

Parent Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well. Despite the weather this week we've managed to stay positive and purposeful. Again, lots of activities taking place in school which have enriched the curriculum being delivered in lessons. Year 11 have now completed their last set of mock exams, they have conducted themselves maturely throughout, we couldn't be prouder of them. Staff are busy marking the papers, it's been brilliant to hear them talk with excitement about the progress their pupils have made.

Today we have Peter Symonds in carrying out their interview process with all our pupils who've applied, despite a few nerves from some, the interviews have gone well and the team from Peter Symonds have commented on how articulate, well-mannered and ambitious our pupils are. We're so proud of them.

We were visited by the National Oceanography team this week; they led an inspiring assembly which promoted lots of discussions about careers in this field. Year 9 have now completed their options carousel information sessions with Year 11, we hope they've all had an insight into the subjects available to them as they approach their GCSE options. A polite reminder that we're holding our options information evening on Thursday 7th March 2024 6.00 - 7:30pm.

Following on from the positive feedback I shared with you last week about our recent reviews, I'm pleased to be able to share some more positive feedback following our Safeguarding Review on Monday. Initial feedback included:

"safeguarding permeated through every meeting they had and observation made"

"A shared vision for safeguarding is understood and enacted through a range of practices, including regular training, briefings, and bulletins"

"Students say that Test Valley is a welcoming school and that students who have a different race, religion or sexuality would be welcomed as any other student"

"Students report that a lot of work has been done to address the use of prejudicial language. Students in all groups say that this has reduced a great deal in recent months and that staff are quick to challenge and act upon such language. Students recognise that this has been a focus of the school and have had assemblies about this"

"Students reported a real shift in behaviour around the school"

"Students reported less rudeness in school and that students were generally more respectful. They attributed this to the line up each day where messages are given, birthdays are celebrated and each day the message of respect is shared by the Head of School"

"Students in all groups said that they feel safe in school. They said that this was because there was an increased staff presence around the school"

"Students said that expectations are clear and measures have been taken to make the school safer, particularly at unstructured times. For example: school locked at breaktimes, changes in access to canteen, toilets being allocated to year groups and reduced numbers of students permitted to enter at any one time".

Next Friday we will be celebrating 'World Book Day' (a day late due to clashes with other activities), staff will be dressing up and pupils may do so if they wish, otherwise it's normal uniform. There will be a range of reading-related activities for pupils to get involved with on the day. I hope the Year 7s & 8's enjoy their disco tonight! Many thanks to Mr Langdown and our wonderful PTA for organising it.

Warm wishes
Nicky Goodridge

More about all the activities occurring in and out of lessons at Test Valley School can be found on our Facebook page: Test Valley School, Twitter Feed: @testvalleysch and Instagram Account: testvalleyofficial. Reshares and likes are always appreciated!

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Vacancies

Please see our website for current vacancies: [Test Valley School - Vacancies](#)

Site Assistant Vacancy

Would you like to join the Test Valley Team supporting the school to provide a safe and secure environment for students to flourish? We currently have a vacancy for a Site Assistant, the role would suit someone who enjoys working as part of a team and would like to train towards being a Site Manager. Please click the above link for more information.

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.

Forthcoming Dates

w/c 4 March

Week 1 Timetable

Year 9 – Curriculum Evening 6.00 to 7.30pm – Thursday 7 March

World Book Day – Friday 8 March

HPV VACCINATIONS

A reminder to parents/carers that the School Age Immunisation Team will be in school on **Thursday 7th March** to administer the HPV vaccinations. This is for **Year 8 pupils** and those who have missed out previously. Pupils should wear short sleeved shirts, if they don't have these then they should bring their PE T-shirts.

Inspiring Future Teachers



[Test Valley School - Are you interested in becoming a teacher?](#)

Year 9 - KS4 Options and Curriculum Evening

Thursday 7th March 6 - 7.30 pm.

