

## Parent Newsletter

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you've had a positive week. I can't believe we only have 2 weeks left before we break for Easter, time really is flying! We've had a busy week with trips and activities, which the pupils have really enjoyed.

On Monday I was joined by Martin Amos, one of our Governors. We carried out learning walks around the school, we visited all our classrooms to look at the ratio of participation. This is something we have been working on during our CPD time. It was great to see our pupils engaged in their learning because of some excellent questioning techniques used by our teachers.

Many thanks to Mrs Ellis for organising the RE trip to the Church, it was great to hear the Year 11s talking about the inspirational speakers they listened to.

Thanks, must also go to Mr Langdown for organising the Year 10 Higher, Degree and Apprenticeship Education Fair at Sparsholt, the pupils were so positive about this experience, it really opened their eyes to all the exciting opportunities which lay ahead of them.

Today, we have come together for Red Nose Day to raise some money for those less fortunate than us. We've enjoyed our cake sale, sponge the teacher (a particular favourite of the pupils!), bingo and the 'Fun Mud Run'. Thank you for your support through your donation. We will tell you how much we've raised next week.

The trips calendar has now been shared with you; these trips run up until the end of 2025. We have been inundated with pupils expressing an interest in the Wembley Trip, the response has taken me by surprise. I will be looking for similar trips in the future and will add them to the calendar if we're able to secure tickets. Over the coming months letters for each trip will come out, we will endeavour to stagger them, we don't want to overwhelm parents and carers.

Have a good weekend when it arrives.

Warm wishes  
Nicky Goodridge

More about all the activities occurring in and out of lessons at Test Valley School can be found on our Facebook page: Test Valley School, Twitter Feed: @testvalleysch and Instagram Account: testvalleyofficial. Reshares and likes are always appreciated!

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## Vacancies

Please see our website for current vacancies: [Test Valley School - Vacancies](#)

## Venue Hire

Do you require a room for a meeting or sports event? School facilities are available to hire outside of the school day. Please email [leisure@testvalley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:leisure@testvalley.hants.sch.uk) for all enquiries.

## Forthcoming Dates

**w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Week 1 Timetable**

Year 11 GCSE Food Practical 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March

Geneva / CERN Trip – 21<sup>st</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Year 9 Options – Deadline 28<sup>th</sup> March

School Production – 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March

## Inspiring Future Teachers

[Test Valley School - Are you interested in becoming a teacher?](#)



## Tucasi ScoPay

You may notice some changes when using the ScoPay app and/or webpage. Payments can now be made using ApplePay and GooglePay. In addition, a new mobile app is coming soon. The new app will enhance your experience and add new features more quickly. Whilst the app is upgraded, it will automatically log you out, this sadly is unavoidable as it's a stipulation by both Android & Apple.



**Originally written by Oliver Goldsmith**

**Adapted by Mrs Brush and  
The Cast of Test Valley School**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**7pm**

**Test Valley School Hall, Tickets available on Scopay**

**(Please note that this is a 'scratch performance' – the cast  
have written the play as we have rehearsed and actors will  
appear on stage, with scripts. There will be many wobbles  
but many laughs along the way!)**

### *For Year 11 parents*

**Year 11 GCSE Self Study Programmes** have been emailed to Year 11 and put in the Year 11 MS Teams site ready to keep the exam preparation momentum going.

### *Top of the pops for Week of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

Oliver	Levy-Clinkard	10CE
Eleanor	Yeo	10CE
Ailsa	Shand	10CE
Evie	Kanarens	10PH
Elliot	White	10PH
Kimberley	Turner	11GR
Chloe	Woods	11PH
Jack	Freeman	11PH
Hadya	Baqi	11GR
Milly	Puxley-Brown	11CE
Esther	Mabaire	11PX
Keysha	Motlhabani	11PX

Year 10 have been busy making Vegetable Tarts, focusing on presentation and finesse.





## Year 10 Trip – Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Fair

The Year 10 trip to the higher and degree apprenticeship fair yesterday was a great opportunity for all our students to explore a wide range of opportunities and get to talk to prospective employers face to face.

This was a new experience for our students and at first, they needed some encouragement and support in order to engage but they soon got stuck in and by the time it was time to leave it was difficult to prise them away.

This opportunity will also be a perfect opportunity to prepare them for the area careers fair held in September as they start to think about applying for courses and training beyond school



## Year 11 GCSE RE Trip to Stockbridge

A few pics from year 11's trip to St Peter's church in Stockbridge yesterday



### Year 7 - Creative Arts

Wonderful art pieces of the Mona Lisa by Year 7. Well Done!



### Year 9 – KS4 Options

Please remember to **complete your options form and return as soon as possible**, if you didn't come to the Year 9 Curriculum evening you can pick up your Options Form and information booklet from the School Office.

### Talking Futures Presentation

Following the Year 9 Curriculum evening and presentation on **Talking Futures**, by Enterprise M3 Careers Hub, we kindly request that you complete the **Parent/Carers feedback form**, using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/OSmdKD3ZXD>. It is very short and all anonymous.





