

## Parent Newsletter

Friday 13 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 has had a positive start to the new year. Classcharts points and attendance are significantly increased on last term already. However, we need to continue to embed this excellence to ensure our school improvement journey.

Please see my letter sent out today for further information.

Mrs McKeown

#### Forthcoming Dates:

Friday 13 January – INSET Day

Tuesday 24 January – Yr7, 8 &9 Flu Immunisations and Teenage Booster & Meningitis vaccinations

Thursday 26 January – Year 11 Parents Evening (In person)

Friday 27 January – Yr 11 Andover College Interviews

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.

## Parents Evenings

We are delighted to be able to invite all our parents and carers back into school for this year's Parents Evenings. Our first one will be for year 11 pupils on Thursday 26 January, further information will follow shortly.

All dates are on the school calendar on our website but please look out for further information as each event draws near. [Test Valley School - School Calendar](#)

## IMPORTANT: School Transport

If you pay for your child to catch the bus from Weyhill Fuel Station, Sunnybank, Montox, The Plough Grateley, or Station Junction (The Shires Grateley), as of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 these stops will be serviced by a smaller Pikes minibus. This route will now be known as the **Blue** route, the timings remain unchanged. Please can you make your child aware that they will need to get on this service and not the Pikes coach.

All other pupils who pay Test Valley School for transport need to catch the TVS Pikes coach. This route will now be known as the **Red** route. A revised timetable will be sent to you and is available on the school website.

If your transport is funded by HCC, your child will need to get on the Pikes coach, TVS HCC.

Please ensure your child carries their bus pass on them everyday. Thank you.

## REMINDER: Data Collection Sheets

Please return all checked Data Collection Sheets as soon as possible so we have up to date information for your child.

Pupil Services request all collection sheets to be returned even if there are no changes to be made. Many thanks for your support.

## 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](#)

## Music

Instrumental lesson teaching will be all up and running from the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Students - please check your times on the wall outside Room 40. Make sure you attend your lessons and practise your instruments regularly.

Keyboard lessons will be taking place on Wednesdays.

There are still 1-2 spaces for keyboard and guitar lessons. If your child would like to start learning an instrument, please contact Dr Hansford in the Music Department using the address: [hansfordr@testvalley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:hansfordr@testvalley.hants.sch.uk)

## Year 11 Geography Trip

Year 11 Geographers spent a somewhat cold and blustery day completing fieldwork on Monday. Along with visiting the high streets in Winchester and Stockbridge, they examined the impacts visitors have on St Catherine's Hill in Winchester.

## Internet Awareness for Parents & Carers

The following provides a useful guide for parents and carers around the online game Fortnite:

### [Fortnite Battle Royale - What parents need to know | Internet Matters](#)



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Andy Robertson has three children and has written about technology for families for 15 years. He is a freelance family technology expert for the BBC and recently wrote the Taming Gaming book for parents.

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

The site also provides other advice that you may find useful.

## Drama

### Drama Stars of the Week (w/b 3/1/23)

- 7A – Neve M, Grace R, Jasmine G, Ethan E
- 7B – Riley S, Rosie G, Alfie W
- 7C – George M
- 8A – Joel C, Lucas B, Lacey H
- 8B – Eli S
- 8C – Beau D, Grace M
- 9A – Bethany H, Sravana P
- 9B – Cain F, Elliot W, Rosie W
- 9C – Sohni J, Iris V, Lisandra V, Lilliana K

## Sports Fixtures

### Fixtures

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January: Year 7 Football (A) Henry Beaufort

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January: U16 Boys basketball (H) Cantell

Year 9 Girls 3 v 3 Basketball (A) Testbourne

## Sports Results

### U16 Girls Basketball

Romsey 24 - Test Valley 14

The girls U16 Basketball team played their last game of the season on Monday. They played Romsey school. The result was 26 - 14 to Romsey, but the girls battled to the end. Despite this loss the girls ended up in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Southampton and District league. They should be very proud of their achievements and their determination throughout.

The team is:- Lily R, Megan R, Keysha M, Elle-Sky S, Evie K, Evie W, Kiera S, Abigail V

### Boys Basketball

Henry Beaufort 41 - Test Valley 43

In a game that swayed one way and then the next Test Valley eventually came out on top after their needing to be two periods of extra time to separate the sides.

Every Test Valley player played out of their skins but Max was voted the team's player of the match.

Squad: Kyle T, Angus B, Simon J, Ben H, Henry A, Charlie E, Max H, James P, Gareth C

## KS3 & KS4

### Shoutouts to our top points earners

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ethan E	Flora R	Evie K	Sam J	Grace M
Ted J	Laicee H	Alfie M	Liam N	Henry A
Grace R	Grace M	Josh R	Jack F	Oliver H
Riley S	Beau D	Barney G	Evelyn W	Amy S
Rosie C	Evie H	Sonhi J	Elizabeth F	Oliver C
Maison B	Emile J	Evie K	Josie B	

## Extra Curricular Activities – Spring 2023

Time	Venue	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>Before School 0830-0850</b>	Library			Drop in Session with Mrs Whitehead (All)	Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All)	Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All)	
<b>Lunchtime</b>	Rm 40		Keyboard Club and Band Practice (All)				
	Rm 1			Coding Club			
	Drama	School Production Rehearsals			School Production Rehearsals		
	Rm 21	Geography Club (All)					
	Library				Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All)	Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All)	
	Library	-	Quiet Reading and Research (All)	Quiet Reading and Research (All)	Quiet Reading and Research (All)	-	
	Sports Hall	Mixed Basketball (Yr 7 & 8)			All years mixed Trampolining & Badminton	Football (Yr 10 & 11)	Yr 9, 10 & 11 mixed Basketball
	Mr Page's Office	Take Hope for a walk	Take Hope for a walk	Take Hope for a walk	Take Hope for a walk	Take Hope for a walk	
	Various special activities taking place at lunchtime in the Modern Foreign Languages Block during the term						
<b>After School</b>	Drama		Staff Meetings	School Production Rehearsals			
	Sports Hall	Yr7 Mixed Football (hall/field)		All Years Netball	Yr 8 & 9 Mixed Football		
	Rm 1	Homework and Revision Support (All)	Homework and Revision Support (All)	Homework and Revision Support (All)	Homework and Revision Support (All)		

College	Website	Open Events
<b>Andover College</b>	<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
<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>South Wilts Grammar School</b>	<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)
<b>Sparsholt College</b>	<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](#).**

YoungMinds is a brilliant support charity which has information on all issues with young people. If you are struggling with your child at the moment, please have a look at this website. There are sections for Parents and Pupils.

### [School Anxiety and Refusal | Parent Guide to Support | YoungMinds](#)

Young people can feel anxious about school for lots of different reasons. They might be worried about making friends or fitting in, find schoolwork or lessons confusing, feel pressured to learn in a certain way or find their relationships with teachers difficult.

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

### [Parents Helpline | Mental Health Help for Your Child](#)

The YoungMinds Parents Helpline, Webchat and Email provide support and help for parents and carers worried about their child's mental health and wellbeing.

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



## 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



### 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)



### Youth Speaks

# Rotary YOUTH SPEAKS A Debate COMPETITION

AGES 11-17



### 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)



### Young Photographer

# Rotary YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION

AGES 7-17



### 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)



### Young Chef

# Rotary YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION

AGES 11-17



### 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)



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.