



# VERULAM SCHOOL

A Specialist Technology College

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9 June 2008

Dear Parents/Guardian

After a busy examination period and hopefully a few days relaxation, all Year 12 students are expected back in school on Monday 16 June. They should be in school for Registration at the usual time (08.35am) and will then re-enroll and receive important information regarding A2 courses, Higher Education opportunities and UCAS application procedures.

As you are no doubt aware, many Universities have Open Days this term. Details can be found at [www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com). May I remind you that students may take up to three days off school (having sought permission from their subject teachers and myself) to attend Open Days. Many Universities now have Open Days on Saturdays and I would encourage you to take advantage of them.

Due to increasing competition for places at top universities we are keen for our students to complete their UCAS applications well ahead of the official deadline in January 2009. To that end staff have already started writing references (the predicted grades will be added at the beginning of September). We are well aware that some students do not yet know what courses they wish to apply for and we will of course offer them support. I would urge them to start looking on [www.ucas.com/students/coursesearch](http://www.ucas.com/students/coursesearch). Talking to subject and Form tutors will be beneficial and may I suggest that family friends and your colleagues can also be a useful source of information.

Students will receive details on how to complete their UCAS on-line application during re-enrolment on Monday 16 June. I will then take students through the application process on Thursday, 26 June 2008 (9am – 11am). We have Jim Riches, Educational Liaison Officer at UCL coming into school to speak to students on the morning of Thursday 17 July. Both these sessions are compulsory. Any student who feels that they are unlikely to apply to University should see me at 12.45pm on Monday 16 June in Room 67.



I would like to invite you to a short UCAS Information session specifically for Parents on Tuesday 8 July from 7pm – 8pm in the Hall. We are keen to give your son/daughter the best possible opportunities and look forward to working together in order to do so.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 01727 766100.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H K Barltrop  
Head of Sixth Form

### **Dates for Diary**

<b>Enrolment to Year 13</b>	Monday 16 June 2008 at 8.35am
<b>AS Results</b>	Thursday 14 August 2008 at 10am (please do not arrive any earlier)

<b>Year 13 return to school</b>	Tuesday 2 September 2008 at 1.30pm
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<b>A2 lessons commence</b>	Wednesday 3 September 2008
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<b>IB lessons commence</b>	Wednesday 3 September 2008
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**Please note that any students wishing to take an additional AS subject will be dealt with on Wednesday 3 September. Nothing can be done before this date.**

<b>Thursday 25 September</b>	Curriculum Enrichment Day
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<b>Friday 17 October</b>	Final Deadline for students to complete their UCAS applications
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<b>27 October to 31 October</b>	Half Term
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