

## Parent Bulletin

Friday 7 October 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



This week has been a bit different for me. Firstly I was lucky enough to accompany Y11 on their trip to London. We visited the Tower of London and the Old Operating Theatre near London Bridge. It was a fantastic trip and the students were a credit to the school. Thank you for Mrs Allsop for all of her organisation.

On Thursday and Friday I was in Sheffield for an ASCL Council meeting. I am privileged enough to sit on ASCL (the Association for School and College Leaders) Council. This national professional association represents over 20,000 school leaders. We meet to talk about the bigger picture in education and how we can influence the Department for Education, OFSTED and other organisations to improve education for all young people. Thank you to Mr Page and the senior team for looking after the school whilst I do this vital work.

I would also like to thank all of the parents who attended Key Stage 4 Parents Information Evening this week. Heads of core subjects, Mr Langdown and visitors from further education gave presentations to help parents to support their children during this important time.

As ever, please do get in touch if you would have any questions or comments.

Regards  
Caroline Lowing

### Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Year 7 Meet the Tutor  
Thursday 20 October: Rearranged Thorpe Park Trip  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October: Half Term Break  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Pupils return to school  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 11 November: Year 11 Practice Exams

### #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 latest 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.

## MFL Stars of the Month for September



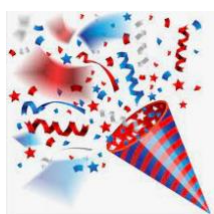
**German:**

Year 7 - Kathryn V  
Year 8 - Flora R  
Year 9 - Cain F  
Year 10 - Liam N  
Year 11 - Grace B



**French:**

Year 7 – Riley S  
Year 8 – Julita C  
Year 9 – Rosie W  
Year 10 – Daisy C  
Year 11 – Keira Lee S



## September STEM Stars



Subject \ Year	7	8	9	10	11
Maths	Holly G	Julita C	Evie K	Melissa M	George H
Computing	Finlay W	Leon D	Freddie A	Benny G	Marcus B
Science	Maison B	Zoe B	Bethany H	Jack F	Kyan F
DT	Arran E	Ted T	Darcie Y	Liam N	Abi V D
Food tech	n/a	Lucy F	TJ B	Tyler J	Harriet D

### Drama Stars of the Week



## Prior notice: Test Valley Behaviour for Learning Evaluation

This week we began an evaluation of our school Behaviour for Learning system. As part of this process, we would like to collect the thoughts and views of our parents on how effective they feel our current behaviour system is. We will be sharing the link to a questionnaire in next week's parent bulletin but wanted to give you due notice of this. At the same time, pupils will also receive a questionnaire via their school email, to share their perspectives. It is important to us that everyone involved has the opportunity to share and voice their opinions.

## Reading

Please can I remind parents that all pupils in years 7-9 should have a reading book on them as part of their essential equipment. All Key Stage 3 pupils participate in silent reading during tutor throughout the week, and although spare books are available, it is so much more enjoyable and productive for pupils to have a book they are already reading and enjoying. We are hopeful that it won't be long until our library is back up and running properly for our pupils to use. Thank you, in advance for your support with this.

Mrs Collins

## College Open Events – Yrs 10 & 11

College	Website	Open Events
<b>Andover College</b>	<a href="https://www.andover.ac.uk">https://www.andover.ac.uk</a>	<del>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022</del> <del>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022</del> Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
<del><b>Barton Peveril Sixth Form College</b></del>	<del><a href="http://www.barton-peveril.ac.uk/">www.barton-peveril.ac.uk/</a></del>	<del>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 (5pm – 9pm)</del> <del>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 (5pm – 9pm)</del>
<b>Basingstoke College of Technology (BCOT)</b>	<a href="http://www.bcot.ac.uk">www.bcot.ac.uk</a>	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 (10am-12.30pm) Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct (4.30pm – 7pm)
<b>Bishop Wordsworth's Sixth Form</b>	<a href="https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/">https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/</a>	<del>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep 2022 (2.15pm)</del> <del>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2022 (9.15am)</del> Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct (2.15pm)  <b>Webinars</b> An Introduction to BWS Sixth Form and science subjects on offer:

