

## Parent Newsletter

**Friday 19 May 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you're all well and have enjoyed the sunshine this week, we most certainly have during our break times and during our PE lessons.

Year 11 GCSEs are now well underway, students have demonstrated excellent behaviour and attitudes in each one so far. In the main, there's been a positive buzz when they've come out, fingers crossed this continues! We wish them luck for next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic PTA team for their continued support for the school. Mrs McKeown, Mr Langdown and I joined their meeting at The White Hart on Wednesday evening, we had a very productive meeting and have now identified key projects to work together on. The PTA will be sharing a report with you regularly, but the first two projects we discussed are based around freshening up the corridors with inspiring artwork, inspirational quotes and photos. The second is to develop our outdoor spaces in conjunction with our School Council. Students have asked for more sustainable seating around the site and activities to enjoy in social times in the middle green. PTA members have also suggested creating an outdoor classroom and an allotment area on the top field. We loved this idea, especially as our students have told us they'd like to see the animals more frequently; this is an area of the school which will be regenerated in September. If you'd like to join the PTA or are able to get involved in regenerating the top field or freshening up the indoor spaces please do let me know, your support would be very much appreciated.





Sparsholt College came into school on Wednesday and gave a very inspirational assembly to all pupils in KS3.

We are so lucky to have an agricultural college so close to our school offering such a diverse range of courses and opportunities.

Please keep an eye open for their open events. Definitely worth a visit if you are interested in a career in a rural industry among other opportunities.

As we approach the end of this half term, we have noticed uniform starting to slip with some of our students. By and large our students do look very smart, however, we are seeing more ties missing, more trainers creeping in as well as jewellery and make up. Tutors will use ClassCharts to log any students not in appropriate uniform. Please can you check it regularly to support us in maintaining high expectations and following up any negatives with your child. Here is the link to our uniform policy should you need to revisit it ([link](#)).

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

Warm wishes  
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  
Monday 5 June – HPV2 Vaccinations (yr9 boys & girls and catch up)

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

## ClassCharts Help



**ClassCharts**

It has come to our attention that a large number of parents and carers are not yet using Class Charts to monitor their child's progress in school.

Class Charts is the platform that Test Valley uses as our main form of communication. It is essential that parents are regularly using it to see, for example, homework, communicate absences, view the rewards issued for positive achievements, and be aware of detentions set. We want parents and carers to work with us through Class Charts to continue to improve the culture and behaviour within our school.

In order to do this, over the next few weeks, the school will be making a concerted effort to reach out to every parent that has either not accessed Class Charts at all, or who has not accessed it in the last month, to help every family confidently know how to do this. Below is a link to a short PowerPoint that guides you through the process of downloading and logging into the app for the first time, if you have not yet done so. We will have a Class Charts stall at the year 8 parents evening, to offer support at that opportunity and Tutors will contact parents and carers of their tutor group in the next few weeks.

Please do get in contact with Mrs Collins if you would like additional help with this. Our aim is for every parent to regularly see how their child is doing and celebrate with us in their successes.

## [Test Valley School - Parents](#)

### HPV Vaccinations

A reminder to parents/carers that the School Age Immunisation team will be at School to administer the HPV2 immunisations. This is for Year 9 pupils and those who have missed out previously. Pupils should wear short sleeves, if they don't have short sleeved shirts then they should bring their PE T-shirts.

### KS3 and KS4

#### Shoutouts to our top points earners

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Grace R	Evie H	Ailsa S	Sam J	Megan M
Ted J	Julita C	Oliver LC	Jemima L	Amy S
Ethan E	Lucy F	Elliot W	Tristan R	Isabella T
Liqi L	Matilda L	Eleanor Y	Elizabeth F	Ruby R
Kathryn V		Rosie W	Harriet W	Callaghan A

### Water Bottles

As the weather warms up, 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.

### Art

Y7 was creating mini beast figurines from clay, they are also studying Fauvism.

Y8 have been preparing backgrounds for the collage inspired by Eric Carle.

