



## Parent Newsletter

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you're well and have had a positive week.

The term seems to be flying by, I can't believe we only have one week left before half term. We are starting to put our calendar together for the next academic year, I will be in a position to share Inset Days with you in the next few weeks.

Next year, Wednesday afternoons will look a little different. Pupils in Years 7-10 will be taking part in project-based learning activities during lesson 5 each week. Each project will last for half a term. There will be a menu of projects for pupils to choose from, underpinning each project is the development of: leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative and communication skills (LORIC). I believe these are vital skills which help us all in our daily lives and are key skills employers look for. I would really like to involve our local community in some of our projects, if you have 1 hour on a Wednesday afternoon that you are happy to give up, we'd really appreciate your help! We're particularly looking for people with experience in 'Business and Enterprise', 'STEM' and 'Environment/Sustainability', please get in touch if you can help [goodridgen@testvalley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:goodridgen@testvalley.hants.sch.uk).

One of our Teaching and Learning priorities has been to increase the ratio of participation in all lessons across the school, much of our training has focused on this over the past year. During learning walks Senior and Middle Leaders have been capturing evidence of this, we've been really impressed with our improvements made in this area, it has certainly impacted on pupils' active engagement and contribution in lessons.

Once again, our Year 11 pupils have shown excellence in their attitude to learning and behaviour has been exemplary during their exams. We are incredibly proud of them, they are setting an excellent example to the rest of the school. I appreciate some Year 11 pupil's shoes have worn out or they have outgrown them, I totally understand why parents wouldn't want to buy another pair just before they leave school, if this is the case, plain black trainers are permitted only. Years 7-10 must wear plain black school shoes, trainers aren't permitted, we have a small reserve of shoes which we are happy to lend.

On Tuesday years 9 & 10 were fortunate to participate in a workshop linked to Operation Sceptre. Operation Sceptre is a programme of education to teach students about the dangers of carrying knives; it aims to create early intervention and prevention of potential future incidents. The students heard talks from the Police, Russell from The Legacy Project (a charity that works with young people in our local area) and Lady Unchained, an award-winning poet who spent time in Prison when she was younger. It was an informative and hard-hitting session, giving lots of information to help the students keep themselves safe.

Warm wishes  
Mrs N Goodridge  
Head of School

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 May 20th**

**Week 2 Timetable**

All Week - GCSE Exams

22<sup>nd</sup> May - ADSSA Athletics Competition Charlton

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Hengistbury Head Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Work Trip

## Inspiring Future Teachers

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



## Congratulations

**Congratulations Evie Hanham!**



Evie & her football team, **Winchester City Flyers Robins U14** won both the league Division One and the cup final this season, in the Hampshire Girls Youth League. They won the final 2-0 against Gosport!





King Charles visited Middle Wallop Army Flying Museum this past week to unveil a new Apache AHMK1 at the Army Flying Museum.

Zack in Year 10 (looking very smart in school uniform) was fortunate enough to speak with the King and was asked about his homework! See photos below:



### Top of the pops

Elliot	White	10PH
Megan	Ross	10CE
Eleanor	Yeo	10CE
Ailsa	Shand	10CE
Tom	Hibberd	10CE
Brandon	Martin	11PX
Elizabeth	Funnell	11CE
Eleanor	Vessey	11PH
Ruby	Court	11PX

### GCSE Exams good luck to all Year 11.

Please help students get prepared for their exams, we have board in school with the exam timetable, Be prepared with exam equipment.

**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.

## Year 10 Mock Exams

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tutor P1 &amp; 2 start</b>	<b>9:00am Period 3 &amp; 4 start</b>	<b>11:50am</b>
<b>WEEK 2</b> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Science Biology 1hr45	English Language Paper 1 1hr45	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	English Language Paper 2 1hr45	<b>Option C</b>  French Writing F 1hr5 German Writing F 1hr5 H 1hr20 Drama 1hr D.T 2hrs  <b>Construction students to normal lesson</b>	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Option B</b>  Geography 1hr15 Computer Science 1hr30 History 1hr	Maths Paper 1 <b>Non-Calculator</b> 1hr30	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Science Chemistry 1hr45	French Reading F 45m German Reading F 45m H 1hr	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Maths Paper 2 <b>Calculator</b> 1hr30	<b>Option A</b>  D.T 2hrs Food 1hr15 Geography 1hr15 Music – 1hr30 <b>ROOM</b>	
<b>WEEK ONE</b> Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Science Physics 1hr45	<b>Option D</b> Food 1hr15 P.E 1hr History 1hr R.E 55m <b>Art students to lesson</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	English Literature  1hr	<b>Catch Up Session</b>  <b>ROOM 35</b>	

