards, we explored the enchanting La Boqueria Market, indulging in a diverse array of culinary delights for lunch. The iconic La Rambla offered us an ideal spot for a leisurely stroll and some shopping.

In the afternoon, we visited the legendary Camp Nou, the hallowed home ground of FC Barcelona. The interactive museum at Camp Nou allowed us to delve into the rich history of Barça. As evening approached, we embarked on a guided tapas tour, savouring the authentic flavours of Spanish cuisine. The highlight was the seafood paella, devoured by all 37 of us, plus our three guides. We then took an evening walk to the Barceloneta beachfront to enjoy the scenery and see the sea.

On day three, spirits soared as we journeyed to PortAventura, one of Europe's largest and most thrilling theme parks. The boys experienced

adrenaline-pumping rides and enjoyed the park's attractions, getting drenched on some of them!

Day four marked our final day in Barcelona, where we immersed ourselves in the enchanting wonders of Parc Güell, adorned with Gaudi's unique architectural masterpieces. Later, we marvelled at the awe-inspiring Sagrada Família, Gaudi's world-renowned unfinished church. With some free time to explore the distinctive Eixample district, we bid farewell to Barcelona, cherishing the memories we made.

Our Barcelona adventure was a resounding success, thanks to the enthusiasm and participation of all students and staff involved. Barcelona, with its captivating charm, has left an indelible mark on our hearts. Until our next thrilling expedition, keep exploring!

By Mr Holding



Holi

On Friday 14th July, Year 7 & 8 students finally had the opportunity to experience the Hindu festival Holi. Having been planned for earlier in the year but postponed due to severe weather and teacher strikes, we scheduled the event to go ahead regardless of the weather!

In the Spring term, students learnt about Holi in their RE lessons. Holi is considered as one of the most revered and celebrated festivals of India and it is celebrated in almost every part of the country. It is also sometimes called as the “festival of love” as on this day people get to unite together forgetting all

resentments and all types of bad feeling towards each other. The great Indian festival lasts for a day and a night, which starts in the evening of Purnima or the Full Moon Day in the month of Falgun. It is celebrated with the name Holika Dahan or Choti Holi on first evening of the festival and the following day is called Holi. In different parts of the country, it is known with different names.

The vibrancy of colours is something that brings in a lot of positivity in our lives and Holi being the festival of colours is actually a day worth rejoicing. Holi is a famous Hindu festival that is

celebrated in every part of India with utmost joy and enthusiasm. The ritual starts by lighting up the bonfire one day before the day of Holi and this process symbolizes the triumph of good over the bad. On the day of Holi people play with colours with their friends and families and in evening they show love and respect to their close ones with Abeer.

Year 7 and 8, along with a number of staff, took great joy in throwing the coloured powder and even the torrential rain could not thwart the joy that participating gave them!

Miss Nicholls



Blue Peris – Year 9 Trip

On the penultimate week of the academic year, 60 Year 9 students visited Blue Peris in North Wales

Students participated in a number of real, adventurous, exciting and stimulating activities. These activities allowed individuals and groups to be challenged, gain

confidence and flourish in a safe and exciting environment.

Almost all of the activities took place off-site in 'real' outdoor adventure venues. Beautifully situated in the heart of Snowdonia, we had immediate access to an array of magnificent rivers, lakes and mountains, plus the beaches

and coastal fringe of Anglesey and the Llyn Peninsular. The students and staff had a fantastic time and will surely have memories that they will cherish for a lifetime!

Mr Hobbs



Cricket

Year 7

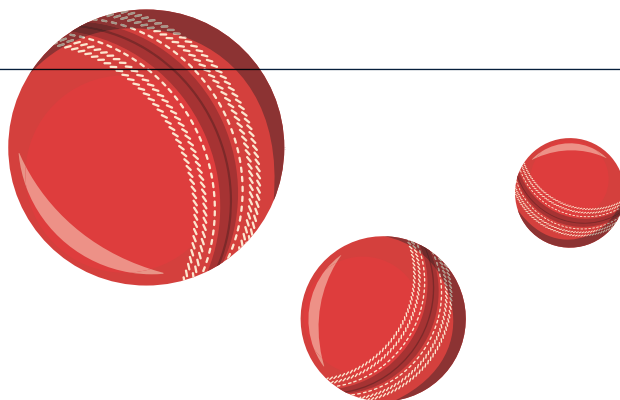
The Year 7 team has had a good start to cricket at Verulam. First, they got a fantastic opportunity to train at the St. Albans Cricket Club. They used the cricket nets to improve bowling and batting. They then won their first game against Immanuel College. Excellent batting from Elliot N, Joe H and Edward S ensured the team quickly gained the runs for a decisive victory.

