

Parent Bulletin

Friday 23 September 2022

Ethos, Values and Vision

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

Values (formerly PRIDE)

- 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

Dear Parents/Carers,



A short but packed week again at Test Valley!

Goat update: the goats have had a much-needed trim today. The students managed to calm the goats so that they can look their absolute best and a professional groomer showed the class how it is done. What handsome goats!

Most year groups have had an assembly this week on the Power of Language where I shared my own experiences of being on the receiving end of racist language and made it clear to all students that we need to be kind, considerate and polite to everybody in our school community. Hateful speech has no place at Test Valley. Year 10 and 11 had visitors from Andover College so that they can plan for their future.

We are gearing up for Open Evening on Monday and Open Days on Tuesday and Wednesday. It will be lovely to meet prospective members of the Test Valley family. Thank you to those of you who have signed letters to say that your child can support these events and thank you to the prefects who will represent the school beautifully.

I received some sad news this week – my good friend is the Deputy Headteacher at the school in Huddersfield where Khayri Mclean was fatally stabbed this week. She and her team are devastated and are supporting the whole community through this difficult time. Our thoughts are with all of them.

Have a lovely weekend – as ever, do get in touch if there is anything that you would like to discuss.

Regards

Ms Lowing

Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 26 September – Early finish at 12.30pm ahead of School's Open Evening.

Monday 26 September – 6pm – Open Evening

Tuesday 27 September – Open Morning

Wednesday 28 September – Open Morning

Friday 30 September – PHSE Day and Year 11 Careers Fair

Thursday 6 October – KS4 Parent Information Evening

#WeAreTestValley

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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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.

Parents who Transport Children By Car

Those parents who transport their children by car will have noticed how congested Roman Road is at the start and end of the day. Please avoid driving along Roman Road. You can use the car park at the top of the bus bay or 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.

Please could parents avoid using the lower car park for drop off/collections too as there is insufficient space.

Test Valley School Open Events

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 12.30PM ON MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER



Test Valley SCHOOL

"In Pursuit of Personal Excellence"

**Is your child in Year 6? Looking for a Secondary School in September 2023?
Come and visit our small, rural, high achieving school in the heart of the Test Valley.**



We are holding an Open Evening on Monday 26th September from 6pm —7:30pm. The Head of School's talk will be at 6pm.
Open mornings are on Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th September 9:30am—11am

To book a place on one of our Open mornings please use link below
2022openmoringtues.eventbrite.co.uk or 2022openmoringweds.eventbrite.co.uk

Booking for Open evening not required

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Bookings to attend the open mornings, can be made via our website. [Test Valley School](https://www.testvalleyschool.co.uk)

Water Bottles



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 and these will no longer be available from w/c 3 October. Thank you for your support.

College Open Events – Yrs 10 & 11

College	Website	Open Events
Andover College	https://www.andover.ac.uk	Tues 4 th Oct 2022 Wed 5 th Oct 2022 Tues 15 th Nov 2022 Wed 8 th Feb 2023 Wed 10 th May 2023 Thurs 29 th June 2023
Barton Peveril Sixth Form College	www.barton-peveril.ac.uk/	Wed 5 th Oct 2022 (5pm - 9pm) Thurs 6 th Oct 2022 (5pm - 9pm)
Basingstoke College of Technology (BCOT)	www.bcot.ac.uk	Sat 8 th Oct 2022 (10am-12.30pm) Mon 10 th Oct (4.30pm – 7pm)
Bishop Wordsworth's Sixth Form	https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/	Fri 23 rd Sep 2022 (2.15pm) Fri 30 th Sep 2022 (9.15am) Mon 10 th Oct (2.15pm) Webinars An Introduction to BWS Sixth Form and science subjects on offer: Tuesday 18th October 2022 6.30pm An introduction to BWS Sixth Form and Art, Humanities and Social Sciences on offer: Wednesday 19th October 2022 6.30pm
Bordon Future Skills Centre (BCOT)	www.bcot.ac.uk/bordonfsc	<i>See BCOT</i>
Newbury College	newbury-college.ac.uk	<i>TBC</i>
Peter Symonds College	www.psc.ac.uk	Wed 19 th Oct 2022 (5.30pm-8.30pm)