## Exam Preparation

Year 10 exams commence on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June and subject teachers are preparing 'self-study programmes' to support students to manage their preparations. Details of examination preparation materials will be posted to students via class-charts.

Mr Langdown will place the 'self-study programmes' into the Year 10 team and share the link to these via student's school email so that all Year 10 students can plan their preparations commencing at the end of April.

Preparation for these exams is an opportunity for student to start the process of forming good study habits which is the key to success. The one single thing which has the greatest impact upon exam success is starting preparations early and we therefore urge students to commence their study for their Year 10 exams at the end of April to give them the best opportunity to succeed.

As students' progress into Year 11, they will sit two further mock exams in November and February to further support their preparation before sitting their actual GCSEs which commence in May 2025.

Forming these good study habits now will help build on their knowledge and confidence on their learning journey and ultimately take them towards success and a wide range of choices for their next steps into adult life.

## University of Southampton Year 10 Residential

After its successful launch in 2022, this 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Learn with US Year 10 Residential invites students to live in Halls of Residence, learn all about student life at university, experience subject tasters and develop skills for learning as they work on a group project presented at the end of their stay with us.

**To improve this opportunity further, we have been working with Year 10 Youth Consultants who have evaluated what we do and made improvements that are for the benefit of their peers:**

*'This residential has been co-designed by a group of year 10 students who are determined to create the best experience for other year 10 students and to show them what life is like as a university student.'*

*In this experience, we have learned how to work as a team, and come up with different solutions to different problems we may have come across. We have given each other effective feedback on our work to see where we can improve, and have developed new ideas when doing so.'*

As a *Widening Participation* initiative, the residential is FREE for eligible students (including the reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses). Eligibility criteria, along with full details and how to apply, can be found on our webpage: [Learn with US Year 10 Residential | University of Southampton](#).

Within the application form, applicants will have to complete three shortlisting questions. In order to give the best chance for those in higher need to access the opportunity, spelling and grammar WILL NOT form part of the shortlisting process.

Applicants will also be expected to provide a teacher reference – the main aim of this is to verify the eligibility criteria, plus any additional contextual information from a widening participation perspective – we will happily assume that everyone that applies and gets a reference would be a fantastic participant! As part of this we will also need confirmation that permission has/will be granted for the days to be registered as authorised absences for the students taking part.

## Key Stage 3

### Duke Of Edinburgh's Award - Year 9 students Bronze Award sign-up

Test Valley School supports students signing up to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award through the exceptionally well-run Andover Community Church Open Award Centre licenced by Hampshire.

Staff and ex-staff from Test Valley School support the centre's programme throughout the year. Candidates from Year 9 who sign up to the award programme form teams and meet at Andover Community Church fortnightly from October of the autumn, the programme also contains day walks, night orienteering, training days and two weekend camping expeditions.

[Duke of Edinburgh' Award Application Form](#)

There are a limited number of spaces offered and would therefore urge interested candidates to apply early in order to avoid disappointment.

**Information evening on Thursday the 6th June at 7.30 pm at Andover Community Church**

## Sport/Physical Education

South Winchester Cricket Club will be running its Summer Cricket Camp at the IBM Hursley playing fields from August 5th to 9th. T

he camp is for boys and girls from 7 to 14 years old. It will be run by ECB Level 2 coaches, and includes lunch each day. Further details, including cost and a link to the booking form, are included in the attached flyer.



