

VERULAM SCHOOL

SPOTLIGHT ON:



EDITION 7 : 17/11/23

YEAR 7 AT VERULAM

Not long ago, Verulam warmly welcomed a dynamic group of Year 7 students, each brimming with nerves, enthusiasm, and curiosity. The transition from primary to secondary school marked a significant milestone for all of them as they navigated the multiple classrooms and maze-like corridors, embracing the newfound independence that came with it. Guided by our supportive teachers and the camaraderie of fellow Year 7s, what initially seemed extremely daunting soon became stepping stones to feelings of reassurance and contentment.

One of the most exhilarating aspects of secondary school life at Verulam has been the opportunity to explore our interests through a diverse range of subjects and extracurricular activities. Whether it's joining the school production, participating in sports teams, or uncovering a passion for science; Year 7 has been a time of self-discovery and growth.

Year 7s themselves have commented that they have made wonderful friendships, from shared form time and classes to laughter-filled break and lunchtimes. They have created bonds that undoubtedly will last a lifetime. Our diverse backgrounds and talents have come together to form an exciting and supportive community.

As we reflect on the Year 7 journey so far, the challenges they have faced have only made them stronger and more resilient, and they are eagerly anticipating the achievements and memories that await them in the years ahead.

New Year 7 House Reps gathered some feedback, the highlights of which were the development of a strong Year 7 community spirit, victorious sporting achievements, the diverse clubs and societies available, exposure to many new subjects, specifically practical ones, and, above all, the number of House Points and Letters of Recognition that have been awarded. They express their eagerness to be more involved in sports and clubs, to engage in opportunities like the Lake District trip, to receive the prestigious Blue Stag badge, and to make even more friends.

A special thank you to our students, teachers, and families for the unwavering support throughout this transition. This guidance and encouragement has been instrumental in the success of each and every Year 7. They are a truly wonderful year group to be proud of, and we have high hopes for each of them for the future.

COMING UP SOON:

Date	Event	Time
Monday 20 th November	Year 13 Mocks begin	
Monday 20 th November	Rugby U16s Longdean Away	
Tuesday 21 st November	Year 7 Parents' Evening	4:15pm
Tuesday 21 st November	Gold reward trip – Escape room	During the school day
Tuesday 21 st November	Rugby U12 & U13 vs KWS	
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
Wednesday 22 nd November	U16 RL Regional Festival 2-4 St James' School	
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
Monday 27 th November	Year 13 Mock exams begin (continue all week)	All day
Monday 27 th November	Year 12 Geography Field Trip	All day
Tuesday 28 th November	Rugby U14 & U15 vs KWS	
Wednesday 29 th November	U15 National Vase round and Bowl round 3	
Wednesday 29 th November	Year 12 Geography Field Trip returns	
Thursday 30 th November	Year 11 DPR drop in	6pm – 7pm