



Rewards at Verulam are motivational for our students. Every day students have the opportunity to earn house points for demonstrating positive characteristics and actions at school. These start with an H1 and move up to H2s which can be awarded for showing good character, attendance or good work – either classwork or homework. Parents/Carers can see these on MCAS. Please do keep an eye out for these points and discuss them with your child.

Whilst students love to be recognised for putting in the effort to stand out at school, they also enjoy the competitive side of helping their house to earn as many points as possible. Each week the points totals are updated on our school website, and we will shortly be using our House Point Collector shown below as a visual record of points earned. Each week, in assembly, the House Reps will add their house's points in the form of coloured tokens to our bespoke, hand-made by our Technology staff, Token Collector. We are excited to see this lit up – yes, each tube is lit with the relevant house colour!

In addition to this, students can work towards their prestigious Blue Stag badge(s) by displaying all seven personal development criteria listed below. Staff award an LOR (Letter of Recognition) when a student demonstrates something above and beyond our normal expectations. Students will receive a letter to take home for each LOR they receive. When they have achieved one LOR for each of the seven elements of the Blue Stag, they will be presented with their badge by the Headteacher in assembly. This is a challenging award to achieve and students are rightly proud to wear their Blue Stag badge(s) on their blazers.

In addition, each year there are reward trips for those with the most house points in each year group. These trips vary from year to year so look out for more information on these later in the year.

Ultimately, the collective goal is for students to strive to be their best version of themselves and to be recognised for the effort they are putting in to be successful in school and in life.

<b>V</b>	Voice & Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presenting in class / assembly</li> <li>Participating in Student Voice activities</li> </ul>
<b>E</b>	Enterprise & Aspiration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A piece of work that shows enterprising skills i.e. problem solving, adaptability</li> <li>Working beyond your personal level- wanting to be better</li> </ul>
<b>R</b>	Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrating determination</li> <li>Overcoming an obstacle / challenge</li> </ul>
<b>U</b>	Understanding & Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrating an awareness of the perspective of others</li> <li>Showing inclusivity</li> </ul>
<b>L</b>	Love of Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Producing work that demonstrates a real effort to succeed and exceed expectations</li> </ul>
<b>A</b>	Accountability & Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holding yourself and others to account</li> <li>Being responsible for your own actions</li> </ul>
<b>M</b>	Makes a difference & Leaves a legacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage in wider community projects</li> <li>Help and support someone in need (making a difference to an individual)</li> </ul>



# COMING UP SOON:

Date	Event	Time
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Silver Duke of Edinburgh departs	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Silver Duke of Edinburgh returns	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Yom Kippur	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 13 DPR Drop-in	6pm – 7pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	'Blood Brothers' theatre trip	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Flu vaccinations	8:30am – 3pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Senior Maths Challenge	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 10 Information Evening	6pm - 6:45pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Cantonese Parents' Evening Talk	5:30pm - 7pm

Please note that we will continue our annual collection for FEED to support our local food bank.

Please send donations in (labelled with your son/daughter's form) via your son/daughter **until 29<sup>th</sup> September**.

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