

Parent Newsletter

Friday 21 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,



Wow! An action packed first half term for me and the school. Thank you to so many of you who have reached out to say hello and get in touch to discuss the school and your children. I have certainly been made to feel welcome.

Obviously, our week has been taken up with our visit from OFSTED. Thanks again to everyone who completed the Parent View survey (as well as our own Parent Survey). OFSTED wanted to pass on their thanks to the staff and parents. They said that all of the young people that they spoke to were "delightful" and I am incredibly proud to be the Head at Test Valley School.

The process is that the report has to be written, moderated and checked for accuracy before it can be published. We do not know the outcome at the moment and the process takes around 30 working days. As soon as the report is published, we will share it with you.

In other news, Year 10 and 11 had a very successful trip to Thorpe Park (this was delayed from the cancelled Activity Week trip in the Summer due to the heatwave). We have had reports from the park and coach companies that our students were a credit to the school.

Please do have a wonderful half term and, as ever, get in touch if you have anything that you would like to discuss.

Caroline

Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 31st October: Pupils return to school
Monday 31st October – Friday 11 November: Year 11 Practice Exams
Thursday 10 November – Yr 7 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 17 November – Yr 10 Parents' Evening

#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 for all enquiries.

Photography Permissions

To ensure we are GDPR compliant, we need to re-see 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>

HC3S – School Lunches

Due to rising costs of the food products, unfortunately HC3S have had no choice but to increase their prices across the board. Attached are the menus from Monday 31 October.

Landscape

Portrait

Christmas Concert

Rehearsals for the Christmas concert will be getting off to an exciting start with choir on Wednesday lunchtimes starting from 2nd November; we usually have in excess of 50 pupils in our Christmas choir and it would be fantastic to keep up that tradition, so please do encourage your child to come along! There will also be opportunities for soloists and groups to perform so if your child is interested, please ask them to come and speak to Mrs Leyman. The concert will be in **St Peter's church, Stockbridge, at 7pm on Wednesday 14th December** so please save the date and come along and support the pupils in what promises to be, as always, a lovely festive event full of singing, playing and readings.

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>

Year 11 Practice Exam Timetable

Year 11 pupils should be making good use of their time over half term to prepare for their mock exams, commencing after half term.

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) DT (2hr) RE (1 hr 45)	Music Listening (1hr 30)
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)	

KS4 First Term Celebration Awards

Click the link below to see pupil names:



[KS4](#)

KS3 First Term Celebration Awards

Click the link below to see pupil names:



[KS3](#)

Sports Fixtures

Monday 31st October Girls U16 Basketball Away Oasis
Tuesday 1st November Year 7 Football Away Testbourne
Thursday 3rd November Year 8&9 football Home Wellington

MFL



MFL Film Club



Come to the MFL
department to watch
Coco!



Popcorn 20p a
bowl!

12.45pm



Tues 1st November lunch - rm 63
Thurs 3rd November lunch - rm 63
Fri 4th November lunch - rm 63



Drama Stars of the Week

Drama Stars of the Week (w/b 10/10/22)

- 7A - Hollie G
- 7B -
- 7C - Henry, Charlie, Alfie
- 8A - Reid, Beth, Emily
- 8B - Violet, Filly, Zoe
- 8C - Flora
- 9A - Jack G, Jay, Josh
- 9B - Darcie, Eva L, Floisa
- 9C - Tom, Alfie

College Open Events – Yrs 10 & 11

College	Website	Open Events
Andover College	https://www.andover.ac.uk	Tues 15 th Nov 2022 Wed 8 th Feb 2023 Wed 10 th May 2023 Thurs 29 th June 2023
Bordon Future Skills Centre (BCOT)	www.bcot.ac.uk/bordonfsc	<i>See BCOT</i>
Newbury College	newbury-college.ac.uk	<i>TBC</i>
Salisbury Sixth Form College	www.salisbury6c.ac.uk	Tues 22 nd Nov (5.30pm – 7.30pm)
South Wilts Grammar School	https://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/	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 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)

Andover College

Registrations are now open for Andover College's open event on **Tuesday 15 November 2022**, 4.30pm – 7.30pm. These are on campus, in person events. To attend, students will need to register for the event **as soon as possible** by visiting [Open Events - Andover College | Hampshire](#).

Sparsholt College

Registrations are now open for Sparsholt College's open event on **Saturday 12 November 2022**. These are on campus, in person events. To attend, your students will need to register for the 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.

Shoutouts to our top  points last week

Year 10

Holly W
Harriet W
Lili R
Jay C
Mason B
Oliwier D

Year 11

Oliver C
Ruby A
Henry A
Gareth C
Oliver H

Extra-Curricular PE

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

Rotary Club Photography Competition

[Young Photographer 2022-23 \(testvalley.hants.sch.uk\)](http://testvalley.hants.sch.uk)