

VERULAM SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT ON:

EDITION 7 : 10/11/23

SPORT AT VERULAM

The purpose of PE at Verulam is to encourage pupils to make physical activities a central part of their life, both in and out of school. We want them to enjoy and succeed in many kinds of physical activities so that they lead happy and healthy lives. This feeds into the whole school vision and intent - we want pupils to leave strong mentally and emotionally. In order for this to happen, we have planned a broad range of activities and experiences so that all pupils feel valued and loved, no matter what their physical strength or sporting history. This broad and balanced curriculum gives all pupils opportunities to enjoy taking part in PE. This year we are pleased to announce our curriculum is expanding further and we will be teaching Orienteering and Dance. The amazing Orienteering courses have been mapped out in school and at Sandpit Lane and these will not only be enjoyed by students during PE lessons but across other subjects, improving the cross curricular links we offer.

Outside of lessons it has been a very busy term so far with midweek and Saturday fixtures combined with training across a range of sports. Successful victories in Football, Basketball and Rugby have been frequent with the school also hosting the District Table Tennis and Badminton tournaments. The KS3 table tennis team beat St Albans boys school in the semi final. In the final they drew 2-2 with Kings School, but narrowly lost by 3 points! They have made it through to the county finals as have the badminton squads to represent St Albans and Harpenden. The Year 7 X-Country squad finished second overall in the annual Mob Race and in the National Cross-Country cup our juniors are third, seniors 4th and inters first who also won the District competitions. Please see our twitter socials @Verulam_PE for up to date information and use SOCS <https://www.socscms.com/login/340/> to see when clubs are and team sheet information for upcoming matches.



Orienteering signs around the school site



The successful KS3 Table Tennis team



Year 7 Mob race runners up



Very busy Tuesday Table Tennis club



Intermediate squad Cross-Country winners

COMING UP SOON:

Date	Event	Time
Monday 13 th November	DPR log ins for Year 11 sent to parents and printed for pupils.	N/A
Monday 13 th November	Maths GCSE re-sit for specific Sixth Form students	9am
Tuesday 14 th November	Year 11 Information Evening	6pm
Wednesday 15 th November	Year 12 Parents' Evening	4:15pm
Wednesday 15 th November	Senior UKMT Kangaroo and Olympiad Maths Challenge	During the school day.
Thursday 16 th November	Year 8 School Trip to Stratford Upon Avon departs	Details have been sent via parentmail.
Friday 17 th November	Year 8 School Trip to Stratford Upon Avon returns	Details have been sent via parentmail.
Monday 20 th November	Year 13 Mocks begin	
Tuesday 21 st November	Year 7 Parents' Evening	4:15pm
Tuesday 21 st November	Gold reward trip – Escape room	During the school day
Wednesday 22 nd November	Silver reward trip - London	During the school day
Wednesday 22 nd November	PTA AGM in the school hall – all welcome	7pm
Thursday 23 rd November	Year 12 Geography Field Trip (in school for this day)	All day
Friday 24 th November	Occasional day – no teaching staff or students in school.	All day