

## Parent Newsletter

Friday 12 May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you're all well and managed to enjoy the Coronation weekend. During our whole school assembly last Friday to mark the King's Coronation, I spoke about British Values as well as our school values of Kindness, Resilience, Excellence and Empowerment. I have seen so many positive examples of each of our values this week. A fine example of this was last Friday, an analysis of ClassChart points showed that 98% of all logs made by staff were positive, with only 2% for negative behaviour! This is the highest it's ever been which is brilliant to see.

On the note of ClassCharts, we would like to increase parental usage of the platform, to support this we will be recording a short video tutorial to help you learn how to navigate it, this will be shared with you in next week's newsletter. ClassCharts is a powerful tool and helps engage and celebrate achievement, monitor behaviour, homework, attendance and rewards. If you haven't downloaded the app, I'd encourage you to do so.



**Want the FREE parent APP?**

Download from the Apple App Store or Google Play

[www.classcharts.com/parent/login](http://www.classcharts.com/parent/login).

You will need a parent access code to connect your account to your child's details. Please contact [office@testvalley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:office@testvalley.hants.sch.uk) to request your code.

This week our Year 10 students have been completing their mock exams in the gym, they have conducted themselves brilliantly, shown excellent attitude to learning and resilience when they've found them tough. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to celebrating their results before the end of half term.

I would also like to congratulate those Year 11s who have now completed their final MFL oral exams, Mrs Lynn has been super impressed with the preparation they've done for them. Next week sees the start of GCSEs for Year 11, they continue to show excellent attitudes to learning and are really focused, we appreciate this is a very challenging time for them and you as parents. We will be offering additional pastoral support for those who need it but please do get in contact if you are worried about your child during the exams period.

To wish them all well we have given each year 11 a survival kit.



I held our first School Council this week, as a team we are looking to develop areas of the school to use in social times. The School Council will be sharing their ideas in assemblies and with you in future newsletters. It's vital we empower our students by providing opportunities for them to exercise their leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative and communication skills, alongside their academic studies. An excellent opportunity for this is an art project which will start after half term; we are keen to brighten up some of our indoor spaces with wall art. I would like to involve as many students as possible in this. If you have artistic skills and can help us to paint murals, please can you drop me an email, we'd love to involve you in this exciting project.

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards  
Nicky Goodridge

Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 15 May – GCSE Exams Commence  
Wednesday 24 May – Imperial War Museum Visit – Yr 9  
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June – Half Term Break

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](mailto:leisure@testvalley.hants.sch.uk) for all enquiries.

## Remaining INSET Day

Friday 23 June

## Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening

This has now been rearranged for Tuesday 20 June 2023 in person (4-7pm). Further details on how to book your time with teachers will be sent out in due course.

## KS3 and KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Jack W	Livvy S	Oliver L-C	Kimberley T	Hetty G
Brianna J	Matilda L	Cain F	Mollie S	Daisy M
Victoria S	Evie H	Freddie A	Luna A	Megan M
William G	Lucy F	Bethany H	Asha P	Isabella T
Liqi L	Julita C	Ailsa S	Lili Penelope R	Ruby A
Henry B		Elliot W		Gabriel M
Mia H				Ruby R

## Eurovision Ready

We are officially Eurovision ready! There was a great atmosphere in the hall at break today, when pupils entertained us with their singing and amazing playing. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part today.







## Year 10 English Literature

The English Department has asked if all Yr 10 Pupils could please have a copy of 'An Inspector Calls – J.B. Priestley' as they will now be studying it. The cheapest listed on Amazon is <https://amzn.eu/d/6rShHEo>.

## Year 10 Exams

All pupils need to ensure they have a clear pencil case containing ruler, pens, pencils etc. Exam packs can be purchased via Scopay.

Timetables for the forthcoming exams can be found on our website [Test Valley School - Yr 10 Exam Information](#)

## Art

In art lessons this week, pupils have been learning about tints and shades as well as creating sophisticated robot designs.

## Class of 2023 School Prom

To celebrate their time at Test Valley School, we are going to hold a leavers' prom within the school grounds for the Class of 2023 on **Friday 23rd June from 6pm to 10pm**. A letter has been sent to all parents/carers please complete the form and return to pupil services by **Friday, 12th May 2023**

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 9 pupils have the opportunity to sign up to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. To secure a place this year, complete the application form contained within the linked letter and send to Simon Mason at Andover Baptist church.

A parent and candidate information evening will be held at Andover Baptist Church on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30.

The school supports the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Mr Langdown is the school's coordinator for this if you have any further enquiries.

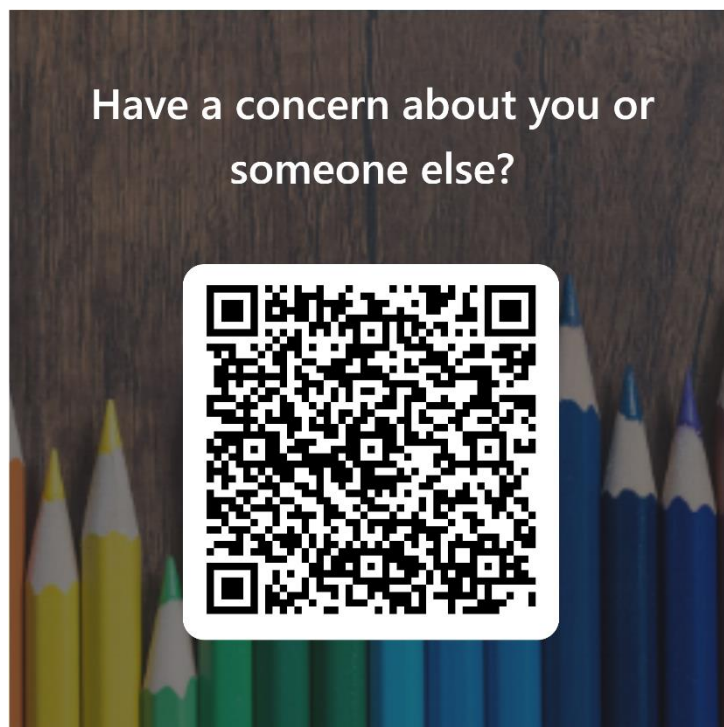
[Test Valley School - Duke of Edinburgh's Awards](#)

## Congratulations

We wish Evie H and her football team, Winchester City Flyers, Robins, the best of luck for the weekend as they have made it to the final of the Hampshire Cup. The competition is open to all teams in Hampshire even those who play in the Junior Premier League, one of whom will be their opposition.

Have a fantastic day and enjoy the experience and we look forward to hearing all about it next week!

## Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function



## 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](#)

## 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.

## SETA Engineering Apprenticeships

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

## Health and Wellbeing

15 to 21 May 2023

**Mental Health  
Awareness Week**



#ToHelpMyAnxiety

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the topic this year is Anxiety. Please find some resources on our website which will help any parent/carer support the young person. [Test Valley School - Mental Health Awareness Week](#)

Big Life Journal: Some useful information on our website: [Test Valley School - Big Life Journal](#)

## **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**