

## Parent Newsletter

Friday 4 November 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

Year 11 pupils have embarked upon their first practice examinations this week. They have "enjoyed" an intensive first week with over 12 hours of exams under their belts already. These exams are a vital opportunity for pupils to practise their revision and examination techniques and the revision they have carried out will help them enormously when they revise for their actual GCSE exams which take place next May and June.

Invigilators have commented how fantastic the pupils have been in their exams and we are immensely proud of the mature attitude shown by all. We wish Year 11 the best of luck for next week's practice exams and thank the parents of Year 11 students for helping them to prepare.



I had the pleasure of meeting with Victoria Slater in Year 7 today regarding the National Schools Show Jumping Championships. Victoria is a keen horsewoman and would love to captain a team from the school. If your child is interested in this, then please do get in contact with me and I will liaise with Victoria. In addition, Victoria entered the National Schools Shooting Championship and did very well. We are exceptionally proud of Victoria – well done! Again, if your child has any sporting achievements or other interests outside of school we are always keen to hear about them so please do get in touch.

I do hope that the weather holds off so that you can enjoy Bonfire Night or anything else that you have planned over the weekend.

Regards,

Ms Lowing.

### Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 11 November: Year 11 Practice Exams

Thursday 10 November – Yr 7 Parent Information Evening

Thursday 17 November – Yr 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 24 November – Class of 22 Awards Evening

Friday 2 December – INSET Day

### #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.

## 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.

We have extended the deadline for completion of the form until **Friday 11 November**

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

## School Buses

There have been a couple of instances where pupils have been passing bus passes to their friends who have forgotten one or lost theirs, which has resulted in their bus passes being confiscated. Hampshire CC have advised that any children caught doing this will have their bus pass confiscated by the bus driver and could have their bus pass suspended.

Full details of Hampshire CC's Home to School Transport Code of Conduct are available here [Behaviour-Code-of-Conduct.pdf \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

## Poppy Appeal



Poppies will be available to buy from 2nd November, we are fundraising for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

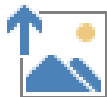
## Annual Awards Evening

We are really looking forward to welcoming back the class of '22 for their awards evening on Thursday 24 November from 6.30pm when they will receive their GCSE certificates and some special awards. All pupils have received their invitation letter and there is still time for them to book a place, please click link for booking information. [Test Valley School - Annual Presentation Evening](#) Booking closes on Friday 11 November.

## Reading

All Key Stage 3 pupils have begun to take their STAR reading tests this week, in preparation for beginning the Accelerated Reader programme. The tests give pupils an indication of their reading age and something called a Zone of Proximal Development. This is a reading range that helps pupils to choose books within their optimal reading ability range. Doing this will help pupils to develop their vocabulary knowledge and comprehension of texts further. The more that pupils read, the better they will become! More information will be published on this in the coming weeks, as well as a session on reading in the Year 7 Parent Information evening on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

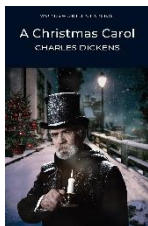
As well as the tests this week, Test Valley also welcomed our new Librarian, Mrs Eloise Hopewell. This exciting news means that we will very soon be able to reopen our library and have lots of exciting reading opportunities for our pupils.



## Year 10 English

Year 10 pupils are almost ready to start studying their first GCSE Literature text, Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. In order for the pupils to be able to make their own notes, we would ask that parents purchase a copy of the text. The version that we would like to use, so that page numbers are the same is the Wordsworth edition; it is £2.99 on Amazon. The link to the text is here [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Christmas-Carol-WordsworthClassics/dp/1840227567/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?crid=1UXM1M206VF9S&keywords=A+Christmas+Carol&qid=1667560673&qu=eyJxc2MiOiJlc2liwicXNhIjojNC43NSIsInFzcCI6IjMuNTQifQ%3D%3D&s=books&sprifix=a+christmas+carol%2Cstripbooks%2C81&sr=1-3](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Christmas-Carol-WordsworthClassics/dp/1840227567/ref=sr_1_3?crid=1UXM1M206VF9S&keywords=A+Christmas+Carol&qid=1667560673&qu=eyJxc2MiOiJlc2liwicXNhIjojNC43NSIsInFzcCI6IjMuNTQifQ%3D%3D&s=books&sprifix=a+christmas+carol%2Cstripbooks%2C81&sr=1-3)

We would like to begin reading this on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, so if books are able to be purchased by then, it would be appreciated. If there are any concerns about buying this, please do contact the school.



## Year 11 Practice Exam Timetable

The timetable for the remaining exams is below:

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)	

## 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>	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
<b>Bordon Future Skills Centre (BCOT)</b>	<a href="http://www.bcot.ac.uk/bordonfsc">www.bcot.ac.uk/bordonfsc</a>	See BCOT

<b>Newbury College</b>	<a href="http://newbury-college.ac.uk">newbury-college.ac.uk</a>	TBC
<b>Salisbury Sixth Form College</b>	<a href="http://www.salisbury6c.ac.uk">www.salisbury6c.ac.uk</a>	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov (5.30pm – 7.30pm)
<b>South Wilts Grammar School</b>	<a href="https://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/">https://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/</a>	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec (1pm or 2.30pm) Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan (1pm or 2.30pm) Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov (5pm – 7pm)
<b>Sparsholt College</b>	<a href="http://www.sparsholt.ac.uk">www.sparsholt.ac.uk</a>	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov (10am-2pm) Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb (10am-2pm) Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar (10am-2pm) Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May (4-7pm) Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> 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.

