

Verulam is a high achieving boys' school with a mixed Sixth Form, which forms part of the highly successful BeauSandVer post-16 consortium. Verulam became an academy in August 2011 and was judged to be a good school by Ofsted in March 2014. We continue to pursue our goal of excellence.

The school has a wide catchment area of 10 parishes, including St. Albans, London Colney, Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Radlett and Shenley. Admissions are oversubscribed and post 16 applications are rising significantly.

In March 2014 we opened our purpose built 6^{th} form centre which provides dedicated 6^{th} form study facilities as well as three new classrooms.

The school has rapidly improving GCSE and A Level Results. GCSE results in 2015 were 79% 5 A*-C including English and Maths and 50% Ebac. A Level results were 82% A*-C, with 23% of grades at A or A*. Value Added at KS4 was 1030. KS5 achieved a positive Value Added and an ALPS score of 3 'Excellent'. 90% of our students progressed to university, with 51% obtaining places at a top 40 institution.

Verulam places great emphasis on sport, extra-curricular activity and engagement and benefits from outstanding attendance and exemplary behaviour. Our ECCO (extra-curricular core offer) clubs are extremely popular with students. All staff are expected to participate in extra-curricular activities.

We are a founder member of the Alban Teaching Schools Alliance and are committed to the Schools' Direct training programme. We regularly have 4-5 trainees through this programme. We also have links with local universities and have a number of PGCE students on placement.

As part of the BeauSandVer post-16 consortium we work closely with Beaumont and Sandringham schools to ensure that our post 16 teaching and curriculum is outstanding. Staff from the three schools work together to develop curricula and best practice.

The school is committed to promoting and encouraging teachers continued professional development through a range of internal and external opportunities, including: Inspiring Leaders, Coaching Skills for Leaders and the HertsCam network.

Our aim is to produce confident, articulate and successful young men and women who exemplify our twin goals, that

- All students are ambassadors for the school and
- The Goal is Excellence

Verulam School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Informal visits to the school are encouraged. Please contact Anne Hanvey, Head's PA on 01727 754102 or at <u>anne.hanvey@verulam.herts.sch.uk</u>. Please supply a covering letter and use Verulam application form available from Mrs Hanvey or at <u>www.verulamschool.co.uk</u> or <u>www.teachinherts.com</u>.