**Summer Cricket Camp**

South Winchester CC  
SO21 2JN

5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
9.30am-3.30pm

Level 2 coaches  
7-14yrs

£32/day or £130 for 5 days  
(includes lunch)

10% discount for siblings

Age group specific drills  
Fun games  
Nets  
Matches  
Prizes

Sports hall available if wet

To book:  
<https://forms.gle/Bqi5StvjABMHRDrQ7>

Queries?  
[graham.meech@gmail.com](mailto:graham.meech@gmail.com)



## OPPORTUNITIES – OUTDOORS & ENVIRONMENT

### GEOGRAPHY / DUKE OF EDINBURGH / PSHE / UCAS SUPPORT

As we look ahead to the Summer, we are delighted to announce more FREE outdoor / practical sessions for local young people to explore the impact of climate change within their local communities through positive youth social action. The programme is part of the YouCAN youth for climate and nature scheme, in partnership with the New Forest National Park Authority, supported by National Lottery Community Funding.

Suitable for young people **aged 14-25 years old**, passionate about making a difference in their communities, the programme can also support skills development for Duke of Edinburgh qualifications / endorse personal statements for UCAS.

We will escort young people from Southampton on the train to some of the locations.

This includes SEVEN interactive and site-specific sessions with climate scientists, marine biologists, park rangers and creative practitioners from May to September, 2024. We will be using youth voices and findings around climate change in our local communities to inspire the creation of a brand-new theatre production - *Generation Anthropocene*.

#### NEW FOREST

11th May (Sway)

1st June (Ashurst)

8th June (Lymington)

Exploring together in the heart of the New Forest, we have the opportunity to learn first-hand how nature is being impacted by the climate crisis and the importance of nature recovery.

Exploring:

Flooding

Deforestation

Sustainable travel (cycling session)

Eco-friendly and sustainability through the arts

Costal erosion

#### COASTAL

18th May (Brockenhurst)

29th June (Lymington)

Learning together in Southampton and the New Forest, exploring how our local coastlines are being impacted by climate change and how we can protect our oceans. Understanding how we can restore our natural environments and eco systems and the importance of nature for survival.

Freshwater habitats and biodiversity session working with Freshwater Habitats

EXPLORING: Rising sea levels; Sea pollution; Acidification; Costal erosion

#### CITY CENTRE - SOUTHAMPTON

13th July

7th September

...with Southampton National Park City Project and Sholing valley study centre.

Working in the heart of Southampton City, in the National Park and surrounding areas, exploring air pollution, travel and the impact of City life on our environment.

**[SIGN UP UP HERE](#)**

## 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:** [www.salisbury6c.ac.uk](http://www.salisbury6c.ac.uk)

**Peter Symonds College:** [www.psc.ac.uk](http://www.psc.ac.uk)



**Open Evenings:** 5.30 to 8.30 pm

3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

**Andover College:** [www.andover.ac.uk](http://www.andover.ac.uk)

**Sparsholt College** – [www.sparsholt.ac.uk](http://www.sparsholt.ac.uk)

**Basingstoke College of Technology** - [www.bcot.ac.uk](http://www.bcot.ac.uk)

Just a quick one about an event we have coming up for your students who are interested in T Levels, and parents who maybe are a bit confused by them! It will be a short event with a quick presentation and then opportunity to talk to the course areas about their T Level offering, we currently have them in Animal Management, Business, Computing & IT, Construction, Engineering, Health & Social Care and Media. Students who have already applied for one might find it useful to chat through the course, and those who are on the cusp of entry requirements or who are considering one but aren't sure will hopefully find the information useful for decision making come results day.

You can find out more information and book a free ticket here: <https://www.bcot.ac.uk/news-and-events/2024/05/t-level-information-evening/>

## Future Events



**Apprenticeships**



# ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS 2024 RECRUITMENT CLINICS

- Tues 5 March
- Wed 24 April

- Thurs 16 May
- 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

**REGISTER ONLINE:**



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

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

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



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### Apprenticeships

John Robinson Butchers are looking for a butcher's apprentice.