### Drama Stars of the Week



## STEM Pupil of the Month



## October STEM Stars



Subject \ Year	7	8	9	10	11
Maths	Kathryn V	Hattie F	Emily W	Jasmine F	Oliver F
Computing	Leo R	Sienna P	Bethany H	Connor L	Simon J
Science	Rosie C	Violet C	Cain F	Daniel E	Hetty G
DT	Christian T	Julita	Sofia J	Holly G	Megan M
Food tech	Millie W	Charlie H	Alfie E	Eleanor V	Alfie R

## STEM Competition Winners



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Year 7

Millie W & Rosie C

Year 8

Lucy F, Julita C, Laicee H, Leon D & Harry C

Year 10 Sam J, Jack F & Jay C

Shoutouts to our top  points week ending 21 October

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Millie W	Julita C	Uliana K	Sam J	Lily R
Ethan E	Laicee H	CP P	Archie P	Elliott H-S
Ted J	Lucy F	Barney G	Holly W	Henry A
Brianna J	Grace M	Tom H	Harriet W	Angus B
Grace R	Leon D	Freddie A	Kieron R	Harriet D
Victoria S	Zac B	Megan R		Hetty G

PTA

Please see below for information on the PTA's forthcoming Christmas Craft Fair.

[Test Valley School - Welcome from Test Valley School PTA](#)



Test Valley School PTA  
invite you to our

# Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 3rd December 11am - 2pm**

**Enter....**  
Christmas  
cake making  
contest and  
kids arts and  
crafts.  
email us for  
info to enter.

**Stalls!**  
Decorations  
Cards  
Gifts for all  
Jewellery  
and much  
more

**Cafe**  
Cakes, coffee, mulled  
wine and more

**Bespoke gifts,**  
design your own  
and take away

**Tombola!**  
Win some top quality  
wine

**Grand Raffle!**  
Prizes include, helicopter  
ride, cash, roast for two

**free parking**

For further information email  
[testvalleypta@gmail.com](mailto:testvalleypta@gmail.com)

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## Bespoke laser cut gifts

Make pretty much any shape and write anything you like with the laser cutter.

Phone stand available, keyrings, coasters and tree ornaments.

Christmas Fayre 3rd December



## Extra Curricular Programme – Autumn Term 2022

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	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Lunch Time	Basketball Club  Geography Club	Keyboard Club (Music)  Basketball Club Badminton Club	Choir  Basketball Club Trampolining Badminton	Basketball Club  Indoor Football	Basketball Club
After School	Football		Netball  School Production Rehearsal	Football	

MFL events held throughout the year at lunch time



## 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

## Year 7 Football Result

The year 7 A team had success in the last match beating Clere 2-1. Goal scorers were Maison B & Jack W and the joint players of the match were Maison B & Billy G. Well done everyone.

Team: Henry B, Maison B, Noor C, Ethan E, Selorm G, William G, Billy G, Charlie L, Jacob O, Alice R and Jack W

Also, the Year 7 B team took part in a tournament on Tuesday finishing 5<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 1. Neve M was voted the Test Valley player of the tournament by the squad. Well done everyone.

Team: Jacob O, Charlie L, Will G, Maison B, Neve M, Alice R and Ethan E

## Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November - U16 Girls Basketball (A) Oasis **TBC**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - U16 Boys Basketball (H) Redbridge

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November - U16 Girls Basketball (A) Oasis **TBC**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November - U16 Girls Basketball (A) Oasis **TBC**

Year 7 Football (H) Andover 5-a-side indoor tournament

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November - U16 Girls Basketball (H) Wyvern

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Year 11 Netball (H) Wellington

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Year 8/9 Football (A) Wellington

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The poster features a blue and yellow wavy banner at the top with the text 'Ukrainian Social Drop-In'. Below the banner, the text reads: 'Come join us for coffee, cake and chat! We will have a range of activities and information available for you to ensure you know what's available and happening in the local community.' The location is 'Where: Romsey Town Hall' and the time is 'When: First Wednesday of the month, 10:00 - 12:00'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'unity FOR THE COMMUNITY', the Royal Coat of Arms, and 'NHS Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group'. A blue footer contains contact information: 'For more info, email Sarah.Gisbourne@unityonline.org.uk www.unityonline.org.uk | 0330 400 4116'.

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## Social Drop-In

**Come join us for coffee, cake and chat!**  
We will have a range of activities and information available for you to ensure you know what's available and happening in the local community.

**Where:** Romsey Town Hall  
**When:** First Wednesday of the month, 10:00 - 12:00

    
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