

## Parent Newsletter

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you're all well. At last we have been blessed with some warmer days, the sunshine has brought out lots of positivity this week!

If you follow our social media pages you will've seen the stunning photos from our Science trip to Geneva this week. It looks and sounds like the group are having an amazing experience. Apologies to those parents who drew the short straw and had to do the drop 3am drop off on Thursday morning!

Congratulations to our amazing Year 7 Netball Team who played out of their skins and beat Harrow Way 17-1! We are so proud of them!

On Wednesday we hosted a conference for all the HISP Head Teachers, Central and Executive Teams, Mrs McKeown and I proudly toured our guests around. They all commented on the warmth and calm atmosphere across the school.



The final rehearsals are taking place for our School Production "She Stoops to Conquer", if you can come along, we'd welcome the support. Tickets are on sale (see flyer below). Good luck to the cast, I'm sure it will be hugely entertaining.

Our last day of term is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024, we will be finishing at our normal time of 3:20pm. Have a good weekend when it arrives.

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](#)

## 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.

## Forthcoming Dates

**w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Week 2 Timetable**

Year 9 Options – Deadline 28<sup>th</sup> March

School Production – 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March

### **Local Community Events**

St Peter's Stockbridge Flower Festival – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> May

If any pupils are interested in participating at this event please let the office know by 28<sup>th</sup> March emailing [office@testvalley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:office@testvalley.hants.sch.uk)

## Inspiring Future Teachers

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



## Hampshire Book Awards

**Hampshire Book Awards for 2024 have launched for Year 8**

Students watched a video from the school library service to receive an understanding of the texts. Following an activity to create puzzles of the book covers.

We will be meeting every 2 weeks to discuss and pass on their books.

## School Drama Production

Tickets for the **School Drama Production on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024** are available on ScoPay.

Please come and support the students with their production. The PTA will be here with refreshments too!



The poster features a dark blue background with a starry, cosmic pattern. The title 'DADA DON'T PREACH' is written in a stylized, glowing pink font. Below it, '(SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER - THE REMIX)' is written in a similar glowing pink font. To the right of the title is a pink lipstick smudge. Below the title, the text 'Originally written by Oliver Goldsmith' is written in a small, white font. Below that, 'Adapted by Mrs Brush and The Cast of Test Valley School' is written in a bold, white font. Below that, 'Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024' and 'Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024' are written in a bold, white font. Below that, '7pm' is written in a bold, white font. At the bottom, 'Test Valley School Hall, Tickets available on Scopay' is written in a small, white font. Below that, a disclaimer in a small, white font reads: '(Please note that this is a 'scratch performance' – the cast have written the play as we have rehearsed and actors will appear on stage, with scripts. There will be many wobbles but many laughs along the way!)

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***For Year 11 parents***

**Year 11 GCSE Self Study Programmes** have been emailed to Year 11 and put in the Year 11 MS Teams site ready to keep the exam preparation momentum going.

***Top of the pops for Week of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024***

Oliver	Levy-Clinkard	10CE
Freddie	Allsopp	10CE
Rosie	White	10PH
Tom	Hibberd	10CE
Megan	Ross	10CE
Elliot	White	10PH
Ruby	Court	11PX
Eleanor	Vessey	11PH
Esther	Mabaire	11PX
Keysha	Motlhabani	11PX
Hadya	Baqi	11GR
Kimberley	Turner	11GR
Jack	Freeman	11PH

## Key Stage 3

### Year 9 – KS4 Options

Please remember to **complete your options form and return as soon as possible**, if you didn't come to the Year 9 Curriculum evening you can pick up your Options Form and information booklet from the School Office.

### Talking Futures Presentation

Following the Year 9 Curriculum evening and presentation on **Talking Futures**, by Enterprise M3 Careers Hub, we kindly request that you complete the **Parent/Carers feedback form**, using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/OSmdKD3ZXD>. It is very short and all anonymous.

## Sport/Physical Education



No prior rowing experience required

Applicants should ideally be 176cm (f) or 188cm (m) tall or over

### Rowing Taster Sessions

Finding the next generation of talent  
Southampton Coalporters Rowing Club

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 10am

For more information or to apply, email [ben.reed@britishrowing.org](mailto:ben.reed@britishrowing.org)



### Southampton Coalporters Rowing Club

#### Rowing taster sessions

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 10am  
Northam Road, Southampton, SO14 0QE

The chance to experience rowing for yourself

- Free of charge
- No rowing experience necessary
- Applicants should ideally be over 176cm (f) or 188cm (m)
- See if you could be the next star for GB

For info or to apply, email [ben.reed@britishrowing.org](mailto:ben.reed@britishrowing.org)



A poster for Southampton Dance College. The top left features the text 'SOUTHAMPTON DANCE COLLEGE' in white. To the right is a circular photo of a dance group. Below the photo is a white circle with the text 'LIMITED SPACES. REGISTER TODAY!'. Below this is the website 'www.southamptondancecollege.co.uk'. The main text reads 'Free Experience Day' in large green letters, followed by 'Dancers aged 14+'. Below that, in smaller white text, is 'Classical Ballet, Jazz Tech, Street, Commercial, Musical Theatre Tap'. The next line says 'JOIN IN WITH CLASSES, MEET THE TEACHERS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COURSE' in green. The bottom section, on a teal background, says 'April 12th 10am- 3.30pm at DM Studios'.

