

Parent Newsletter

Friday 21 April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families are well.

It has been wonderful welcoming pupils back to school this week. Thank you for your support with ensuring excellent uniform. Any uniform issues are recorded at the gate in the morning and logged in Classcharts. Being in the correct uniform supports pupils being ready to learn each day and maintains our expectations of visible excellence.

I have been so impressed with Year 11 this week; positive, committed, and hardworking. Well done!

We enter a period of disruption over the next few weeks with, unfortunately more strikes, and a string of bank holidays. Our priority for the strike days of 27th April and 2nd May will be to continue disruption free teaching for Year 11 due to their imminent exams. I understand the disruption this causes to so many other families, and if we can open to more year groups we will.

This week Mrs Goodridge started as Head of School at Test Valley, introducing a free breakfast club and additional outdoor opportunities during our break times. It has been joyous seeing our pupils enjoying the breaks in the sunshine.



Best Wishes,
Mrs McKeown

Message from Mrs Goodridge:

I have had an incredible week reconnecting and getting to know more of our amazing students at Test Valley, I can honestly say I am overwhelmed by the warm welcome I received from students, staff and parents. I was fortunate to lead KS3 and KS4 assemblies, students' attitudes and the level of respect they showed was excellent throughout. I introduced two of my core values: kindness and excellence. In addition, I introduced "The Test Valley Way", these are expectations I have of students and staff to ensure learning time is maximised

in the classroom. We will be recognising and celebrating as many positives as we can both inside and outside of the classroom.

This week has seen the opening of our new Pastoral area, within this area we have the 'Reset Zone' and the 'Learning Zone', in addition we have Oasis, which is now fully staffed and lead by our new SENCO, Mrs Andrews. The Pastoral support area is led by Mrs Collins, Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Peszkowski, Mrs Ling and Mrs Thomsett. It is vital that students feel safe and supported at all times, once these needs are met, they are more able to focus on lessons and achieve incredible things in their learning. I would like to say a huge thank you to the Pastoral Team for all of their hard work in getting Pastoral Support up and running, in particular to Mrs Collins who has worked incredibly hard on implementing this provision over the last 6 weeks.

It was lovely to meet Year 7 parents on Thursday evening, we had an excellent turn out and it was lovely to see so many smiles on the students' faces and hear how proud parents were. I very much look forward to getting to know all of our families in the future, please feel free to email, call or arrange to come in for a chat if you would like to discuss anything about your child.

I would like to welcome four other members of staff who joined us on Monday:

Mrs Andrews - SENCO and Teacher of Art and English
Mr Thomas - Head of Year 7 and Teacher of PE
Mrs Dunn - Teacher of English
Mrs Bullon - Teacher of French and Spanish

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Goodridge

Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 24 April: Additional Year 7 Intake (Sept 23) Open Morning (9.15-10.30am)
Monday 24 April: All Year 7 Intake (Sept 23): Open Evening (5.30-6.30pm)
Thursday 27 April – Industrial Action – school closed to all except yr 11
Monday 1 May – Bank Holiday, School closed
Tuesday 2 May – Industrial Action – School closed to all except yr 11
Monday 8 May – Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 15 May – GCSE Exams Commence

More about all the activities occurring in and out of lessons at Test Valley School can be found on our Facebook page, Twitter Feed and Instagram Account. 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 for all enquiries.

Remaining INSET Day

Friday 23 June

Parents Consultation Evenings

Due to industrial action on Thursday 27 April, it will be necessary to postpone the Year 8 Parents Consultation Evening planned for that evening.

As soon as we have identified an alternative date, we will let you know. Apologies for the unavoidable change.

Parents Who Transport Children By Car

Those parents who transport their children to school by car will have noticed how congested Roman Road is at the start and end of the day. For pupils' safety and respect for residents, the roads around the school and the staff carpark should not be used. You can use the car park at the top of the bus bay or you could arrange to meet your child in Stockbridge.

Alternatively, pupils could wait in school until after 3.30pm, when the buses depart, before you collect them. If you drive through the bus bay, please do not stop or park in the bus bay as this interferes with the safe arrival and departure of the buses.

Water Bottles

As we are now in the summer term and the weather starts to become warmer, please could you ensure that your child/ren bring a reusable, named water bottle into school which can be filled up at water fountains during the day. Please remind your child they should not request plastic cups from reception. Thank you for your support.

Immunisation Update

Please see updated information on our website: [Test Valley School - Immunisation Information](#)

Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function

Anonymous - Reporting bullying or other concerns you have



Art

KS3: In Art lessons pupils have been painting spring flowers from observation in Pop art style and creating lovely tissue paper flowers.