The second game against St. Columbus School was a far greater challenge. The opposition had lots of County Cricketers and plenty of tactical understanding. The team batted very well but their bowling was outstanding. Edward S and Thomas H bowled superbly but the highlight of the bowling went to Luke M. He was facing a top batter, who was smashing every bowl for 4s and 6s. However on his last bowl, Luke pitched a perfect delivery, took an edge, and caught by Evan L.

By Mr Halsal

Year 8

The Year 8 cricket team hosted an amazing match against local rivals Sandringham with some standout bowling for Juha and Archie. It came down to the last ball of the match with Verulam needing 4 to win, but unfortunately we narrowly missed out.



They followed this with a loss to an extremely strong St. Columbus side in the District Cup but promising signs from a group growing in confidence.

By Mr Anthony

Year 9

Our Year 9 team lost against two very strong sides from Sir John Lawes and current champions Beaumont. Our batting let us down in both games. However the boys bowled and fielded well. With the pick of the bowlers averages from the 2 games-Arthur R (6 overs, 26 runs, 1 wicket) Ronan B (3 overs, 15 runs, 1 wicket) Jack B (6 overs, 38 runs, 2 wickets) Cieran M (5 overs, 35 runs, 2 wickets).

By Mr Errington

Year 10

The Year 10 cricket team lost to a strong Sandringham team by 3 overs. Honourable mention to Michael B who scored 26 in 1 over then having to retire for scoring over 30 runs.

By Mr Waters



Athletics

Year 7

A superb first year of athletics for Year 7 witnessed them compete strongly in the District Athletics meets. With many boys trying events for the first time, the team became very competitive with improvements each week.

This was concluded at an excellent set of results at the Championships with 3 winners in Y7; Noah S (Hurdles), Isaac GD (1500M), Nico B (100m).

By Mr Anthony

Year 8

The Year 8 team has had an excellent season. They performed admirably in every meet. Zakariah M was a fantastic discovery.

Thomas BD was magnificent in 200m and relay. Sam M was also so strong in 800m and with committed performances from Louis C, Juha K, Jack B and Lucas F the team excelled at many events.

By Mr Anthony

Year 9

Oscar N in Year 9 achieved a qualifying time for the English Schools AA National Championships.

He is currently 4th fastest in England at 800m. Jack B performed well in the Shot Put with Lukas M and Jake R consistently running well in the longer distances.

By Mr Errington

Year 10

In Year 10, the U16 athletics team have had a good season so far, finishing 2nd in the District Championships losing out to St George's School by 3 points.

Gold medal winners were: Michael B - Javelin, Nikolai C - 800m, Harry S - 400m, Matt F - Pole Vault. The U16s have also finished 3rd in the County League qualifying for the County Final on the 4th July.

By Mr Waters

Other Sports

As Director of Sport at Verulam, I would like to thank, on behalf of the PE Department, all boys who have represented the school and attended sessions throughout the year. It also brings great pleasure to hear that boys have been performing well at sports in their own time.

This term congratulations must go to Noah S in Year 7 who won the Herts County Regional Tennis Tournament, beating students in higher age groups! This victory means that Noah will now compete at Wimbledon this summer, competing against 31 other counties!

Also from Year 7, a group of the boys did amazingly well and played in a weekend KickOffAt3 football tournament, finishing second against some very strong sides.

Also well done to Midas T in Year 10, who represented TeamGB at the European Archery Youth Championship 2023 held in Sion, Switzerland and won a bronze medal in the U18 Recurve Men's Team event.

By Mr Errington

Reward Trips

This year has seen a new format to our rewards programme. A series of trips and events was introduced to reward students who have shown an outstanding commitment to behaviour, attendance and progress.

Split into gold, silver and bronze, students have experienced activities such as a visit to the Escape Room, an exclusive screening at the Odyssey cinema and Thorpe Park.

