

Parent Newsletter

Friday 20 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

This week we awarded 95% positive Classcharts points. Thank you for your support regarding our school expectations. Uniform was greatly improved this week and the majority of our Test Valley pupils looked visibly excellent and were ready to learn from the moment they entered our gates.

Attendance

We are in the midst of a national crisis in school attendance, predominantly in the wake of the pandemic. In so many aspects of educational life a score of 90% would be seen, rightly, as a huge success. In terms of attendance 90% is poor. Our whole school attendance is currently under national.

I urge you, once again, to make every effort to ensure that your children attend school as regularly as they possibly can. There is a direct and proven link between school attendance and academic performance and we do not want your children to be disadvantaged by this.

Thank you to those who have contacted after the letter we sent last week. Working with you on this matter is crucial.

Potential strike action

Parents will be aware, I am sure, that the possibility of strike action looms in the near future. Whilst one union has failed to meet the threshold for calling action that is only one of the unions. The NEU has decided to proceed with industrial action.

Whilst we respect the right of teachers and leaders to strike, we will, wherever possible, balance this with our responsibilities to our whole school community, especially to those who are most vulnerable.

Possible days are:

- Wednesday 1 Feb all eligible members in England and Wales

- Thursday 2 March 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: London, South East, South West.
- Wednesday 15 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.
- Thursday 16 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales

Social Media

I am aware of some recent posts on social media and would like to take the opportunity to remind our school community of our Social Media Policy. This can be found on the school website.

“If any person would like to discuss a matter then they should on an individual basis contact the School office or appropriate colleague as per the School website, in order to resolve the situation. Parents/carers are asked to avoid using social media forums and groups such as WhatsApp to air grievances as the subject of the complaint cannot easily defend themselves and is therefore a potential victim of cyberbullying (Home-School Agreement).”

Mrs McKeown

Forthcoming Dates:

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
Monday 30 Jan-Friday 10 Feb – Yr 11 Practice Exams 2
Monday 6 February – INSET Day
Monday 13 – Fri 17 Feb – Half Term Break

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 for all enquiries.

INSET Days

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

Monday 6 February

Immunisations Reminder

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

Year 9 will be having nasal flu immunisations and teenage booster immunisations also on 24th 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 - Reminder

Year 11 parents evening will be on Thursday 26 January **in person, in the school hall**. The event will run from 4-7pm and you should already have received a letter explained how to book your 5 minute slot with your child's teachers.

Detention – 26 January

As we will be holding Year 11 parents evening in the school hall on 26 January, any pupil given a detention for that date only will have it transferred to Tuesday 31 January.

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. You will find information on workshops as well as a GCSE Exam Booklet which we encourage you to read. Exams will run from Monday 30 January until Friday 10 February.

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

Drama



Sports Results

Year 7 Football

Henry Beaufort 4 - Test Valley 3

The team travelled to Henry Beaufort and had a good close game. Playing 3 20 minutes thirds we went into the last 3-1 up but were tiring as we had the bare 9 players. Unfortunately, despite efforts and targets and some good saves from their 'keeper we could not hold on.

There were many good performances with the squad voting, Ethan E, Jack W & Billy G players of the match.

Squad: H Bone, M Bradley, E Edwards, S Gayi, W Griffiths, B Guilford, C Linstead, J Ockwell, J Witt

KS3 & KS4

Shoutouts to our top points earners

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ethan E	Julita C	Evie K	Josie B	Henry A
William G	Violet C	Rosie D	Harry G	Oliver C
Ted J	Lucy F	Cain F	Sam J	Ruby A
Jack W	Alexis B	Barney G	Liam N	Amy S
Maison B	Matilda L	Hassan AA	Lily W	Oliver H
Chloe GT	Teddy LC	Jack F		
		Lisia CN		

College Open Events

Please see our website for the latest information on College open events with information on how to book a place.

[Test Valley School - College Open Events 2022-23](#)

Extra Curricular Activities – Spring 2023

Time	Venue	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Before School 0830-0850	Library			Drop in Session with Mrs Whitehead (All)	Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All)	Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All)	
Lunchtime	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		
	Various special activities taking place at lunchtime in the Modern Foreign Languages Block during the term						
After School	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)		