KS4: Years 10 and 11 will be having an exam on Thursday and Friday. Good luck!



MFL Stars for March:

Y11 - Hetty G / Lily R
Y10 - Jemima L / Josie B
Y9 - Angela M / Ailsa S
Y8 - Julita C / Dylan P
Y7 - Rosie C / George G

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh's Award Launch

We work with the area Duke of Edinburgh's Award Centre which meets at, and is run by, Andover Baptist Church.

There is an area information evening for prospective candidates and their parents which will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th June at Andover Baptist Church.

For more details including the programme and the sign-up form please click the below link.

[Test Valley School - Duke of Edinburgh's Awards](#)

GCSE Summer Exam Timetable

Please use the below link to access timetable information for the summer GCSE exams

[Test Valley School – Yr 11 Exam Information](#)

Subject Delivery Plans

Delivery plans for each subject stepping through to the GCSE exams have been shared with Year 11 pupils which they can access via the Year 11 team and a link on their email.

These can be used to support revision planning to match what is being studied in the classroom.

Year 11 Exam Preparation Workshops

[Test Valley School - Yr 11 Exam Information](#)

Details of workshops running during breaks and afterschool are detailed below and on our website.

Year 11 Summer GCSE Exam Preparation Workshops 2023

Subject	Day	Times	Notes
English	Wednesdays	3.20-4.20pm	This will be English Language focus to begin with (as studying literature in class). We will publish which question we are focusing on each week on the bulletin, and a reminder in the parent newsletter
Maths	Mondays	3.20-4.20pm	Foundation in Rm4, Higher in Rm 3. Whilst pupils will be invited to specific sessions, all may come if they wish.
Science	Monday lunchtimes, Thursday after school	12:45 - 1:15pm and 3:20 - 4:00pm	Booster sessions will be run 2 x per week (1 lunch and 1 after school) Details of what will be covered and preparatory materials for each session will be posted on Class charts and teams. All pupils are invited but may only attend if they have completed the prep work as sessions will be run as clinics to address gaps/misconceptions identified by the pupils.
French	Thursdays	3.30-4:30	Pupils will be invited to specific sessions.
German	Thursdays	3.30-4.30	Pupils will be invited to specific sessions.
Food & Nutrition	Wednesdays	lunch	Exam revision, coursework catch-up but written only in room 32.
Physical Education	Friday	3:20 - 4:00pm	All pupils are encouraged to attend. They will be given the opportunity to revisit previous work and exam questions.

Please ensure pupils check with staff before attending workshops due to unforeseen situations such as absences or meetings.

College Open Events

[Test Valley School - College Open Events 2022-23](#)

Please see our website for the latest information on College open events with information on how to book a place.

Andover College

Registrations are now open for the next open event on **Wednesday 10 May 2023, 4.30pm – 7.30pm**

To attend, students will need to register for the event **as soon as possible** by visiting [Open Events – Andover College | Hampshire](#) **as the events do fill up quickly!**

Also, for year 11s it is not too late to apply to Andover College as applications are still open and students can apply by visiting the Andover College website or by using [Apply – Full Time and Part Time courses – Andover College | Hampshire](#).

Queen Mary's College Open Evening



The poster for Queen Mary's College Open Evening features a mix of text and images. At the top, the title 'Open Evening' is in a script font, followed by 'VISIT US!' in large red block letters. The date and time 'OPEN EVENING • 27TH APRIL • 5-8PM' are in blue. A QR code with 'SCAN ME' is provided. A red circular badge on the right contains the text '“OUTSTANDING FOR STUDENTS’ ATTITUDES” AND BEHAVIOUR -OFSTED 2022'. A central text block describes the event as an exciting opportunity to explore options beyond school, listing activities like campus tours, course discovery, and staff talks. It also mentions a free park and ride service. Below this, it highlights the college as an inclusive, vibrant, and high-achieving sixth form college in Basingstoke where students flourish. The bottom left includes the college's address. On the right, four photographs show students in various settings: a group in a library, two students gaming, a student performing on stage with a 'BEAUTIFY AMERICA!' sign, and three students in lab coats.

Open Evening
VISIT US!

OPEN EVENING • 27TH APRIL • 5-8PM

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO **START EXPLORING** OPTIONS BEYOND SCHOOL.

- Tour the campus
- Discover courses
- Talk to staff & students
- Hear from the Principal

> **Free park and ride/ park and stride**
stride service will be clearly signposted.

AN INCLUSIVE, VIBRANT & HIGH ACHIEVING **SIXTH FORM COLLEGE** IN **BASINGSTOKE**
WHERE STUDENTS FLOURISH!