Y9 are starting Jomon pottery-Japanese style of vases and pots

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

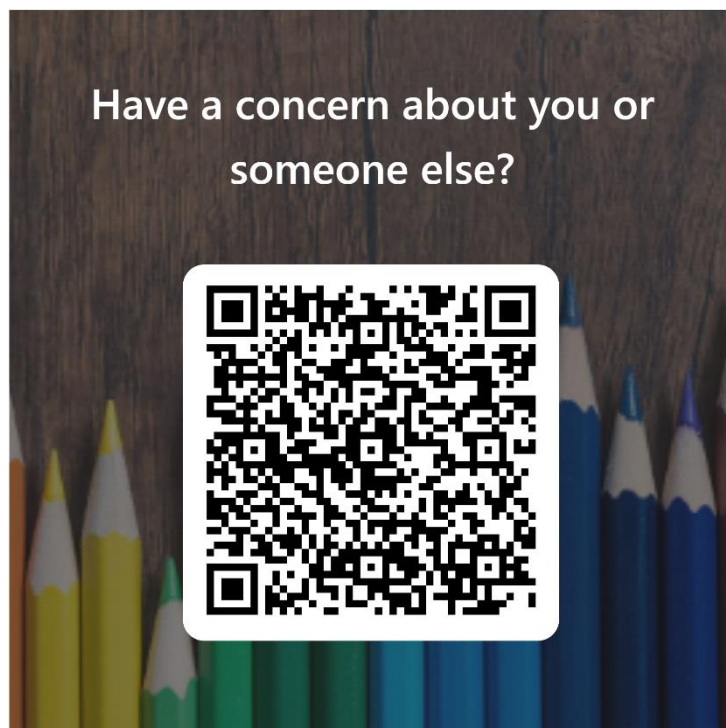
Year 9 pupils have the opportunity to sign up to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. To secure a place this year, complete the application form contained within the linked letter and send to Simon Mason at Andover Baptist church.

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](#)

## Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function



## Hampshire Music Ensembles

Does your child enjoy being part of a group with other young musicians? Are they keen to get involved in opportunities both here and abroad? HMS County Ensembles are ready for you!

The following groups are recruiting NOW for September membership.

Hampshire County Youth Bands (brass and percussion)

Hampshire County Youth Choirs (vocalists)

Hampshire County Youth Jazz Centre (brass, woodwind, and rhythm section)

Hampshire County Youth Orchestras (brass, percussion, strings, and woodwind)  
Hampshire County Youth Wind Ensembles (brass, woodwind, and percussion)

Our County Ensembles provide the highest quality ensemble experience for young musicians, and an impressive range of performance opportunities in Hampshire and beyond, masterclasses with professional performers, and exciting overseas tours. For further information about these groups please see our website: [County ensembles | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk/culture/arts/music/youth-ensembles/)

Applications for membership of these groups can be made by following this link:

[Application for Hampshire County Youth Music Ensembles 2023](#)

