

VERULAM SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT ON:

Edition 1 : 15/9/23 THE HOUSE SYSTEM AT VERULAM

Welcome to the first of our weekly bulletins. Each Friday a different aspect of school life will be featured; our first 'spotlight' is on our House system.

Our current House team (two students from each form) were chosen by their form tutors to represent their form. They took up office in May 2023 and will hand over to a new team in April of 2024.

Representatives have a specific duty to do during their Year Assembly as well as needing to keep an eye on our House Google Classroom to look out for our regular meetings. When we meet, we discuss upcoming school events and how the Reps and their forms can get involved in supporting their school. One much-prized privilege for reps is that Form Reps get to 'skip the lunch queue' on their assembly day!

During their year in office, our Representatives develop leadership and communication skills as well as organisational skills needed to fit everything into an already busy school life. So far, our current team have taken part in charity events, they have had a team building day (part two of which will take place in November) and they have organised their forms to participate in Verulympics in the summer term.

However, the House system is for everyone, not just the representatives of each form. Every student contributes to their House by earning House points during the school day. Staff will award points for many reasons: good classwork/homework; demonstrating kindness, being responsible; using the word of the week... the list goes on.

Each week the House points totals are update on our website so you can see how your house is doing and encourage your son to get involved and earn those points.

At the end of the summer term, we add on additional points awarded during Verulympics and then award the Hawkes House Cup to the winning House. As you can see, Park House are the current cup holders breaking Brampton House's two-year retention of the Cup.

In November I will be asking Year 7 Tutors to choose their representatives – they will be looking out for students who embody our school values of excellence, character and respect in the next few months.



COMING UP SOON:

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 16 th September	Year 7 Welcome Lunch	12 noon – 2pm
Monday 18 th September	Year 7 DPR logins emailed to Parents/Carers and printed for students.	N/A
Wednesday 20 th September	Year 13 Information Evening	7pm
Thursday 21 st September	Year 7 DPR Drop-in and meet the SENDCO	6pm – 7pm
Friday 22 nd September	Silver Duke of Edinburgh trip departs	N/A
Sunday 24 th September	Silver Duke of Edinburgh trip returns	N/A
Thursday 28 th September	Year 13 DPR drop-in session	6pm – 7pm

Please note that we will launch our annual collection for FEED to support our local food bank with assemblies during the week of 11th September. More information will come out to parents/carers about this via parentmail.

Please send donations in (labelled with your son/daughter's form) via your son/daughter during the two-week period of **18th September to 29th September only**.

Students should take their donations to their form room in the first instance.