This event will be an opportunity for all Year 9 parents and students to see the options available to them for KS4 and chat to staff and student ambassadors from KS4.

In addition, our independent careers advisor and representatives from Andover, Sparsholt and Peter Symonds College will be in attendance.

Congratulations

More success from Elle on Saturday winning silver in the 2024 England open championships in London. She fought really really well.



FREE Pop-Up Ensemble event being held at The Lights in Andover for children who are currently learning to play a musical instrument (this does not need to be from an HMS teacher) giving them the opportunity to play in a “from scratch” orchestra. This is being aimed at Beginner to Grade 4 level.

Pop Up Ensemble



Pop Up Ensemble The Lights, Andover

3 West St, Andover
SP10 1AH
Sunday 3rd March - 9.15 - 13.15

Beginner to Grade 4

Come and be part of a
'from scratch' orchestra



Scan the QR code to
register your place





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Hampshire County Youth Orchestra OPEN DAY



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Saturday 23 March 2024, 10.15am - 2.30pm
Thornden Hall – Chandler's Ford

- Thinking of joining the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra?
- Come along to join in and see what it's all about!
- Play alongside current members, meet other players, and take part in a short, informal performance for parents at 2.00pm.
- Orchestral musicians welcome- including harps and percussion.
- If you are unable to come along, but would like to audition later this term, do get in touch
- The day is aimed at String players grades 4 + and Brass/Wind/Percussion/Harp players grades 6 +

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Stockbridge Music

Stockbridge Music brings high class music to Stockbridge at affordable rates, with 5 concerts a year and now some outreach events so that we can engage further with the community and music lovers in general.

***Organ Master Class – St Peter's, Stockbridge,
11.00 am until 12.30pm on Saturday 2nd March 2024***

David Hill has agreed to give this Master Class which is bound to be fascinating for all keyboard players, or those who are merely interested and are keen listeners to high class organ music. Hear about the life of a professional organ player, learn more about the three manual Viscount organ and enjoy a short recital.

***Concert - at St Peter's Stockbridge
7.30 pm on Friday 1st March***

Crispian Steele-Perkins and David Hill Trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins is world-renowned for the brilliance and versatility of his playing. In this wide-ranging recital he is accompanied on the organ by David Hill. The programme will include:

Jeremiah Clarke - Suite in D

Handel - Trumpet Overture (Suite in C)

Mozart - Allelujah from Exultate Jubilate Goodall – Shackleton's Cross Stanley – Trumpet Voluntary.

The event has been sponsored by Tim Lowden, enabling Stockbridge Music to hire the superb 3 manual Viscount organ.

Tickets

FREE for students

Adults £5 or £3.50 if bought with tickets for the Concert on Friday 1st March.

Student tickets secretary@stockbridgemusic.uk

Adult tickets go to www.stockbridgemusic.uk


College Information

There is information on our website regarding forthcoming College open events, including dates and how to book a place.

Salisbury 6th Form College: [Test Valley School - Salisbury 6th Form College](#)

Peter Symonds College: [Test Valley School - Peter Symonds College](#)

Andover College: [Test Valley School - Andover College](#)



APPLICANT SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH
6-7PM
CONSIDERING UNIVERSITY? WE CAN GET YOU THERE.

Andover College invites you to hear from our students, past and present, as they share their journey to securing a spot at a Russell Group university.


By joining us at this fantastic virtual event, you will hear from one of 24 universities that are a founding member of the Russell Group. The Russell Group is an organisation of 24 top UK universities committed to maintaining the highest research and teaching standards.

- Hear the experiences of Andover student and University of Southampton offer holder, Olivia
- Discover whether University is the right step for you
- Learn more about student finance
- Get the inside knowledge from Southampton University Alumni

ANDOVER
CAMPUS

University of Southampton

SIGN UP!



Careers decision-making how can parents help?

As parents, you will have the opportunity to support your child's decision making at several points in their education, and these decisions will impact their future career choices. So how can you help them make decisions that are right for them?