Queen Mary's College, Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 3HF

REGISTER NOW!
www.qmc.ac.uk/open-events

“OUTSTANDING FOR STUDENTS’ ATTITUDES” AND BEHAVIOUR
-OFSTED 2022

SCAN ME

SETA Engineering Apprenticeships

[Test Valley School – SETA Engineering Apprenticeships](#)

John Deere Apprenticeship Programme

Open Days 3 & 4 May, please see our website for lots more information: [Test Valley School - John Deere Apprenticeship Programme](#)

Stitch-a-Logo

Stitch-a-Logo Ltd are offering a 10% discount in store only for parents/guardians looking to buy school uniform for all schools we supply.

The offer of 10% off will be available **IN STORE ONLY** from March 6th to the 28th of April 2023.

This information can be viewed via the rolling banner on our website, in addition we are publishing it through the local social media sites.

Health and Wellbeing

Please see below, information from the Mental Health Support Team:

Hampshire Carer Parent Network (HCPN) events

Please find attached some information regarding events being run by the Hampshire Carer Parent Network (HCPN). Some of these are being held out of the area but the content may be of interest to some of your parents/ carers.

HAF – free provision by Hampshire County Council over the Easter Holidays

Please see the link below regarding Easter activities around the Andover area

<https://andoverfamilylife.co.uk/2023/03/21/easter-holiday-activities-and-events-in-andover/>

Self-Harm Support Hub

The emotional and psychological implications of self-harm can be overwhelming, and many carers and professionals may feel unsure of how best to support someone who self-harms.

The self-harm support hub is a centralized resource for parents, carers and professionals who support young people who self-harm. The hub provides information and resources on the most effective ways to support young people who engage in self-harm, including evidence-based strategies for prevention and intervention. This includes information on the different types of self-harm, warning signs to look out for, and practical tips for supporting a young person who is self-harming.

One of the unique features of the self-harm support hub is the access to peer support where parents, carers and professionals could connect with one another to share experiences, advice, and support. This provides a valuable opportunity for carers and professionals to learn from one another, exchange ideas, and build a supportive network.

In the coming months, the self-harm support hub will also offer a range of educational resources, such as webinars and training modules. These resources are designed to equip professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively support young people who self-harm.

You can find out more about the service and register your interest in receiving support at

solentmind.org.uk/theseelfharmsupporthub

Wednesday 26th April 2023

Book your space

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events>

Location: Thornden School, Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh,
Hampshire, SO53 2DW

P.A.C.E.
2023
THORNDEN SCHOOL,
WINCHESTER RD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 2DW

The events include a variety of 60-minute workshops which focus on relevant issues, such as:

- Helping boost body image and self-esteem
- Managing ADHD
- Supporting a child with eating difficulties
- CARE (coping and resilience education)
- Crisis and self-harm
- Autism Awareness
- Anxiety Management

Come and say hello at our stand



Ask
About
Autism

Future in Mind

Developing Positive Communication



- ✓ Free Peer Support
- ✓ Meet a Professional
- ✓ Identify Struggles
- ✓ Develop Skills
- ✓ Gain Strategies



Basingstoke

Friday 28th April 10-12

BOOK VIA



www.linktr.ee/hpcn.org.uk



Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service

Future in Mind

Thinking Beyond the Behaviour



- ✓ Free Peer Support
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Havant

**Thursday 27th April
10-12**

BOOK VIA



www.linktr.ee/hpcn.org.uk



Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service



Ask
About
Autism



Motor Skills & Autism

**Tuesday 25th April
10.30-12.30**

**The Maltings, Alton GU31 1DT
With a Qualified Occupational Therapist**

No diagnosis needed - just a willingness to fill your toolbox

Book via www.linktr.ee/askaboutautism by
clicking on the button



Ask
About
Autism

Supporting Your Child's Self-Esteem



A free interactive workshop with tips and techniques for
supporting self esteem and sense of self whilst celebrating our
child's differences - no diagnosis needed - this will be delivered
by a qualified professional from



Every Mind
CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

**Thursday 27th April
7pm**

Inclusion College, Hook

Book via www.linktr.ee/askaboutautism by
clicking the button

Kooth Stress Support

Exploring Stress for Yr 7-9s

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kooth-exploring-stress-webinar-for-year-7-9-students-tickets-559627740637>

Exam Stress support for Yr 10- 13s

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kooth-exam-stress-webinar-for-year-10-13-students-tickets-559646165747>

Community News

Hampshire Music Service

Hampshire County Youth Choirs invite you to join their "Sing Alongside" rehearsal



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Hampshire County Council
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



ENJOY PERFORMING?



LOVE SINGING?