Locked Escape Rooms sets students a series of challenges to get out of their room. Requiring ingenuity, cunning and guile, Year 7s were a huge success, getting out with 7 minutes to spare. All students then had lunch at Nandos, a big favourite.

The Odyssey cinema is a landmark in St Albans, a beautiful art deco cinema with the extra comfort and style. Students had

a screening of 'Ant-Man – Quantumania', experiencing the whole cinema to themselves. Staff were amazing, made the students feel really special. On the way back stopped off for ice cream in Clarence Park then a quiz in school.

Our final reward trip was to Thorpe Park. The weather behaved itself and a great day was had by all. At the end some very happy, and some very wet, students. Plus the biggest cuddly toy ever known to man. Thank goodness there was space on the coach for him.

Next year even bigger plans are in place to ensure there are at least two trips per term and we have been working closely with student counsellors and class reps to come up with rewards that students will appreciate and deserve.

By Mr MacKenzie



Celebrating the Success of Vocational Qualifications this Year!

We are thrilled to highlight the remarkable achievements of our students in vocational qualifications at Verulam School this year. As we come to the end of another academic year, it is essential to recognise the outstanding outcomes attained through vocational courses and celebrate the success of our students who have embraced alternative pathways to success.

Vocational qualifications provide students with practical skills and knowledge that are directly applicable to various industries. They offer a unique opportunity for students to pursue their passions, develop specialised expertise, and gain valuable hands-on experience in specific fields of interest. The diverse range of vocational courses available at Verulam has empowered our students to excel in areas beyond the traditional academic subjects.

One of the remarkable aspects of vocational courses is their ability to bridge the gap between education and employment. These qualifications equip students with industry-specific skills, ensuring they are well-prepared to enter the workforce or pursue further education in their chosen fields. Through vocational education, our students have had the chance to explore career options, gain work experience, and make informed decisions about their future pathways.

This year, our vocational students have demonstrated outstanding dedication, commitment, and skill mastery. Their achievements have been nothing short of exceptional, both in terms of academic performance and practical application. From Business and Enterprise to Sport and Creative Digital Media, our students have excelled across a wide range of vocational disciplines.

As a school, we take great pride in the achievements of our vocational students and recognise the significant impact vocational qualifications have on their futures. We remain committed to continuously expanding our vocational offerings, building strong industry connections, and ensuring our students have access to the best opportunities for success.

To all our vocational graduates (both in Year 11 and Year 13), we extend our warmest congratulations for your outstanding achievements and wish you the very best in your future endeavours.

We are excited to witness the continued growth and success of our vocational programs, and we look forward to nurturing the talents and passions of future generations.

By Mr R Lewis

Year 7 and 8 Prizegiving Ceremony

Monday 10th July marked the Year 7 and 8 annual prizegiving ceremony. This evening was held to recognise the hard work of students in the year groups and how they have demonstrated the schools core values of excellence, character and respect. The evening began with Mr Knowles, Head of Year 7 delivering a review of the year and telling parents of the amazing year that Year 7 have had from the trips including the Lake District to sporting success, maths challenge and Blue Stag awards.

Year 8 awards came next hosted by Mr Zaman on behalf of Mr Halsall who was on the Blue Peris trip so unfortunately could not attend. However he did leave his thoughts on the successes of Year 8 for Mr Zaman to deliver in a not so convincing Scottish Accent. Mr Halsall is so proud in the way Year 8 have developed through the year starting with their trip to Dorset and their participation in sports and the rest of school life.

By Mr Knowles

Verulam Values Social Responsibility

This term we have purchased a number of litter pickers for break and lunch times to ensure that the environment is the best it can be. Students across all year groups have been steadily volunteering to litter pick in their recreational time, giving back to the School. In addition students have also been volunteering to clean up in the canteen, supporting staff to keep Verulam clean and tidy.

This has been so impressive and demonstrates the wonderful young people that we have at Verulam. Students are rewarded for their efforts with Letters of Recognition as they demonstrate Accountability and Respect and Make a Difference.

Keep up the great work!

By Miss Richardson



Transition Ambassadors

This term we welcomed Year 6 students who will be joining us in September 2023. Our current Year 7s were responsible for each House group, guiding them around the site throughout the day. They demonstrated our core values of Excellence, Character and Respect and ensured that the Year 6s had a positive transition day!

By Miss Richardson



Dr Mark Prince OBE returns!