## College Information

There is information on our website regarding forthcoming College open events, including dates and how to book a place.

**Salisbury 6<sup>th</sup> Form College:** [Test Valley School - Salisbury 6th Form College](#)

**Peter Symonds College:** [Test Valley School - Peter Symonds College](#)

**Andover College:** [Test Valley School - Andover College](#)

# APPLICANT SESSIONS



University of  
**Southampton**

**WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH**

**6-7PM**

**CONSIDERING UNIVERSITY? WE CAN GET YOU THERE.**

Andover College invites you to hear from our students, past and present, as they share their journey to securing a spot at a Russell Group university.

By joining us at this fantastic virtual event, you will hear from one of 24 universities that are a founding member of the Russell Group. The Russell Group is an organisation of 24 top UK universities committed to maintaining the highest research and teaching standards.

- Hear the experiences of Andover student and University of Southampton offer holder, Olivia
- Discover whether University is the right step for you
- Learn more about student finance
- Get the inside knowledge from Southampton University Alumni

**ANDOVER**  
CAMPUS

**SIGN UP!**





## Routes in STEM

We are excited to let you know that we are accepting applications for our **Southampton** Face to Face [Routes into STEM course](#) experience that will take place over the May half term – 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**\*All we ask if that you pass the attached flyer on to your students in years 9 & 10 and their parents.**

There are limited places available, so please encourage any interested students to apply as soon as possible.

**\*\*Fully funded bursary places are available for eligible students eg. Students who are in receipt of free school meals, pupil premium etc.**

### Routes into STEM Face-to-face

Routes into STEM is an experience that provides an amazing opportunity to help students understand the different routes to further STEM education and career pathways.

#### Who is it for?

Students in Year 9 and 10 who are interested in finding out more about STEM careers.

#### What is involved?

- A three-day experience at STEM educational providers and STEM companies local to them
- Students will explore STEM careers, participate in interactive workshops, site tours and hear from young professionals

#### What are the outcomes?

- Gain first-hand information and experience hands on activities at STEM educational providers and companies to make informed decisions about their future
- Go on campus tours and get thinking about future studies in a mature and informed manner
- Speak with apprentices/graduates about their experiences
- Develop valuable skills such as presentation skills, team-building, and social skills, and see how they can be applied to their CV, Application Form or Personal Statement
- Become a Bronze Industrial Cadet

#### Southampton dates & locations

- Tuesday 28th May 2024 - STEM Company Day at Leidos, PO15 7AA
- Wednesday 29th May 2024 - University Day at Solent University, SO14 0YN
- Thursday 30th May 2024 - STEM educational provider or STEM company Day - TBC

#### Cost

£175 for all 3 days  
Fully funded places are available if cost is a barrier, please indicate your interest on the application form.

#### How to apply?

To apply, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code.  
**Limited places available, do not delay and apply today!**


#### What do our students say:



*"I enjoyed being able to engage in big projects in a comfortable environment"*

*"The tours gave me a better idea of the environment I would be working in"*

100% felt confident about the STEM career opportunities available to them after completing the course

100% of students would recommend the course to a friend or family member





[www.etrust.org.uk](http://www.etrust.org.uk)

## Future Events



# ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS 2024 RECRUITMENT CLINICS

- Tues 5 March
  - Thurs 16 May
  - Wed 24 April
  - Tues 11 June
- 4.30 - 6pm
- Booking advised

#### Why attend?

- Join us at one of our Recruitment Clinics to provide practical support & guidance to anyone from Year 11 upwards wishing to apply for an engineering apprenticeship starting in September 2024 (parents are welcome too!).
- Come along to discuss the current vacancies, what the roles involve & get guidance on writing a great application!

#### Who should attend?

- Anyone looking for an engineering apprenticeship starting in September 2024
- School or College leavers in 2024
- Those just thinking about a change in career, this event is for you!

#### Where is it taking place?

SETA Apprenticeship Centre,  
First Avenue, Millbrook,  
Southampton, SO15 0LJ

[www.seta-training.co.uk](http://www.seta-training.co.uk) [info@seta-training.co.uk](mailto:info@seta-training.co.uk)

#### REGISTER ONLINE:



<https://www.setatraining.co.uk/seta/events-recruitment-clinic.html>



Supporting Tomorrow's Engineers™



[New Maudsley Training Course Dates \(charliewaller.org\)](https://charliewaller.org)

[Supporting a child with an eating problem \(charliewaller.org\)](https://charliewaller.org)



# £500

to help improve health  
& wellbeing  
in Hampshire

- Aged 13-21 and living in Hampshire?
- Are you passionate about health & wellbeing?
- Want £500 to spend on a project to help improve health and wellbeing in your community?

We are looking for passionate young people with an idea to help improve health & wellbeing experiences for people in Hampshire.

Apply now for £500 grant money to help make your idea a reality & receive support from Unloc to make it happen.

