

## Parent Newsletter

Friday 6 January 2023

### 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**

Test Valley pupils have had a really positive start back to school this week with nearly 2000 positive Classcharts points being awarded daily.

Special Congratulations to those pupils with the highest points this week:

Year 7: Dexter, Ethan, Selorm, Eryka, Ted, Savannah, Grace, Riley

Year 8: Laicee, Delia

Year 9: Sohni, Evie

We have started the year as we mean to go on here at Test Valley, 'In pursuit of Personal Excellence'. To support an excellent start to the day, pupils will be met by the senior and pastoral teams to ensure they are ready to learn and in correct uniform. Pupils who have been unable to get to school in correct uniform or on time will have this recorded on Classcharts. This is where we need your support. If your child is recorded as having incorrect uniform or being late to school, please follow this up at home.

Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy weekend

Mrs McKeown

#### Forthcoming Dates:

Friday 6 January – Yr 11 Peter Symonds College Interviews

Friday 6 January – Ukrainian Christmas Eve

Monday 9 January – Yr11 Geography Field Trip

Friday 13 January – INSET Day

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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## 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.

## INSET Days

Please note the school will be closed to all pupils on:

Friday 13 January  
Monday 6 February

## Immunisations Reminder

Years 7 and 8 will be having nasal flu immunisations on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

Year 9 will be having nasal flu immunisations and teenage booster immunisations also on 24<sup>th</sup> January. Year 9 should wear short sleeves or bring their PE T-shirts with them. A reminder about online consent for the flu immunisations will be emailed to all parents and carers in Year 7, 8 & 9 today for those that didn't do this before Christmas.

## School Uniform

Please be reminded of our school uniform expectations which are available to view on our website at: [Test Valley School - School Uniform](#)

In addition, black leggings do not form part of the school uniform and should not be worn, neither should pupils have any piercings except a single stud in the ear lobe.

Please support us by ensuring that your child follows this expectation fully.

## 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 \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/behaviour-code-of-conduct.pdf)

## Safeguarding Reminder



**SPEAK OUT - STAY SAFE**  
**WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER**

Remember, it is okay not to be okay.

Sometimes you may feel alone, anxious or afraid.

Know that there are lots of staff here that you can talk to and will support you.

Always share your worries.

**Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mr Page**

**KS3 Lead: Mrs Osborne**  
**KS4 Lead: Mr Langdown**



Your **tutors** and your **class teachers** will always support, listen and help you.



## GCSE Certificates - 2022

Any GCSE Certificates which were not collected at our recent Awards Evening, can now be collected from school reception. They must be collected in person by the pupil as they will need to be signed for. Please book a date/time via reception ([office@testvalley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:office@testvalley.hants.sch.uk)) so that we can have them ready.

If a pupil cannot attend school in person, they should write and nominate a family member to collect on their behalf. Again, please use the above email address to send permission and to agree a date/time for collection.

## Yr 11 Practice Exam Timetable

Please use the link below to view our website for all the information relating to the forthcoming second practice exams for Year 11. In addition, you will find information on workshops we will be running after Christmas. Exams will run from Monday 30 January until Friday 10 February.

[Test Valley School - Yr 11 Practice Exam Information](#)

## Maths Clinic

Maths Clinic will be starting on Monday.

Whilst all year 11 pupils may attend each session, please look out for specific invites! Topics have been chosen based upon areas of improvement identified from the November mock exams. Individual pupils will be invited if they did not do so well in a particular topic.

Higher pupils will be in room 4 and Foundation pupils in room 3.

Thanks in advance for your support with this.

## LIBRARY Recruiting Pupil Librarians!

It is wonderful to see that pupils are using the Library at Breaks and Lunchtime. To further promote a reading culture in the school, Mrs Kent, our Librarian, would like to invite pupils to apply to become pupil Librarians. They will be responsible for the checking in and out of books during social times and for helping to keep the Library UpToDate and enticing to pupils. If pupils are interested in this exciting opportunity, they should write a letter of application. This should be addressed to Mrs Kent and outline why the pupil would like to do this role and what skills they have that make them suitable. The closing date for this is **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

## KS3 & KS4

### Shoutouts to our top points earners

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Eryka H	Callum E	Bailey R	Riley M	Oliver H
Chloe GT	Amelie H	Jack G	Tyler L	Harriet D
Liqi L	Flora R	Cain F	Charlie H	Alice S
George G	Henry R	Angela M	Priyanka H	Henry A
Brianna J	Lucas H	Barney G	Holly G	Ruby B
Jack W	Jamie H	Zack SJ		

## Sports Fixtures

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January U16 Girls Basketball @ Romsey

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January U16 Boys Basketball @ Henry Beaufort

Congratulations to the MFL stars of the month for December. We have been very impressed with your work and we hope you keep it up! Well done to:

**French**



Yr 7 - Darcy B  
Yr 8 - Amelie T  
Yr 9 - Alfie E  
Yr 10 - Liz F  
Yr 11 - Elliott H-S



**German**



Yr 7 - Liqi L  
Yr 8 - Zoe B  
Yr 9 - Oliver L-C  
Yr 10 - Lily W  
Yr 11 - Alice S



College Open Events – Yrs 10 & 11

College	Website	Open Events
Andover College	<a href="https://www.andover.ac.uk">https://www.andover.ac.uk</a>	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Bordon Future Skills Centre (BCOT)	<a href="http://www.bcot.ac.uk/bordonfsc">www.bcot.ac.uk/bordonfsc</a>	See BCOT
Newbury College	<a href="http://newbury-college.ac.uk">newbury-college.ac.uk</a>	TBC
South Wilts Grammar School	<a href="https://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/">https://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk/</a>	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan (1pm or 2.30pm) Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov (5pm – 7pm)
Sparsholt College	<a href="http://www.sparsholt.ac.uk">www.sparsholt.ac.uk</a>	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 year 10 & 11 students for Andover College's next open event on Wednesday 8 February 2023, 4.30pm – 7.30pm.

