

Parent Newsletter

Friday 14 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

Another busy week at Test Valley!

Students had assemblies on E-safety this week with Year 10 and 11 having a guest speaker who talked about his journey from a difficult upbringing to becoming a media mogul.

I had the great pleasure of meeting with Mrs Jefferies, the Head of Stockbridge Primary School this week and I am meeting with a cluster group of local primary headteachers shortly so that we can work more closely together.

As a school we are always keen to reach out to our local community, including the Police. This week we were visited by our two local PCSOs, who spent time chatting to pupils at lunch time. They also reminded us that Hampshire Constabulary has a very helpful website containing plenty of information and advice for parents around concerns such as antisocial behaviour, online safety, County Lines and Teen relationship abuse. Access the Safe4me website at <https://www.safe4me.co.uk/parents/>

We have realised that you may not have been introduced to our wonderful Head Boy and Head Girl, which is remiss of us:



My name is Lily and I am the Head Girl here at Test Valley. I am in charge of coordinating tours for prospective parents and students and also in overseeing the year 10 & 11 prefects and mentors. It is a huge privilege for me to be an ambassador for our school, and I am very much looking forward to the academic year ahead.



My name is Angus Bone and I am honoured to be the Head Boy here at Test Valley School. My role within the school is to be a voice for every pupil and to play a big part in making Test Valley a safe and happy environment for everyone. I hope to have a very positive impact on the school and, with the help of the year 10 and 11 prefects, host many events that will benefit and help the student body. Throughout the years I have benefited from the strong sense of community and want to make sure every pupil feels the same way. I am very grateful to be in this position and I hope to make a difference in the upcoming year.

I hope that you have had a good week – as ever, please get in contact with the school if you have any questions or comments.

Caroline Lowing.

Forthcoming Dates:

Thursday 20 October: Rearranged Thorpe Park Trip
Monday 24th – Friday 28th October: Half Term Break
Monday 31st October: Pupils return to school
Monday 31st 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 our website for our 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 for all enquiries.

Parent Questionnaire

As part of our evaluation of the school Behaviour for Learning system, we would welcome your thoughts and views on this. In order to develop an effective system for our school, we need to know and take into account the opinions of all those in our community. Please follow the link below, or scan the QR code, to complete the questionnaire. It should only take about five minutes. The pupils will also receive their own questionnaire to complete through their email account. Thank you, in anticipation, for your support.

<https://forms.office.com/r/yEaEwnkq22>



Photography Permissions

To ensure we are GDPR compliant, we need to re-seek your consent to take and use images of your child. We really value being able to do so, to showcase what pupils do in school and show what life at our school is like to others, so we would appreciate you taking the time to give consent again.

Please could you take a few minutes to complete the attached form by **Friday 28 October**.

<https://forms.office.com/r/h30pYJPjYU>

Contacting Tutors/Teachers

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.

Science Department

Educake Homework

We are very impressed by the fantastic response from the majority of students to the homework quizzes they have been set on Educake. Some very high scores have been achieved and it has been particularly inspiring to see how many pupils have repeated their quizzes to gain the best score they can.

We know there have been some initial log in issues for some students and we really appreciate the patience and support that parents have given in resolving these.

Most classes have now had either a lesson in the IT suite where they have been helped to log in or their teacher has helped them individually.

If there are any future problems with completion of homework, please encourage your child to speak to or email their class teacher as soon as possible after the homework is set each Monday so that we can assist them promptly.

Attached are some information slides that have been shared with all the pupils on using educake:

[PowerPoint Presentation \(testvalley.hants.sch.uk\)](https://testvalley.hants.sch.uk)

Thank you once again for all your support with this.

Equipment

With the mock exams fast approaching for year 11, it is a great opportunity to ensure that pupils across all year groups are correctly equipped to give them the best chance of success.

For all of the GCSE science exams, pupils will need to confidently use a scientific calculator.

As detailed on the school website, pupils should have this as part of the equipment they bring to school each day from year 7 onwards. [Test Valley School - School Uniform](#)

The earlier they begin to bring these to lessons and start using them, the more support we will be able to give with how to use them correctly and the more confidence pupils will have.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions or concerns about ensuring your child has this important piece of equipment.

KS4 Parents Information Evening

All information from our recent KS4 Parent Information Evening is now on our website together with an example of a revision planner and a template for pupils to use.

[Test Valley School - KS4 Parents' Information Evening](#)

Up Coming Sports Fixtures

Monday 17th October U16 Girls Basketball (H) Kings'
Wednesday 19th October Year 7 Football (A) Harrow Way
Thursday 20th October Year 8/9 Football (A) Harrow Way

College Open Events – Yrs 10 & 11

| College | Website | Open Events |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Andover College | https://www.andover.ac.uk | Tues 4th Oct 2022 Wed 5th Oct 2022 Tues 15 th Nov 2022 Wed 8 th Feb 2023 |

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| | | Wed 10 th May 2023 Thurs 29 th June 2023 |
| Barton Peveril Sixth Form College | www.barton-peveril.ac.uk/ | Wed 5th Oct 2022 (5pm – 9pm) Thurs 6th Oct 2022 (5pm – 9pm) |
| Basingstoke College of Technology (BCOT) | www.bcot.ac.uk | Sat 8th Oct 2022 (10am-12.30pm) Mon 10th Oct (4.30pm – 7pm) |
| Bishop Wordsworth's Sixth Form | https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/ | <p>Fri 23rd Sep 2022 (2.15pm) Fri 30th Sep 2022 (9.15am) Mon 10th Oct (2.15pm)</p> <p>Webinars</p> <p>An Introduction to BWS Sixth Form and science subjects on offer:</p> <p>Tuesday 18th October 2022 6.30pm</p> <p>An introduction to BWS Sixth Form and Art, Humanities and Social Sciences on offer:</p> <p>Wednesday 19th October 2022 6.30pm</p> |
| 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 | <p>Wed 19th Oct 2022 (5.30pm-8.30pm)</p> <p>Thurs 20th Oct 2022 (5.30pm-8.30pm)</p> |
| Queen Mary's College | www.qmc.ac.uk | Wed 5th Oct 2022 (5pm – 8pm) Thurs 6th Oct 2022 (5pm – 8pm) |
| Salisbury Sixth Form College | www.salisbury6c.ac.uk | Wed 12 th Oct 2022 (5.30pm-7.30pm) |

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| | | 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 8th 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 12th Oct 2022 (5pm – 9pm) |

The Wellington Academy open evening on Thursday 3rd November 18:00 - 20:00.

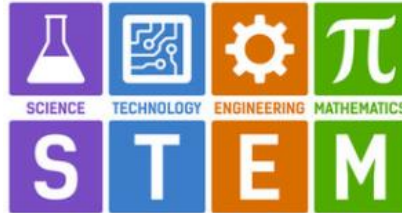
[The Wellington Academy](#)

Drama Stars of the Week



STEM Competition

This is the first of our half termly STEM competitions, the deadline is Friday 21st October. Class charts points for all entries and sweets for the correct answers.



Each Halloween object is worth a *different* integer value up to (and including) 7.

Use the row totals to work out the value of each object.



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Record the value of each Halloween object below..



Shoutouts to our top  points last week

Year 10

Sam J
Harriet W
Benny G
Jay C
Oliwier D

Year 11

Oliver F
Oliver H
Kiera Lee S
George H
Angus B
Charlotte F
Will W

Extra-Curricular PE

| Day | Lunch time | Venue | After School 3.30pm to 4.30pm | Venue |
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| 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 |