 **APPLY NOW**



### P.A.C.E. (Parent, Carer and Professionals Events)

A free event to help families better understand the needs and difficulties that young people can face and how to manage potential issues/concerns they have about their young person.

# P.A.C.E.

2024

MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>

TESTBOURNE SCHOOL, MICHELDEVER RD,  
WHITCHURCH, RG28 7JF

11TH MAR  
2024



## Raring2go

The go-to guide for you and your child



## Year 11 Prom!

### Prom Outfit Event - Unit 12 Community Clothes Pantry, Winchester

Please forward to anyone that may find this useful. We hope to make sure all students are able to go to Prom looking and feeling great, regardless of their financial situation.

**Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 4pm**

Unit 12

Winnall Valley Road

Winchester

SO23 0LD

Come along and borrow a dress, a suit and accessories. We have over 100 outfits and our collection keeps growing!

Free of Charge!

If you have any questions please contact me on this email or Lara the Community Clothes Pantry Manager on [ccp@unit-12.com](mailto:ccp@unit-12.com).

**COMMUNITY  
CLOTHES  
PANTRY**

**Prom Goers - 2024!**  
**Open to All Schools**

Do you need a Special outfit?

You can borrow a dress, suit and  
accessories

At Unit 12 Winnall Valley Road  
SO23 0LD

**Friday April 5th  
2pm-4pm**

Contact Lara: [ccp@unit-12.com](mailto:ccp@unit-12.com)

**UNIT 12  
WINNALL**



## CARIBBEAN CURRY

recipe

The *Bake* Bag

### Ingredients

- 1cm piece fresh ginger
- 1 small onion
- 1 small can pineapple chunks in juice
- 1 tin of chickpeas or kidney beans
- 1 x 5ml spoon mild chilli powder
- 1 x 5ml spoon mild curry powder
- 400ml light coconut milk

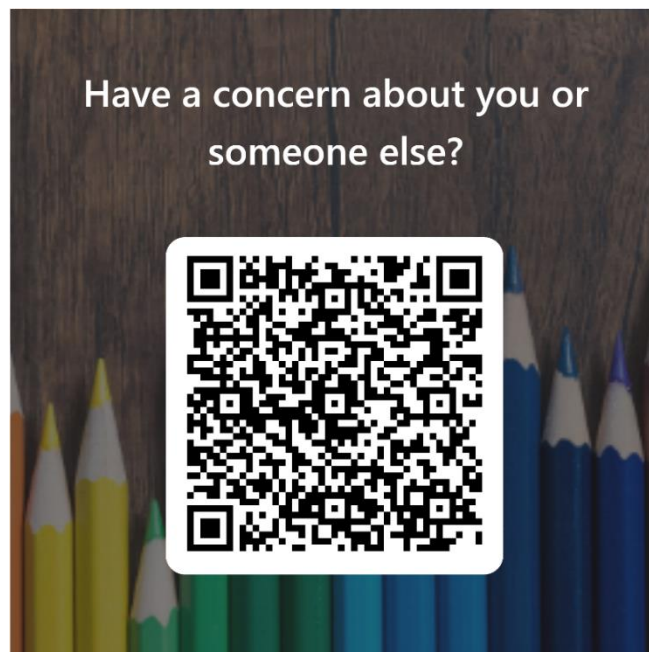
### Equipment



1. Prepare the ingredients:
2. - peel and grate the ginger;
3. - peel and finely dice the onion;
4. - drain the pineapple;
5. - drain the tin of beans
6. Spray the frying pan or work with oil and add the onion, ginger, chilli powder and curry powder.  
Stir-fry gently for 3 minutes.
7. Stir in the coconut milk, beans and the pineapple.
8. Simmer for 20 minutes until the sauce is reduced
9. Serve with boiled rice.







***At Test Valley we are committed to building an engaging inclusive environment where success and excellence is experienced by all. We will achieve this by ensuring:***

## **KINDNESS**

We always show care, respect and consideration for each other. Test Valley is a warm, welcoming and safe place for all.

## **RESILIENCE**

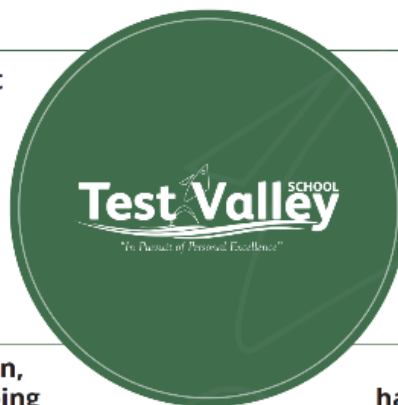
We show courage by not giving in, challenging ourselves, stepping out of our comfort zones and not fearing failure.

## **EXCELLENCE**

We are relentlessly determined to strive for the best in all we do; developing excellent learning habits which help us to grow.

## **EMPOWERMENT**

We help pupils to evolve into happy, independent, knowledge rich citizens who have the skills to make a real difference in our ever changing world.



***In pursuit of personal excellence you must dream big work hard and make it happen.***