Please contact them if you know anyone that might be interested

## Engineering Apprenticeships Vacancy Bulletin

*Vacancies live as at 13 May 2024*

All the vacancies listed can be found on the [SETA Apprenticeship Vacancy](#) web page.  
Throughout the coming months more vacancies will go live. Make sure you visit our  
webpage regularly for the latest additions!

Employer	Vacancy	No. of positions	Level	Location	Duration (months)	Closing Date
<a href="#">British American Tobacco (BAT)</a>	<a href="#">Mechatronics Apprentices</a>	1	3	Southampton	42	19 May
<a href="#">Williams Engineering Solutions Ltd</a>	<a href="#">Apprentice Plate Welder</a>	1	3	Hardley, nr Hythe	42	20 May
<a href="#">Vintage Bentley</a>	<a href="#">Apprentice Mechanical Fitter</a>	2	3	Liss, nr Petersfield	42	21 May
<a href="#">IMI Thompson Valves</a>	<a href="#">Machinist Craft Apprentice</a>	3	3	Poole, Dorset	42	24 May
<a href="#">IMI Thompson Valves</a>	<a href="#">Engineering Technician Inspection/Quality Craft Apprentice</a>	1	3	Poole, Dorset	42	24 May
<a href="#">IMI Thompson Valves</a>	<a href="#">Engineering Fitter/Assembly Craft Apprentice</a>	1	3	Poole, Dorset	42	24 May
<a href="#">IMI Thompson Valves</a>	<a href="#">Maintenance Craft Apprentice</a>	2	3	Poole, Dorset	42	24 May
<a href="#">Ionoptika Ltd</a>	<a href="#">Electrical/Electronics Technician Apprentice</a>	1	3	Chandlers Ford	42	5 Jun
<a href="#">Rhval Engineering</a>	<a href="#">Welding Apprenticeship</a>	1	3	Based on Fawley Refinery, nr Hythe	36	6 Jun



Scan the QR code to visit  
SETA's vacancy webpage



[www.setatraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/current\\_vacancies](http://www.setatraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/current_vacancies)

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## Future Events

### Recruitment Clinics 1-2-1

For anyone in Year 11 and above seeking advice or wishing to apply for an apprenticeship starting in September 2024, SETA is offering a one-to-one chat with our friendly staff to receive practical advice, support and guidance. This can be either via a telephone call or a video call using MS Teams.

[Register your interest on our website](#) and The Apprenticeship Services Team will contact you to arrange a suitable date/time.



**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June 15:30-19:30 – Free event** providing parents, carers and young people (Yr10+) with information on education & career opportunities after Yr11. Speak to colleges, 6<sup>th</sup> Forms, universities, apprenticeship providers (inc SETA!), and personal development partners

[Your Future - 5th June 2024 | Solent University \(zeckoforum.com\)](#)



**SETA will be attending some exciting events over the next few months which are open to schools. If you or your school would like to participate then contact the relevant organisation!**

Come and be inspired at either of the **EBP Get Inspired** career events. Book your students in to attend!



**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jun 9.30am-3pm (time slots per school)**

A brilliant STEM specific event for school children at the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton.

<https://www.ebpsouth.co.uk/event/inspiring-stem-2024-schools/>



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### Hampshire County Youth Choir and Training Choir Sing-Alongside



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LOVE SINGING?



Supported using public funding by  
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ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND

### Are you looking to join a choir from September?

Come and sing alongside our current members.

Friday 21 June 2024

- Training Choir 7.30pm- 8.45pm Yr 7 to Yr 9
- Youth Choir 7.30pm- 9pm Yr 10 to Upper Sixth

The United Church, Jewry St, Winchester

Are you aged between 11 and 18 and looking to join a Choir from September, or do you know someone else that might like to join?

Hampshire County Training and Youth Choirs will be holding a Sing Alongside rehearsal on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June and invite you to join them with a view to joining in the new academic year. Come along to find out more at United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RZ.