Talk regularly about careers, aspirations, and interests.

- Share your experiences.
- Encourage your child to be curious.

Talking Futures has a range of resources to help you do further research and develop your careers conversations.

- www.talkingfutures.org.uk/parents/
- www.icould.com



Engineering Apprenticeships Vacancy Bulletin

Vacancies live as at 26 February 2024

All the vacancies listed can be found on the [SETA Apprenticeship Vacancy](http://www.setatraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/current_vacancies) web page.

Throughout the coming months more vacancies will go live. Make sure you visit our webpage regularly for the latest additions!

Employer	Vacancy	No. of positions	Level	Location	Duration (months)	Closing Date
Konecranes	Service Technician (Must be 17 at start of apprenticeship)	1	3	Andover	42	29 Feb 24
Score (Europe) Group	Valve Technician (Mechanical Maintenance Technician)	2	3	Southampton	42	1 Apr 24
Sulzer Electromechanical Services (UK) Ltd	Electromechanical Apprentice (Electrical & Mechanical Engineering Fitter)	4	3	Southampton	42	1 Mar 24
GEA Pharma Systems	Mechanical Fitter Apprenticeship	2	3	Chandlers Ford	42	14 Mar 24
GEA Pharma Systems	Electrical Fitter Apprenticeship	1	3	Chandlers Ford	42	14 Mar 24
Williams Engineering Solutions Ltd	Apprentice Plate Welder	1	3	Hardley, nr Hythe	42	24 Mar 24
Cyclife Aquila Nuclear Engineering Ltd	Mechanical Design Engineer	2	3	Twyford, nr Winchester	42	31 Mar 24
Inductotherm Heating & Welding Ltd	Electrical/Electronic Apprentice	1	3	Basingstoke	42	1 Apr 24
ETA Connect Ltd	Cable Joints/Electrical Fitter	1	3	Romsey	42	3 May 24
RHH Franks	Metal Fabricator	1	3	New Milton	42	31 May 24



Scan the QR code to visit
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Future Events



ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS 2024 RECRUITMENT CLINICS

- Tues 5 March
- Wed 24 April

- Thurs 16 May
- Tues 11 June

4.30 - 6pm

Booking advised

Why attend?

- Join us at one of our Recruitment Clinics to provide practical support & guidance to anyone from Year 11 upwards wishing to apply for an engineering apprenticeship starting in September 2024 (parents are welcome too).
- Come along to discuss the current vacancies, what the roles involve & get guidance on writing a great application!

Who should attend?

- Anyone looking for an engineering apprenticeship starting in September 2024
- School or College leavers in 2024
- Those just thinking about a change in career, this event is for you!

Where is it taking place?

SETA Apprenticeship Centre,
First Avenue, Millbrook,
Southampton, SO15 0LJ

REGISTER ONLINE:



<https://www.setatraining.co.uk/seta/events-recruitment-clinic.html>

www.seta-training.co.uk info@seta-training.co.uk



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- Want £500 to spend on a project to help improve health and wellbeing in your community?

We are looking for passionate young people with an idea to help improve health & wellbeing experiences for people in Hampshire.

Apply now for £500 grant money to help make your idea a reality & receive support from Unloc to make it happen.

 **APPLY NOW**





The graphic features a light beige background. In the top left, there are three golden-brown fried chicken pieces with some crumbs. The title 'AIR FRYER KFC CHICKEN' is in large, bold, black capital letters. Below the title, the word 'recipe' is written in a smaller, lowercase font. To the right of 'recipe' is a small logo that says 'The Baking Bag' with a whisk icon. A large, light pink circle on the left contains the 'Ingredients' list. To the right of the circle, under the heading 'Equipment', are illustrations of a bowl, a whisk, a cutting board, and an air fryer. The 'Instructions' section is at the bottom, consisting of several paragraphs of text.