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A poster for RCO International Organ Day. The background is a close-up of organ pipes. At the top left is the RCO logo (a purple square with 'RCO' in white). To its right is the text 'International Organ Day' in white. Below this is a white box containing the event details.

**RCO** International Organ Day

**Saturday 20th April**

As part of International Play The Organ Day, piano/keyboard players of all ages are invited to experience playing the organ at the following sessions:

**10.00am - St Mary's, Longstock**

**11.00am - St Peter's, Stockbridge**

**12.00pm - St Mary's, Broughton**

**1.30pm - St Andrew's, Mottisfont**

**2.30pm - Romsey Abbey**

Please get in touch with Sarah at:  
[sarah@seymourartandmusic.co.uk](mailto:sarah@seymourartandmusic.co.uk)  
07833 300504  
to find out more and arrange a time to play.

## College Information

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

**Salisbury 6<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

### **Sparsholt College**

Sparsholt College's next open event on Wednesday 1 May 2024  
(Slots between 5.30pm – 7pm) .

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 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](#).**

**APPLICANT SESSIONS**

University of  
**Southampton**

**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**

**SIGN UP!**

## Routes in STEM

We are excited to let you know that we are accepting applications for our **Southampton** Face to Face [Routes into STEM course](#) experience that will take place over the May half term – 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**\*All we ask is that you pass the attached flyer on to your students in years 9 & 10 and their parents.**

There are limited places available, so please encourage any interested students to apply as soon as possible.

**\*\*Fully funded bursary places are available for eligible students e.g. Students who are in receipt of free school meals, pupil premium etc.**

## Routes into STEM Face-to-face

Routes into STEM is an experience that provides an amazing opportunity to help students understand the different routes to further STEM education and career pathways.

### Who is it for?

Students in Year 9 and 10 who are interested in finding out more about STEM careers.

### What is involved?

- A three-day experience at STEM educational providers and STEM companies local to them
- Students will explore STEM careers, participate in interactive workshops, site tours and hear from young professionals

### What are the outcomes?

- Gain first-hand information and experience hands on activities at STEM educational providers and companies to make informed decisions about their future
- Go on campus tours and get thinking about future studies in a mature and informed manner
- Speak with apprentices/graduates about their experiences
- Develop valuable skills such as presentation skills, team-building, and social skills, and see how they can be applied to their CV, Application Form or Personal Statement
- Become a Bronze Industrial Cadet

### Southampton dates & locations

- Tuesday 28th May 2024 - STEM Company Day at Leidos, PO15 7AA
- Wednesday 29th May 2024 - University Day at Solent University, SO14 0YN
- Thursday 30th May 2024 - STEM educational provider or STEM company Day - TBC

### Cost

£175 for all 3 days  
Fully funded places are available if cost is a barrier, please indicate your interest on the application form.

### How to apply?

To apply, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code.  
**Limited places available, do not delay and apply today!**


#### What do our students say:



*"I enjoyed being able to engage in big projects in a comfortable environment"*

*"The tours gave me a better idea of the environment I would be working in"*

100% felt confident about the STEM career opportunities available to them after completing the course

100% of students would recommend the course to a friend or family member





[www.etrust.org.uk](http://www.etrust.org.uk)

## Future Events



# ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS 2024 RECRUITMENT CLINICS

- Tues 5 March
  - Thurs 16 May
  - Wed 24 April
  - 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](http://www.seta-training.co.uk) [info@seta-training.co.uk](mailto:info@seta-training.co.uk)



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**Are you aware of teenage brain development  
and how it impacts on behaviour?**



## Understanding the Teenage Brain

"Every parent and teacher should hear this...."

Mr Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster School, Dorset

Two-hour online talk **25th March 7-9pm**

Book Now £24

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

self-esteem underpins all that we do



## Raising Self-Esteem

Jane Keyworth gives a two-hour online talk

Tuesday 26th March 7-9pm

Book Online £24 [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[New Maudsley Training Course Dates \(charliewaller.org\)](http://charliewaller.org)

[Supporting a child with an eating problem \(charliewaller.org\)](http://charliewaller.org)



# £500

to help improve health  
& wellbeing  
in Hampshire

- Aged 13-21 and living in Hampshire?
- Are you passionate about health & wellbeing?
- 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**



## P.A.C.E. (Parent, Carer and Professionals Events)

A free event to help families better understand the needs and difficulties that young people can face and how to manage potential issues/concerns they have about their young person.

# P.A.C.E.

2024

MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>

TESTBOURNE SCHOOL, MICHELDEVER RD,  
WHITCHURCH, RG28 7JF

11TH MAR  
2024



### **'Understanding and Supporting your child with Low Mood' workshop**

Further to the successful pilot of our parent workshop: 'Understanding and Supporting your child with Low Mood' in September 2023, we are looking to roll this out further as part of our Whole School Approach offer. As a service we will be offering this workshop digitally once per term for any parents/carers who you feel may benefit.