Follow the link below to sign-up:

[Sing Alongside Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 Sign Up](#)



MAKE NEW FRIENDS



To sign-up  
and find out more  
information, scan the QR Code



[www.hcyc.hmsensembles.org.uk](http://www.hcyc.hmsensembles.org.uk)

self-esteem underpins all that we do



## Raising Self-Esteem

Jane Keyworth gives a two-hour online talk

Tuesday 21st May 7-9pm

Book Online £24 [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



**Are you aware of teenage brain development  
and how it impacts on behaviour?**



## Understanding the Teenage Brain

"Every parent and teacher should hear this...."

Mr Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster School, Dorset



Two-hour online talk

Book Now

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

The Year 9's have just finished a project creating their own sculptures inspired by the work of Keith Haring



Summer Reading Challenge 2024  
Delivered in partnership with libraries



Hampshire  
County Council

Library Service

# Marvellous Makers



**This summer we need volunteers in  
our libraries to help us run the  
Summer Reading Challenge!**

**It's great fun and very rewarding – if you're aged 14+  
please speak to a member of staff or scan the code to  
find out more and apply:**



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**CREATE**  
HANTS LIBRARIES



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## Other Events

### Father's Day Fun Cycle - Rotary Event

We are raising money for Local Charities and more importantly we have offered every school and Charity the chance of raising money for themselves. It would be very helpful if you could get all your families to come and ride in the afternoon as a Family Afternoon event for Father's Day.

What a great time to get everybody together and just have fun as a family.



The poster features a background image of a green field with a paved path. At the top, there are four icons of bicycles: a small orange one, a blue one with a flag, a pink one, and a green one. The main title is 'FAMILY FUN CYCLE AROUND THE CIRCUIT' in large, bold, white letters. Below it, the text reads: 'Bring the whole family and cycle the wrong way around the circuit', 'What a great way to have **Father's Day 16 June** with the family start 12.30pm end 5.00pm', 'Price just £10 per whole family', and 'Where else can you cycle in a safe on-road area with NO Traffic'. The Rotary Club logo is on the left. The bottom section has the title 'CYCLE THRUXTON' in large white letters, followed by contact information: 'THE ROTARY CLUB OF ANDOVER', 'Christopher.lynn36@gmail.com', '01264 396511 to book now', and 'Hot and cold drinks available as well as Hot Dogs etc'.

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What a great way to have **Father's Day 16 June** with the family start 12.30pm end 5.00pm

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF ANDOVER [Christopher.lynn36@gmail.com](mailto:Christopher.lynn36@gmail.com) 01264 396511 to book now  
Hot and cold drinks available as well as Hot Dogs etc

**Come and see Mrs Brush and her band perform!**



The poster features a collage of photos showing people at a community event, including a dog show, children playing, and a man in a Superman costume. The text includes the church name, date, time, and a list of activities. A QR code is at the bottom right.

St Matthew with St Paul  
*Pilgrims on a journey*

**ST PAUL'S  
COMMUNITY  
DAY**

**SATURDAY  
18 MAY 2024  
10 am-4 pm**

**Activities include:**

- Live bands & entertainment
- Beer tent
- BBQ
- The Parish Café – delicious homemade cakes and more from our local master bakers
- Fairground games
- Bouncy castle
- Children's farm
- Face painting
- Dog show at 2pm
- Raffle
- Disney singalong 10.30.am
- Table tennis
- ... & much more

**AT  
ST PAUL'S  
CHURCH  
SO22 5AB**

+ Visit [stmatthewstpaul.org/community-day](http://stmatthewstpaul.org/community-day) or scan the QR

Have a concern about you or  
someone else?



***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**

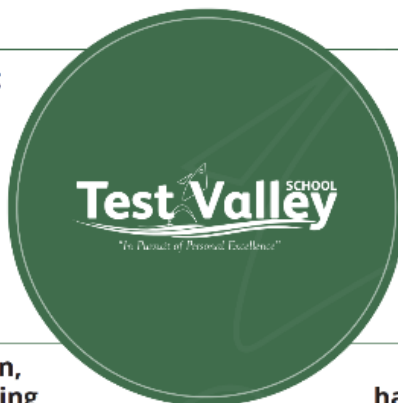
We show courage by not giving in, challenging ourselves, stepping out of our comfort zones and not fearing failure.

### **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.***