AIR FRYER KFC CHICKEN

recipe

The Baking Bag

Ingredients

- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 8 pieces chicken, thighs, breasts, wings, or legs
- Seasoning Mix:
 - 3 tablespoons paprika
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons garlic powder
 - 1 tablespoon onion powder
 - 2 teaspoons salt
 - 2 teaspoons celery salt
 - 2 teaspoons black pepper
 - 2 teaspoons dried mustard powder
 - 2 teaspoons ground ginger
 - 1 teaspoon dried thyme
 - 1 teaspoon dried basil
 - 1 teaspoon dried oregano

Equipment

- Bowl
- Whisk
- Cutting board
- Air fryer

Instructions

In a large bowl, mix the eggs and buttermilk, whisk to combine.

In another bowl, mix the flour, cornstarch, paprika, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, celery salt, pepper, mustard, ginger, thyme, basil, and oregano. Whisk to combine.

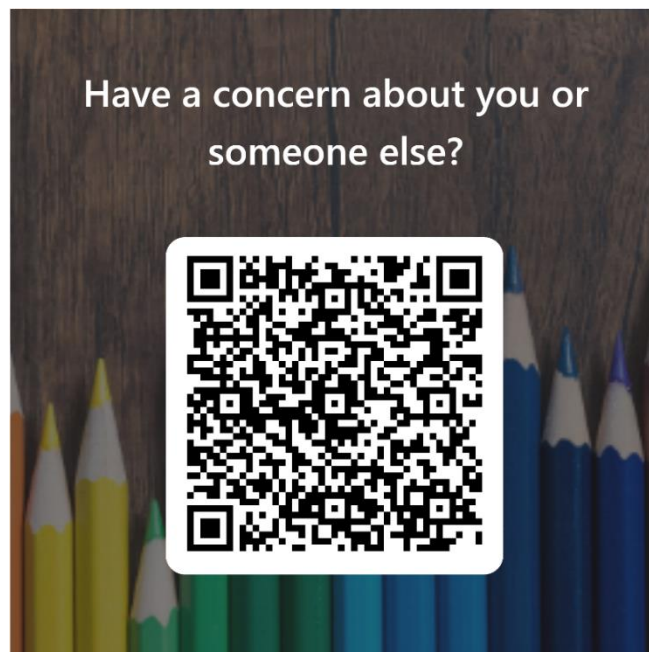
Preheat your air fryer to 375 degrees for 5 minutes.

Dip your chicken into the buttermilk mixture, let any excess drip off.

Then place the chicken into the flour mixture and press the flour onto the chicken to make sure it sticks. Shake off any excess.

Spray the basket with olive oil, and then place the chicken into the basket.

Generously spray your chicken with cooking spray. Air fry for 25-30 minutes, flipping halfway through and spraying with more cooking spray.



At Test Valley we are committed to building an engaging inclusive environment where success and excellence is experienced by all. We will achieve this by ensuring:

KINDNESS

We always show care, respect and consideration for each other. Test Valley is a warm, welcoming and safe place for all.

RESILIENCE

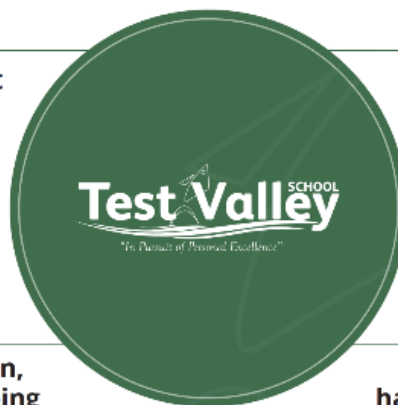
We show courage by not giving in, challenging ourselves, stepping out of our comfort zones and not fearing failure.

EXCELLENCE

We are relentlessly determined to strive for the best in all we do; developing excellent learning habits which help us to grow.

EMPOWERMENT

We help pupils to evolve into happy, independent, knowledge rich citizens who have the skills to make a real difference in our ever changing world.



In pursuit of personal excellence you must dream big work hard and make it happen.