

VERULAM SCHOOL

SPOTLIGHT



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SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 8

Year 8 is an important year for students to build foundations for their next steps of their personal journey, a chance to broaden skills start thinking about the potential GCSE subjects which they will choose in the options process next year and more importantly enjoy the opportunities they are given which the boys have already taken head on. These are some of the highlights so far:

Volunteers from each form became Year 7 mentors seeking out Year 7 boys in their house to introduce themselves and act as a point of contact for our new students. Their job was to find out about the Year 7 boys to help forge new relationships within their house.

At Abbey Service, Claude and Noah in 8H and Isaac in 8Y gave readings. This was followed in the second half of the term by Curriculum Enrichment Day. Following the theme of "Equality, Diversity and Inclusion", our students experienced sessions on Hate Crime, Digital Citizenship, Foreign Food tasting, slam poetry and virtual field trips.

In November, 51 students enjoyed an overnight trip to Stratford-upon-Avon to visit Shakespeare's birthplace and saw "The Box of Delights" at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. For our next CE Day we are planning a visit to KidZania, London, with role-play activities designed to mirror real-world careers.

In May we also have our Year 8 trip to Dorset in a tented village near Corfe Castle packed full of activities like paddle boarding, kayaking, coasteering, mud run, beach sports and much more.

Other notable achievements from Year 8 so far this year, proving that Year 8 are taking every opportunity they can are: Zach in 8C becoming the school's Extreme reader at the top of Vesuvius; many successes from our football teams including a 2-1 win against Bonaventures and a 7-2 win against Monks Walk being the most notable matches. Y8 rugby won 4 matches and drew 1 in the Hertfordshire Rugby League Championship. The Table Tennis team went through to the County tournament after beating St Albans Boys in the semi final and drew 2-2 with Kings School in Harpenden. Noah in 8H had an amazing summer of tennis representing the Hertfordshire Under 14s against 47 other countries making it to the last 16 boys, the only 12 year old to ever make it this far!

All of our activities are published on our Year 8 X feed (Twitter) @VerulamYear8



COMING UP SOON:

Date	Event	Time
Monday 11 th December	Iceland Trip Parents' Information Evening	7pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Apprenticeships Evening	6pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Mark Prince Event	6pm
Wednesday 13 th December	U18s v. Longdean at Home	
Thursday 14 th December	Year 8 DPR drop in	6-7pm
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (donations to Crisis at Christmas)	All day
Friday 15 th December	Year 12 Blue Peris Trip departs	
Tuesday 19 th December	Year 12 Blue Peris trip returns	
Wednesday 20 th December	End of term	School closes at 12:20pm