		<p><a href="#">Tuesday 18th October 2022</a> <a href="#">6.30pm</a></p> <p>An introduction to BWS Sixth Form and Art, Humanities and Social Sciences on offer:</p> <p><a href="#">Wednesday 19th October 2022</a> <a href="#">6.30pm</a></p>
<b>Bordon Future Skills Centre (BCOT)</b>	<a href="http://www.bcot.ac.uk/bordonfsc">www.bcot.ac.uk/bordonfsc</a>	<i>See BCOT</i>
<b>Newbury College</b>	<a href="http://newbury-college.ac.uk">newbury-college.ac.uk</a>	<i>TBC</i>
<b>Peter Symonds College</b>	<a href="http://www.psc.ac.uk">www.psc.ac.uk</a>	<p>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 (5.30pm-8.30pm)</p> <p>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 (5.30pm-8.30pm)</p>
<b>Queen Mary's College</b>	<a href="http://www.qmc.ac.uk">www.qmc.ac.uk</a>	<p><del>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 (5pm-8pm)</del></p> <p><del>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 (5pm-8pm)</del></p>
<b>Salisbury Sixth Form College</b>	<a href="http://www.salisbury6c.ac.uk">www.salisbury6c.ac.uk</a>	<p>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 (5.30pm-7.30pm)</p> <p>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov (5.30pm – 7.30pm)</p>
<b>South Wilts Grammar School</b>	<a href="https://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/">https://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/</a>	<p>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Oct (1pm or 2.30pm)</p> <p>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec (1pm or 2.30pm)</p> <p>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Jan (1pm or 2.30pm)</p> <p>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov (5pm – 7pm)</p>
<b>Sparsholt College</b>	<a href="http://www.sparsholt.ac.uk">www.sparsholt.ac.uk</a>	<p>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Oct (10am-2pm)</p> <p>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Nov (10am-2pm)</p> <p>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Feb (10am-2pm)</p> <p>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Mar (10am-2pm)</p> <p>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May (4-7pm)</p> <p>Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Jun (4-7pm)</p>
<b>Wiltshire College &amp; University Centre</b>	<a href="http://www.wiltshire.ac.uk">www.wiltshire.ac.uk</a>	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 (5pm – 9pm)

## 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.



## Salisbury 6<sup>th</sup> Form College

The booking forms for upcoming Open Evenings are now available on the college website: <https://www.salisbury6c.ac.uk/study-with-us/open-evenings/>

The first Open Evening is next Wednesday, 12th October, 5:30-7:30pm and students can book to arrive in time for the 5:30pm welcome talk or the 6:30pm welcome talk from our Head of College, Ben Hillier.

## Year 11 Practice Exam Timetable (Draft)

Date	AM (Pds 1 + 2)	PM (Pds 4 + 5)
Tuesday 1 Nov	English Language Paper 1 (1hr 45) All	Combined Science Biology 1 Foundation (1hr 15) Combined Science Biology Higher (1Hr 15) Biology (Sep Science) (1hr 45)
Wednesday 2 Nov	Combined Science Chemistry 1 Foundation (1hr 15)  Combined Science Chemistry Higher (1Hr 15)  Chemistry (Sep Science) (1hr 45)	Maths Paper 1 (1hr 30)
Thursday 3 November	English Language Paper 2 (1hr 45)	Option C (Lesson Pd 4 on Thurs) Geography (1hr 30) Computer Science (1 hr 30) History (1hr) Food (1 hr 45)
Friday 4 November	Option A (P5 Tue, P1 Thu, P3 Fri)  History (1hr) PE (1hr 45) German Reading + Writing (1hr 45) DT (2 hr)	
Mon 7 November	Maths Paper 2 (1hr 30)	Combined Science Physics 1 Foundation (1hr 15) Combined Science Physics Higher (1Hr 15) Physics (Sep Science) (1hr 45)
Tues 8 November	Option B (Tue P1, Wed P4, Thu P3)  French Reading + Writing (1hr 45) German Reading + Writing (1hr 45)	Music Listening (1hr 30)

	DT (2hr) RE (1 hr 45)	
Wed 9 November	English Literature (1hr 45)	French/ German Listening (1 hr 45)  Rms 61, 63
Thurs 10 November	Catch up 1	Catch Up 2
Friday 11 November	Art (5 hrs)	

## Essential Revision Tips

Please use the attached link to access some useful revision tips

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=15&type=pdf>

## KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners last week

### Year 10

Emily B  
Elizabeth F  
Luna A  
Sam J  
Jay C

### Year 11

Oliver H  
Oliver F  
George H  
Abigail V D  
Oliver L  
Emma M

## European Day of Languages

Last week we had a great time celebrating European Day of Languages. The pupils enjoyed taking 'selfies' at iconic European landmarks, and we saw some fantastic information sheets about other countries and cultures made by a number of pupils. The week finished off with the Test Valley Eurovision Song Contest, which was fantastic - all the pupils who performed should be very proud of themselves and we enjoyed it immensely!

Extra-Curricular PE

<b>Day</b>	<b>Lunch time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>After School 3.30pm to 4.30pm</b>	<b>Venue</b>
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