Hampshire County Ensembles Calendar 2023-24											
2023				2024							
September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	
1 Fr	1 Su	1 We	1 HCYC	1 Mo	1 Th	1 Fr	1 HCYO	1 We	1 Sa	1 Mo	
2 Sa	2 Mo	2 Th	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Fr	2 Sa	2 HCYO	2 Th	2 Su	2 Tu	
3 Su	3 Tu	3 Fr	3 HCYJC	3 We	3 Sa	3 Su	3 HCYO	3 Fr	3 Mo	3 We	
4 Mo	4 We	4 Sa	4 Mo	4 Th	4 Su	4 Mo	4 HCYO	4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Th	
5 Tu	5 Th	5 Su	5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Mo	5 Tu	5 HCYO	5 Su	5 We	5 Fr	
6 We	6 Fr	6 Mo	6 We	6 Sa	6 Tu	6 We	6 HCYO	6 Mo	6 Th	6 HCYO	
7 Th	7 Sa	7 Tu	7 HCYB	7 Su	7 We	7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu	7 Fr	7 Su	
8 Fr	8 Su	8 We	8 Fr	8 Mo	8 Th	8 HCYJC	8 Mo	8 We	8 Sa	8 Mo	
9 Sa	9 Mo	9 Th	9 HCYWE	9 Tu	9 Fr	9 HCYJC	9 Tu	9 Th	9 Su	9 Tu	
10 Su	10 Tu	10 HCYWE/HCYC	10 HCYB	10 We	10 Sa	10 HCYWE	10 We	10 Fr	10 Mo	10 We	
11 Mo	11 We	11 HCYWE/HCYC	11 Mo	11 Th	11 Su	11 Mo	11 Th	11 Sa	11 Tu	11 Th	
12 Tu	12 Th	12 HCYWE/HCYC	12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Mo	12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Su	12 We	12 HCYC	
13 We	13 Fr	13 Mo	13 We	13 Sa	13 Tu	13 We	13 Sa	13 Mo	13 Th	13 Sa	
14 Th	14 Sa	14 Tu	14 Th	14 Su	14 We	14 Th	14 Su	14 Tu	14 Fr	14 HCYB	
15 HCYB	15 Su	15 We	15 Fr	15 Mo	15 Th	15 Fr	15 Mo	15 We	15 Sa	15 Mo	
16 HCYB	16 Mo	16 Th	16 Sa	16 Tu	16 Fr	16 HCYO	16 Tu	16 Th	16 Su	16 Tu	
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18 Mo	18 We	18 Sa	18 Mo	18 Th	18 Su	18 Mo	18 Th	18 Sa	18 Tu	18 Th	
19 Tu	19 Th	19 Su	19 Tu	19 Fr	19 Mo	19 Tu	19 Fr	19 Su	19 We	19	
20 We	20 Fr	20 Mo	20 We	20 Sa	20 Tu	20 We	20 HCYO	20 Mo	20 Th	20 Sa	
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24 Su	24 Tu	24 Fr	24 HCYB	24 We	24 Sa	24 HCYWE	24 We	24 Fr	24 Mo	24 HCYWE	

	Week B rehearsals: HCYWE pyramid (HCYWE/HYTWE/HFC/HPE/Double Reed Centre) HCYB pyramid (HCYB/HCYTB/HCYJB)
	Week A rehearsals: HCYO pyramid (HCYO/HCYSO/HCYCO) HCYB pyramid (HCYB/HCYTB/HCYJB)
	Extra HCYCO rehearsal
	Hampshire Double Reed Ensemble rehearsal (HCYWE pyramid)
	Hampshire County Youth Jazz Centre rehearsals (HCYJC)
	Hampshire County Youth Choirs Pyramid rehearsal (HCJC/HCTC/HCYC/HCYSC/HCYCC)
	Concert (details below)
	Annual residential/Tour

## SECTIONALS 2023-24

HCYO Sectionals: 16 Sep, 14 Oct, 18 Nov, 6 Jan, 3 Feb, 9 Mar

HCYSO Sectionals: 30 Sep, 4 Nov, 20 Jan, 24 Feb

HCYWE/HYTWE Sectionals: 7 Oct, 27 Jan, 20 Apr, 18 May

## RESIDENTIALS AND TOURS 2023-24

15-17 September 2023 – HCYB Pyramid at Fairthorne Manor

10-12 November 2023 - HCYWE Pyramid at PGL

10-12 November 2023 – HCYC Pyramid at PGL

8-9 March 2023 – HCYJC at Fairthorne Manor tbc

31 March - 6 April 2024 - HCYO Pyramid at Bryanston

## Hampshire County Ensembles Calendar 2023-24

24-30 July 2024 – HCYWEs Tour to Spain

## CONCERTS AND EVENTS 2023-24

Saturday 25 November 2023 - Concert, 4pm - HCYO Full Pyramid *\*HCYWE rehearsal clash\**