		Thurs 20 th Oct 2022 (5.30pm-8.30pm)
Queen Mary's College	www.qmc.ac.uk	Wed 5 th Oct 2022 (5pm -8pm) Thurs 6 th Oct 2022 (5pm -8pm)
Salisbury Sixth Form College	www.salisbury6c.ac.uk	Wed 12 th Oct 2022 (5.30pm-7.30pm) Tues 22 nd Nov (5.30pm – 7.30pm)
South Wilts Grammar School	https://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/	Wed 19 th Oct (1pm or 2.30pm) Tues 6 th Dec (1pm or 2.30pm) Tues 10 th Jan (1pm or 2.30pm) Thurs 3 rd Nov (5pm – 7pm)
Sparsholt College	www.sparsholt.ac.uk	Sat 8 th Oct (10am-2pm) Sat 12 th Nov (10am-2pm) Sat 4 th Feb (10am-2pm) Sat 4 th Mar (10am-2pm) Wed 3 rd May (4-7pm) Thu 15 th Jun (4-7pm)
Wiltshire College & University Centre	www.wiltshire.ac.uk	Wed 12 th Oct 2022 (5pm – 9pm)

Andover College

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/content/uploads/2022/09/22-23-ANDOVER-DIGITAL-HANDOUT.pdf>

Registration is now open for Andover College's open events on Tuesday 4 October and Wednesday 5 October, 4.30pm-7.30pm.

These are on campus, in person events. To attend, please register for an event **as soon as possible** by visiting [Open Events - Andover College | Hampshire](#).

Sparsholt College

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/content/uploads/2022/09/22-23-SPARSHOLT-COLLEGE-DIGITAL-HANDOUT.pdf>

Registrations are now open for Sparsholt College's open event on Saturday 8 October 2022. These are on campus, in person events. To attend, students will need to register for an event **as soon as possible** by

visiting [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#). Timings for the event depend on the tour/tours that the student has booked.

European Day of Languages

European Day of Languages 2022

Test Valley Modern Foreign Languages presents...
...from Tuesday 27th September - Friday 30th September

Around the World in 80 Days (5* Pupil Award)
Photos of famous landmarks from around the world are hidden around the school. Can you find them all and take a selfie (alone or with friends)?
Submit your selfies to: Mrs Silveira silveiras@testvalley.hants.sch.uk

TVS-Eurovision (5* Pupil Award)
Test Valley's very own Eurovision Song Contest! The Challenge? Perform a song in a different language, or from a different culture.
Friday lunch time - in the hall
ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME

Creative Culture (5* Pupil Award)
Create a short video clip (max. 3 mins) or presentation explaining an aspect of another culture you are familiar with/is important to them.
You could talk about: the food / music and entertainment / geography / history / traditions / religion / clothing of that culture or country.
Entries to: Mrs Knight knightd@testvalley.hants.sch.uk

Tutor Quizzes (5* Pupil Awards for top tutor group)
France, UK, EU

Test Valley School presents...
EUROVISION SONG CONTEST
Friday, 30th September 2022
Lunchtime in the Hall

Perform a song from a different country (or in a different language if you can)!
Open to all year groups. Sing alone or in a group.
See your MFL teacher or Mrs Leyman for an entry form.

5* pupil award for all performers!

European Day of Languages this year is on Monday 26th September and Test Valley School is making it a week-long celebration of languages! We will have various events running from Tuesday to Friday, finishing with a big Eurovision style show that we would love as many pupils to enter as possible.

We are very much looking forward to hearing what they will prepare!

Science

From Mrs S White - New Head of Faculty for Science and Technology.

I have had a fantastic first few weeks here at Test Valley, it has been lovely to meet the students and I look forward to getting to know the community well over the coming years.