To attend, students will need to register for the event **as soon as possible** by visiting [Open Events - Andover College | Hampshire](#) **as events do fill up quickly!**

**Finally, it is not too late to apply to Andover College as applications are still open and students can apply by visiting the Andover College website or by using [Apply - Full Time and Part Time courses - Andover College | Hampshire](#).**

### **Sparsholt College**

Registrations are now open for year 10 & 11 students for Sparsholt College's next open event on Saturday 4 February 2023.

To attend, 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.

**Finally, 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](#).**

# EMPLOYER OPEN EVENING



**7 February 2023 4.30-7.30pm**

Thinking of an apprenticeship in engineering?  
Come along and meet employers recruiting  
engineering apprentices for Sept '23

#### Who should attend?

- Anyone that is thinking of a career in engineering, giving you "skills for life".
- Whether you'll be a school or college leaver this year, or just thinking about a change in your career, this open evening is for you!

#### Why attend?

- The evening will provide the ideal opportunity to meet and chat to local employers about some of the amazing apprenticeship opportunities available
- Find out about apprenticeship vacancies for September 2023 and how to apply
- Speak to current apprentices about what life is like at SETA
- Speak to SETA staff about your options
- It's free to attend
- Parking is available on a first come first serve basis

#### Where is it taking place?

Southampton Engineering Training Association (SETA)  
First Avenue, Millbrook, Southampton, SO15 0LJ

#### REGISTER ONLINE:



[https://www.setatraining.co.uk/seta/events\\_open\\_evenings.html](https://www.setatraining.co.uk/seta/events_open_evenings.html)



**Date – 7 February 2023 – THIS IS DURING NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**  
**Time – 4.30-7.30pm**  
**Location – SETA Apprenticeship Centre, First Avenue, Millbrook, SO15 0LJ**

Register your place by completing [the online form found on our website](#).

- An **engineering apprenticeship** can lead to a very rewarding career as you'll be able to discover for yourself. The evening provides the opportunity to visit employer stands from companies that are looking to recruit candidates for September 2023. Many of the employers have been apprentices themselves, and are quite likely to have apprentices with them. You'll be able to chat to them about what their business does, their training programmes and what their apprentices would actually be doing, and of course, any other burning questions that you would like to ask! Maybe they have some top tips on what they would be looking for in their candidates?!
- First Year apprentices who are currently studying at SETA will be on hand to chat about their experience at our "Ask an Apprentice" area
- There will also be a dedicated **SETA Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Zone** where you can chat to SETA staff about apprenticeships, the employers that we work with, find out how to apply and what will typically be involved in the application process. Vacancies will start to go live with some employers from early 2023.

- The employers attending are all looking to recruit engineering apprentices to start their workshop training at SETA in September 2023. As such why not encourage any young people to prepare a CV or Personal Statement that can be left with the employers. This isn't a necessity as you can just come along and get a feel for who will be recruiting!
- Chat to local stakeholders such as The ECITB, The Solent Apprenticeship & Skills Hub, and The Solent Local Economic Partnership (Solent LEP).

Remember *an apprenticeship is a real job, paying a wage from day one*, so you will be applying along with other candidates. So why not get ahead, come along and do your research. The end of Secondary School really isn't that far away for Year 11s!

Register your place by completing [the online form found on our website](#).

## Andover Rotary Club

We have been contacted by Andover Rotary Club to promote a number of competitions they are running which they think will interest our pupils:

### Young Writer



**Rotary YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION** AGES 7-17

EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO TELL!

**Calling all young writers**

Let your imagination run wild and get creative with the written word by taking part in the annual Rotary Young Writer competition.

To nominate, contact: Peter Howson  
Rotary Club: Andover

Download the competition information pack at: [rotarygb.org](http://rotarygb.org)

Rotary Great Britain & Ireland

### Youth Speaks



**Rotary YOUTH SPEAKS A Debate COMPETITION** AGES 11-17

IT'S TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

**Calling all young speakers**

Research, present and discuss topics that matter to you. Show off your knowledge of a subject close to your heart as part of the annual Rotary Youth Speaks: A Debate competition.

To nominate, contact: Tony Workman  
Rotary Club: Andover

Download the competition information pack at: [rotarygb.org](http://rotarygb.org)

Rotary Great Britain & Ireland



## Young Photographer



**Rotary YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION** AGES 7-17

**CLICK!**

**Calling all young photographers**

Express yourself by putting your photography skills to the test at the annual Rotary Young Photographer competition.

To nominate, contact: Dennis Carter  
 Rotary Club: Andover

Download the competition information pack at: [rotarygb.org](http://rotarygb.org)

Rotary Great Britain & Ireland

## Young Chef



**Rotary YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION** AGES 11-17

**LET'S COOK!**

**Calling all young chefs**

Fancy yourself as a budding cook? Put your culinary skills to the test and have your three course meal judged by industry professionals as part of the annual Rotary Young Chef competition.

To nominate, contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rotary Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Download the competition information pack at: [rotarygb.org](http://rotarygb.org)

Rotary Great Britain & Ireland

Youth Speaks Information pack and application form can be obtained from Dr Velica  
 All other packs can be obtained via the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Griffiths.