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Lectures 2023

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

All lectures held at Verulam School on Friday afternoons. Lectures begin at 12:20 - 13:20 in the main hall.

SPRING TERM SCHEDULE



DATE

SPEAKER

Friday 13th January 2023

Jennie Potts

Friday 20th January 2023

Christopher Hope

Friday 27th January 2023

Vera Bernstein

Friday 03rd February 2023

Cameron Craig

Friday 17th February 2023

Esme Staunton-Howe

Friday 24th February 2023

Daisy Cooper

Friday 03rd March 2023

Oliver Denton

Friday 10th March 2023

Peter Tatchell

Friday 17th March 2023

Clive Cowie (Airbus)

Friday 24th March 2023

Charles Bailey



JENNIE POTTS

Lawyer and founder of B5 Consultancy

Jennie has been with Mama Bamboo since its launch in 2018 contributing to its growth and success as a B-Corp sustainable business. Jennie has been involved in all aspects of the business but as it has grown her focus has been concentrated on Operations and Customer Services.

Jennie has a degree in Chinese from Durham University which saw her spend a year studying both language and culture in Beijing and travelling throughout China. Her previous roles in account management and client services have been invaluable in the implementation of new systems and processes.

As the Director of Operations Jennie heads up operational strategy and stock management. She manages all operational aspects of the business: importing and exporting manufactured goods; overseeing distribution of both B2B and B2C sales and negotiating and monitoring freight forwarder, courier, warehousing and fulfilment contracts.

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CHRISTOPHER

HOPE

Political Editor for The Telegraph

**Christopher Hope is a British journalist.
He is The Daily Telegraph's associate editor.**

Hope formerly worked for PrintWeek, Construction News, The Scotsman and The Herald.

In 2001 Hope helped found a daily financial newspaper in Scotland, Business AM, which folded the following year. He was hired by The Daily Telegraph's City editor Neil Collins in 2003 to be part of its business team, in which he was business correspondent and industry editor.

In 2008 he was promoted from home affairs editor to Whitehall editor, thus entering the politics team, and subsequently moved to the role of senior political correspondent. He was part of the team of Daily Telegraph journalists that broke the news of the parliamentary expenses scandal.

Hope co-wrote the book Conundrum with Richard Bacon, a detailed account of the failings of UK public sector and government projects



VERA BERNSTEIN

Generation to Generation

To mark National Holocaust Day 2023 Vera will tell the moving story of her mother Alice Svarin. Part of Vera's testimony was recorded for Stephen Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

Alice Svarin, was born in a market town in central Slovakia, under the Lower Tatras mountains in 1921. After a peaceful 18 years in a traditionally Jewish family, she married a local admirer in the spring of 1941. The marriage unwittingly saved her from being deported to Auschwitz with the 1000 single women from Slovakia.

The presentation includes photographs, maps and video clips of Alice telling the stories joined by a narrative by Vera. This is ultimately an optimistic story of a courageous no-nonsense woman who was able to adapt to changing circumstances despite the many challenges she faced.

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CAMERON CRAIG

Verulam Alumni

Cameron was a Verulam student between 2002-2009 going on to study Environmental Geography at the University of York.

In addition to studies, I participated in a wider range of activities – from university rugby to a fashion/dance show! After graduating, I completed a nuclear science and engineering graduate scheme with EDF Energy, traveling around the UK's nuclear power stations. I then joined an engineering consultancy (Amec Foster Wheeler) focusing on building the next generation of both civil and defence nuclear facilities. In 2016 I joined a management consultancy firm, PA Consulting, where I conducted business transformation across a range of defence and security-focused programmes within UK Government – from submarine & ship procurement to counter-terrorism projects post-2017 attacks. Most recently I have joined a growing Silicon Valley tech and data firm – Palantir – which has included working with the NHS on its COVID response. Outside of work I am recently married and we now live in Harpenden with our 2-year-old dog - Ralph!



ESME STANTON-HOWE

Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust

Esme grew up in Watford and studied Ecology, Conservation and Environment at the University of Sussex and is a Wilder Communities Officer for Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust.

In her role she works to connect people with nature and wildlife. She liaises with a wide variety of organisations from schools and colleges to community groups and other charities, particularly in St Albans and Watford supporting their efforts to be more sustainable and engage with nature.

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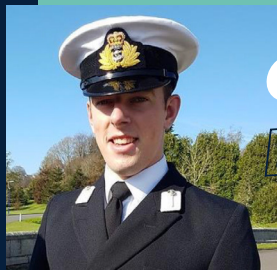


DAISY COOPER

Liberal Democrat MP for St Albans

Daisy Cooper entered Parliament as MP for St Albans in the 2019 General Election, bucking the national trend by unseating the Conservative's Anne Main. Previously, she worked in international development for ten years, including eight years in Commonwealth affairs advising Ministers and international Commissions as an international civil servant and as an outspoken Director of a human rights think-tank.

She holds an LLM in Public International Law from Nottingham University, an LLB Hons in Law from Leeds University, a Foundation Certificate in Psychotherapy and Counselling and is also an SPC Accredited Mediator



OLIVER DENTON

Deputy Navigating Officer

Oliver studied at Verulam School between 2007 and 2014, where he finished with A-Levels in Mathematics, Physics, Biology and History. He had the privilege to act as School Captain in his final year at Verulam. He went on to study History at the University of Birmingham before joining the Royal Navy in 2017.

After a period of initial training at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, Oliver has served in numerous vessels including HMS Albion, HMS Mersey, HMS Medway and HMS Middleton.

Having achieved his watch-keeping certificate in 2020, Oliver specialised as a navigator and he is currently Deputy Navigating Officer of the Fleet Flagship, HMS Queen Elizabeth. He is currently also studying part-time for a Master's Degree in History with the University of Portsmouth.

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PETER TATCHELL

British Human Rights Campaigner

Peter Tatchell is a British human rights campaigner, originally from Australia, best known for his work with LGBT social movements.

Tatchell was selected as the Labour Party's parliamentary candidate for Bermondsey in 1981. He was then denounced by party leader Michael Foot for allegedly supporting extra-parliamentary action against the Thatcher government. Labour subsequently allowed him to stand in the Bermondsey by-election in February 1983. In the 1990s he campaigned for LGBT rights through the direct action group OutRage!, which he co-founded. He has worked on various campaigns, such as Stop Murder Music against music lyrics allegedly inciting violence against LGBT people and writes and broadcasts on various human rights and social justice issues.

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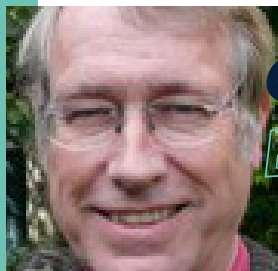
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Airbus Graduate Scheme

This talk will feature a number of recent graduates on the Airbus Graduate Scheme in Stevenage.

The graduates will talk about their educational journey, the application process to the Airbus programme and their experience working for the company.

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CHARLES **BAILEY**

Bedfordshire Humanists

Charles read Classics at Cambridge and was a teacher for 24 years.

He has chaired Bedfordshire Humanists since 2006, and serves as the Humanist representative of Bedford borough Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE). He is also an active member of the Labour Party



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