

Parent Bulletin

Friday 30 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,



We had our Open Evening and Open Mornings this week and hosted a large number of families who, we hope, will soon join the Test Valley family. I was so proud of our team of prefects who toured visitors around the school. Their pride in their school and their knowledge about what school has to offer is exceptional. What brilliant ambassadors.

I was also really pleased to see the range of activities laid on by our dedicated staff for both of these events. D&T helped visitors to make personalised key rings, Science had fire, electricity and bones (!) and there were student performances in Drama and Music – just to name a few.

Today we have had a jam packed PSHE say. Year 11 are visiting the Careers Fair at John Hanson School and the rest of the school have a range of activities (including visiting speakers) relating to relationships and keeping safe. Please do ask your children to share with you what they have learned – having open discussions about these topics at home really does help.

I am delighted to announce that our new Test Valley website is ready to view [here](#). A professional photographer came in this week to take some photographs of our students and the school and the results are really worth a look. Some information needs to be added or moved to the right area but it is operational and we are really pleased with it.

Have a lovely weekend – despite the chilly weather!

Caroline Lowing

Forthcoming Dates:

Friday 30 September – PHSE Day and Year 11 Careers Fair
Wednesday 5 October – Yr 11 Tower of London History Trip
Thursday 6 October – KS4 Parent Information Evening (6-8pm)

#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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Vacancies

Please see out current vacancies:

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=29>

Venue Hire

Test Valley School are able to offer a range of facilities for hire. Enquiries can be made through the website <https://testvalleyschool.schoolbookings.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.

Tutor Contacts

If you have a query relating to your child, please contact their tutor in the first instance.

Whilst email can be an effective way to communicate directly with us, we are finding that many members of staff are receiving a high volume of incoming emails each day. It is worth pointing out that most of our teachers have a full timetable. This means that the opportunity for them to read and respond to emails during the day is very limited.

We will endeavour to respond to emails within two working days.

In addition, we would not expect members of staff to respond to emails after 4.30pm or at weekends.

Year 11

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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
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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.

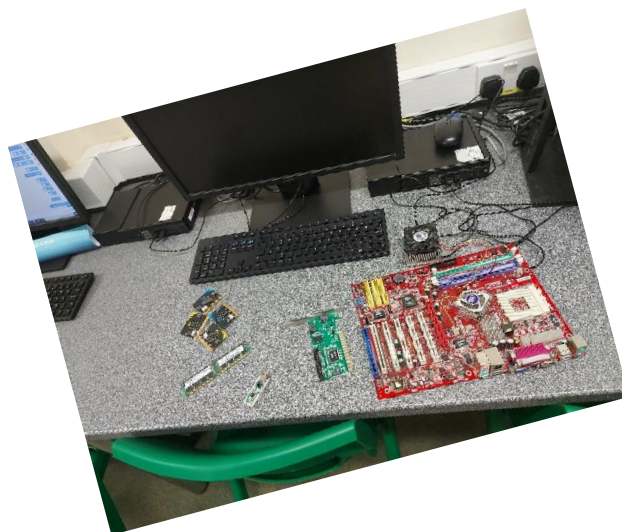
Free School Meals

It's not too late to apply for free school meals. To check if your child is eligible, you can use the online checker, click on the following link, or type the address into your browser:

www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants

School Open Events

It was wonderful to welcome so many families into school for our Open Events this week.





Drama



KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners last week

Year 10

Sam J
Lily W
Brandon M
Asha P
Holly W
Harriet W

Year 11

Henry A
Oliver C
Charlie E
Kingsley B
Ruby A



PE

STARS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Alice R	Mia S	Callum P	Sarah B	Ruby R
Jack W	Ted T	Uliana K	Avner C	Oliver F

Army Training Course

A group of pupils have been taking part in a team building, self-confidence and resilience course run by personnel from the 11th Infantry Brigade from the British Army. So far pupils have learnt about health, wellbeing and fitness. This week they have been working on their teamwork skills building a wheelbarrow with parts provided by the army. They first devised a plan before building it and seeing if it stands up to the course and can carry the spare parts.



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

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

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.

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

Sport in Mind – Youth Programme

Please see attached information regarding this free youth programme which is due to start on 5 October.

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=4&type=pdf>