The workshop will be mostly informative, with some optional opportunities for discussion, input and questions via the digital chat function. You will not need to have your video-camera or microphone on for the workshop. The workshop aims to upskill parents and carers to understand low mood and depression, the signs and symptoms of this in young people, and provide some simple skills and strategies for you to take away and use to support your young person who may be struggling with their mood.

Please see below the Zoom details to share with parents/carers who you feel may benefit from attending the workshop.

The workshop will take place as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024

**Time:** 9am-10:30 am

**Duration:** 1.5 hours

**Location:** Zoom Webinar, details below:

Mental Health Support Team SouthEast is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic:** Parent Low Mood Workshop

**Time:** Apr 2, 2024 09:00 AM London

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://spft-nhs-uk.zoom.us/j/94454415114?pwd=ZjNDNVZmb1orVTdaS3ZZcTBJQWd3UT09>

**Meeting ID:** 944 5441 5114

**Passcode:** 790525

## Raring2go

The go-to guide for you and your child



## Year 11 Prom!

### Prom Outfit Event - Unit 12 Community Clothes Pantry, Winchester

Please forward to anyone that may find this useful. We hope to make sure all students are able to go to Prom looking and feeling great, regardless of their financial situation.

**Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 4pm**

Unit 12

Winnall Valley Road

Winchester

SO23 0LD

Come along and borrow a dress, a suit and accessories. We have over 100 outfits and our collection keeps growing!

Free of Charge!

If you have any questions please contact me on this email or Lara the Community Clothes Pantry Manager on [ccp@unit-12.com](mailto:ccp@unit-12.com).

**COMMUNITY  
CLOTHES  
PANTRY**

**Prom Goers - 2024!**  
**Open to All Schools**

Do you need a Special outfit?

You can borrow a dress, suit and  
accessories

At Unit 12 Winnall Valley Road  
SO23 0LD

**Friday April 5th  
2pm-4pm**

Contact Lara: [ccp@unit-12.com](mailto:ccp@unit-12.com)

**UNIT 12  
WINNALL**



## CARIBBEAN CURRY

recipe

The *Bake* Bag

### Ingredients

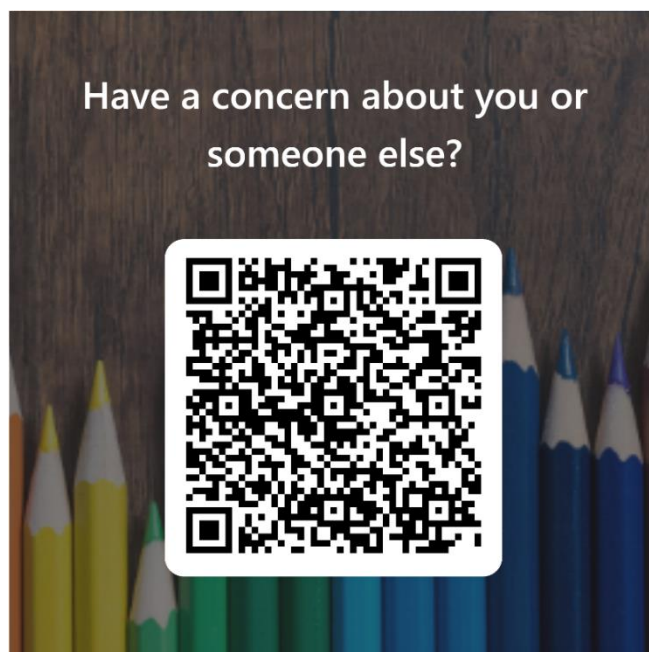
- 1cm piece fresh ginger
- 1 small onion
- 1 small can pineapple chunks in juice
- 1 tin of chickpeas or kidney beans
- 1 x 5ml spoon mild chilli powder
- 1 x 5ml spoon mild curry powder
- 400ml light coconut milk

### Equipment



1. Prepare the ingredients:
2. - peel and grate the ginger;
3. - peel and finely dice the onion;
4. - drain the pineapple;
5. - drain the tin of beans
6. Spray the frying pan or work with oil and add the onion, ginger, chilli powder and curry powder.  
Stir-fry gently for 3 minutes.
7. Stir in the coconut milk, beans and the pineapple.
8. Simmer for 20 minutes until the sauce is reduced
9. Serve with boiled rice.





***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**

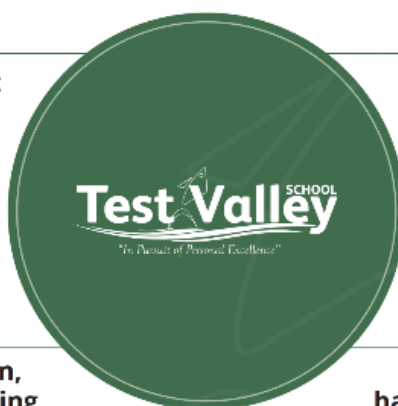
We show courage by not giving in, challenging ourselves, stepping out of our comfort zones and not fearing failure.

## **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.***