Science homework for all year groups will be set from next week. It will be set on Mondays and due in by the following Monday.

We will be using www.educake.co.uk to set quizzes for the students to complete. The quizzes set will support and inform the planning of lessons and help students to improve their retrieval skills.

Class teachers will provide students with the information they need on how to access their accounts and further details will appear on Class Charts.

Thank you in advance for your support with this and please get in touch if you have any questions.

Tutor Contacts

If you have a query relating to your child, please contact their tutor in the first instance. Please bear in mind that colleagues are teaching throughout the day and will reply to your emails as soon as possible:

Year 11

11PH	Mrs Remnant	remnantl@testvalley.hants.sch.uk
11GR	Mr Whatley	whatleyj@testvalley.hants.sch.uk
11CE	Mrs Vaughan	vaughant@testvalley.hants.sch.uk
11CR	Mrs White	whites@testvalley.hants.sch.uk

Year 10

10PH	Mrs Silveira	silveiras@testvalley.hants.sch.uk
10GR	Mr Falkingham	falkinghamc@testvalley.hants.sch.uk
10CE	Mrs Martin	marting@testvalley.hants.sch.uk
10PX	Mrs O'Mara	omaram@testvalley.hants.sch.uk

Year 9

9PH	Mrs Allsopp	allsoppa@testvalley.hants.sch.uk
9GR	Dr Velica	velicam@testvalley.hants.sch.uk
9CE	Mrs Brush	brushk@testvalley.hants.sch.uk

Year 8

8PH	Mr Stephens	stephensj@testvalley.hants.sch.uk
8GR	Mrs Leyman	leymang@testvalley.hants.sch.uk
8CE	Mrs Luckam	luckhamp@testvalley.hants.sch.uk

Year 7

7PH	Miss MacArthur	macarthura@testvalley.hants.sch.uk
7GR	Mrs Barton	bartonc@testvalley.hants.sch.uk
7CE	Ms Ellis	ellish@testvalley.hants.sch.uk

If your query is subject based, then please contact your child's class teacher.



[The Screen Time Diet: helping your teen find balance with their tech | MyTutor](#)



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For teens, the wave of activity on TikTok, Instagram and games like Roblox can take up hours of their day. Too much screen time can mean they aren't socialising, staying active or spending enough time doing their homework.

www.mytutor.co.uk

Shoutouts to our top  points last week

Year 10

Josie B
Sam J
George M
Chas H-S
Brandon M

Year 11

Henry A
Gideon B
Gareth C
Ruby H
Oliver C
Charlotte F

Extra-Curricular PE

Day	Lunch time	Venue	After School 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Venue
Monday	Yr 7 & 8 Mixed Basketball CFA/TVA	Sports hall	Year 7 mixed Football CFA	Hall/field
Tuesday	All years mixed Badminton TBC	Sports hall	Meetings Night	
Wednesday	All years mixed Trampolining & Badminton TVA	Sports hall	All years Netball TVA	Sports hall/courts
Thursday	Yr 10 & 11 Football JWH	Sports hall	Yr 8 & 9 mixed Football CFA	Sports hall
Friday	Yr 9, 10 & 11 mixed Basketball CFA	Sports hall	Staff Badminton	Sports hall

Neurodiverse Support

We have had feedback from a family in school about the fantastic support received from Koala (full details in the flyer). Koala run many different sessions for different groups of both children and adults. Sessions are kept small and run on a ticket basis through here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/koala-community-hub-34021906863>

By following this link, you will see the many sessions they offer.

Parent comment: *I cannot recommend Tori and her team of volunteers enough. The positive change I have seen in our child since joining the Koala family has made such a difference to them and our family.*

We appreciate how difficult school and the teenage years can be for some of our pupils and are pleased to be able to signpost to organisations in the area where we have had positive feedback.

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/content/uploads/2022/09/Koala-flyer-Sept-2022.pdf>