Friday 1 December 2023 – Singing at the Winchester Christmas Market – HCYC Full Pyramid

Sunday 3 December 2023 – Informal Concert after usual session (HCYJC)

Thursday 7 December 2023 – Chairmans Carols (HCYB only)

Friday 8 December 2023 – Special Celebration, Winchester Cathedral - HCJC

Saturday 9 December 2023 - Christmas Concert, The Rose Theatre, Barton Peveril, 7pm - HCYWE Full Pyramid

Sunday 10 December 2023 – Christmas Concert – HCYB Full Pyramid

Saturday 23 December 2023 – HCYB Busking at Winchester Buttercross

Sunday 24 December 2023 – HCYB Busking at Winchester Buttercross

Sunday 10 March 2024 - Joint Concert with Area groups, Mountbatten School, 4pm - HCYWE/HFC/HDRE/HPE

Saturday 16 March 2024 - Concert in aid of Hampshire Foundation for Young Musicians – HCYCO

Sunday 17 March – Spring Concert HCYB Full Pyramid

Sunday 24 March 2024 – Joint Concert with Solent Philharmonic Winds, Oaklands School, 7pm - HCYWE

Saturday 20 April 2024 - Concert with Area Orchestra - HCYO *\*HCYWE rehearsal clash\**

Sunday 27 April 2024 - Concert, The Anvil, 7.30pm - HCYO/HCYSO

Sunday 30 June 2024 - Summer Concert, Thornden Hall, 7.00pm - HCYWE Full Pyramid

Sunday 6 July 2024 - Summer Concert, The Anvil, 7.30pm - HCYO/HCYSO

Friday 12 July 2024 – Summer Concert – HCYC Full Pyramid

Sunday 14 July 2024 – Summer Concert – HCYB Full Pyramid

## AUDITIONS for 2024-25

24 June-13 July

## 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](#)

## College Open Events

### Sparsholt College Open event

We are excited to welcome students on to campus for our Open Event on **Thursday 15 June, (time at college depends on the time of the tour booked)**. Students can take a look around the college campus and explore our incredible resources on subject-specific tours! The tours will last roughly 45 minutes and your students will be shown around the facilities for their course area and meet our expert teaching teams. They will also have an opportunity to meet our friendly students and find out about all the things they need to support them in their studies such as transport, funding, careers, learning support and accommodation as well as Industry Placements.

To attend, your students will need to register for the event **as soon as possible** by visiting [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#) as **our events do fill up quickly!** At this event students will have a tour of the subject area they are interested in at a specific time which they will book in advance.

Also, it is not too late for year 11s to apply to Sparsholt College as applications are still open and students can apply by visiting the Sparsholt website or by using [How to Apply - Sparsholt College and University Centre Sparsholt](#).

Please see our website for the latest information on College open events with information on how to book a place. [Test Valley School - College Open Events 2022-23](#)

## SETA Engineering Apprenticeships

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

## Health and Wellbeing

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to signpost you a wonderful new resource programme called

THIS MAY HELP

The launch of [This May Help](#), a new national initiative providing mental health advice to parents and carers. This has been launched by Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership. The website gives easy-to-follow advice to help families manage their child's mental health. This advice was developed by NHS professionals and parents who've been through their own child's mental health journey. Parents and carers have shared advice that helped them and that may also help other families.



The advice covered on [This May Help](#) includes: self-harm, gaming and online activity, teenagers safety, eating disorders, school avoidance, understanding mental health, understanding teenagers, online threats, building rapport, building resilience, building a support network, self-care tips, managing an emergency, managing in a crisis, and preparing for a children and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) appointment. These subjects were chosen by families and young people who have gone through their own mental health challenges. Gary Lineker, Myleene Klass, and Tanni Grey-Thompson are amongst 16 presenters featured in the films

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We are an initiative in partnership with the NHS to provide mental health support for parents of teens. Explore our videos for expert advice

thismayhelp.me

Please see our website for more useful information: [Test Valley School - Wellbeing](#)

## 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**