Mark Prince once again returned to Verulam to talk to Year 10 about the impact of knife crime, after tragically losing his son, Kiyan.

Prince spoke with passion about the impact of loss and how to deal with adversity, channeling pain into something positive. In September 2023, Prince will return to Verulam to lead the Future Champions programme with 22 lucky Year 11s to help them to achieve their goals and have a positive future.

By Miss Richardson



2023 Exams Results

17th August 2023
A Level Results Day

24th August 2023
GCSE Results Day

Results can be collected at 9am on results day from the Main Hall.

By Mr Freakley

Working together to keep children safe

The safeguarding of children is everyone's responsibility and schools have a duty to ensure that they promote the safety and welfare of children.

If you have a concern

If you have concerns about the safety or well-being of any child or have concerns about a child, group of children or family that might be vulnerable to radicalisation or violent extremism, please speak immediately to the Headteacher, the Designated Safeguarding Lead or any of our Safeguarding Team. Your concerns will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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Location: Music Block



Miss Hart
SENDCo
Location: Inclusion Hub



Mr Base
Director of Sixth Form
Location: Sixth Form
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Ms Moss
Student Wellbeing Manager
Location: Office in the first
floor of the Inclusion Hub



Mr Halsall
Associate SLT
/Head of Year 9
Location: End of
Geography/English corridor



Mrs Vasa
PA to the Deputy
Headteachers
Location: Office next to
Admin/Lost Property



Celebrating Success

Celebrating Success – Commendations

Year 7

Subject Commendation

Evan L - Art & Science
Jayden B - Computer Science
Oli B - Design & Technology
Sunny K - Drama
Scott M - English
Alfie B - Food Technology
Ernest J - French
Ashvin S - Geography & History
Csongor G - Maths
Darragh W - PE
Demir K - Religious Education
Sebbie G - Spanish

Pastoral Commendation

Krish P - 7B
Musah A - 7C
Noah S - 7H
Oli B - 7J
Sunny K - 7P
Evan L - 7Y

Head of Year Commendation

Amadou G
Isaac G
Rishank L

Student of the Year

Rishank L

Headteacher Commendation

Finley S

Year 8

Subject Commendation

Lewis - Art
Max R - Computer Science
Alex J - Design & Technology
Thomás BD - Drama
Finley N - English
Billy W - Food Technology
Francis H - French & Science
Ethan P - Geography
Luke W - History
Elias B - Maths
Sebastian S - Maths
Oscar H - PE
Tobi I - Religious Education
Zayan H - Spanish

Pastoral Commendation

Alex J - 8B
Dan L - 8B
Juha K - 8C
Tom W - 8C
Shing H S - 8H
Zachary R - 8J
Samuel M - 8J
Zakariah M - 8P
Seb B - 8Y

Head of Year Commendation

Andrew J
Francis H
George L

Student of the Year

Francis H

Headteacher Commendation

Alex J

Year 9

Subject Commendation

Daniel B - Art
Max D N - Computer Science
Arthur R - Design & Technology
Evan T - Drama & French
Stanley C H - English
Billy W - Food Technology
Billy F - Geography & Science
Joe E - History
Ayman R - Maths & RE
Gabriel F L - Music
Oscar N - PE
Albie H - Spanish

Pastoral Commendation

Logan O - 9B
Ethan C - 9C
Ivan C - 9H
Jacky P - 9J
Lucas M - 9P
Oliver R - 9Y

Head of Year Commendation

Evan T
Jack D
Jago A

Student of the Year

Jago A

Headteacher Commendation

Sam R

Year 10

Subject Commendation

Simeon T - Art
Samuel S - BTEC Enterprise
Rocco K - BTEC Sport
Oliver O - Business Studies
Edwin F - Computer Science
Daniel I - DT & French
Tom R - DT, Geography & Maths
Sam S - Drama
Gaurav S - Economics & Science
Thomas H - English
George L - Food Technology
Jacob F - History
Reuben H - Media Studies
George B - PE
Dylan L - Religious Education
Hugo W - Spanish

Pastoral Commendation

Rocco K - 10B
Elijah F - 10C
Justin L - 10H
Thomas H - 10J
Nicholas E - 10P
Leo B - 10Y

Head of Year Commendation

Alexander E
Kael M
Thomas H

Student of the Year

Thomas H

Headteacher Commendation

Ben H



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