Friday 21 April 2023, 5.30pm - 8.30pm
The United Church, Jewry St, Winchester

- 5.30pm- Yr 7 to Yr 13
- 6.00pm- Yr 2 to Yr 6 Juniors
- 7.30pm- Show to parents for all participants
- Register your interest to reserve your space



MAKE NEW FRIENDS



Scan to register your interest



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Awareness Days

In this issue:

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- Learning and Development
- Funding opportunities



Support for Children and Young people and parents

Hampshire Supporting Families Programme

Providing information on local family support services and activities

Home Start

Home-Start Hampshire is a voluntary organisation in which volunteers offer regular support and practical help to families under stress to help give their children the best possible start in life. Support is confidential, non-judgemental and as individual as the families helped.

Gingerbread

Offers free advice and Support for single parents. They also provide a webchat and helpline service, to provide expert guidance on a wide range of topics.

Supporting Your Child's Transition from Primary to Secondary School

Thurs 8th Of June @ 10:00 - 11:00:

This parent/carer group by Dyslexia Sparks focuses on how you can support your child with their transition to secondary school

Parenting Smart Online Course

The course is designed to support parents and carers of primary-age children's parenting journey.

Training, Learning and Development

Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences

Providing Early Trauma Online Learning—complete anytime—Free Online Resources— Practitioners, professionals and volunteers who work with children, young people and their families.

- Brain Development in the Early Years
- The Impact of Childhood Adversity
- Social, Health and Community Impacts of ACEs Early Trauma
- Protective Factors
- Looking at ACEs Through a Trauma Informed Lens
- Building Resilience

How to Become a Family Support Worker

Free online social work course covering the values, processes and functions of family support workers in the UK. This social work training course identifies the many issues that families face and explains how to provide adequate support to help them overcome obstacles like domestic conflict and mental health and substance abuse problems.

Funding Opportunities

www.familyfund.org.uk Family Fund is the parent charity of Family Fund Business Services who provide grant items for families raising disabled and seriously ill children and young people.

www.buttler.org.uk Buttle UK provides support to children and young people in crisis across the UK with multiple items.

www.npower.com/healththroughwarmth NPower has set up an initiative, Health through Warmth, to assist vulnerable people in England and Wales who have long term, cold related illnesses and need assistance to fund and install heating and insulation in their homes.

www.edfenergytrust.org.uk The Trust helps families and individuals living in fuel poverty, or who are struggling to pay for their gas and/or electricity. Grants are awarded to help clear those debts. The Trust also offers help via Further Assistance Payments to clear other priority household debts or purchase essential household items.

www.fhaonline.org.uk The Family Holiday Association provides holidays for parents and children who experience disadvantage as a result of poverty.

www.caudwellchildren.com Caudwell Children provide equipment, treatment, therapies and family support for disabled children and their families across the UK.

www.family-action.org.uk Family Action have both welfare and education grant programmes to help address the needs of disadvantaged families and individuals that struggle to afford basic needs and to pursue educational and employment ambitions

[Henry Smith Charity](#)—The Henry Smith Charity is an independent grant making trust. We aim to use our resources to help people and communities at a time of need and to bring about positive change.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide specialised information to the youth network, and also to build awareness about the services you provide and other services that provide development opportunities. Please send Salan Gibbs (Sgibbs@testvalley.gov.uk) any information you wish to be included within this newsletter.

Free* Paediatric First Aid courses this Summer term!

To book type in the link: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses>





Location	Dates (attendance required on both dates)	Time
Andover Library	19 and 26 April	10am – 4pm
Alton Library	27 April and 4 May	9:45am – 4:15pm
Basingstoke Discovery Centre	10 and 17 May	9:45am – 4:15pm
Bramley Village Hall	15 and 22 May	9:30am – 4pm
Lymington Library	15 and 22 May	10am – 4pm
Lockwood Community Centre	30 May and 1 June	9:30am – 4pm
Havant Library	5 and 12 June	9:45am – 4:15pm
Bordon Library	7 and 14 June	9:45am – 4:15pm
Bridgemary Library	16 and 23 June	9:45 am – 2:45pm

**Free tuition, optional certification available at a cost on some courses, to be discussed with tutor*

These courses are aimed at Hampshire residents aged 19+ Attendance is expected at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/tutor of any absence you may have. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow children to attend.



www.hants.gov.uk/library   

Ethos, Values and Vision

Ethos – (characteristic spirit of a community):
“In Pursuit of **Personal** Excellence”

Values

- Readiness to learn
- Respect for self and others
- Individual responsibility
- Determination and Ambition
- Enjoyment through belonging

Vision – To develop Test Valley as a small, rural, high achieving school