

## Parent Newsletter

Friday 10 February 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**

Over the past six weeks, I have been able to get to know Test Valley much better. A lot of my time has been spent talking with pupils and staff, alongside ensuring some important staffing gaps were filled. This has all informed some important planning for our next steps.

Please remind your children that there are confidential reporting boxes:

*2 boxes available for pupils: one by Pupil Services and one by Oasis.*

I am delighted that we have appointed Ms Goodridge as Head of School from April, and I have shared a letter from her to you all today.

After half term, our aim is to meet, face to face, with as many of you as possible. The weeks ahead will be disrupted by strike action, and I will ensure you have clarity about our position as a school as early as possible.

Congratulations to Year 11 who have demonstrated excellence throughout their exams. I am immensely proud of their hard work.

Finally, Peanut and Cashew, our goats, are back on site thanks to the care and planning from several staff. If you can support in anyway in maintaining the living area of our goats, please contact Cara Rees ([reesc@testvalley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:reesc@testvalley.hants.sch.uk)). Thank you for your support.

Wishing you all wonderful half term break

Mrs McKeown

#### Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 13 – Fri 17 Feb – Half Term Break  
Monday 20 February – Launch of Prefect Applications  
Thursday 2 March – World Book Day  
Friday 3 March – Deadline for Prefect Applications

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.

## School Improvement Q&A Sessions

As mentioned in previous communications we look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school to hear about our school improvement plan from Mrs McKeown and Mrs Goodridge. There will be two opportunities to meet, namely **Thursday 16 and Tuesday 28 March**. Further information will be sent out in due course.

## Year 7 Parents Evening

Our Year 7 Parents Consultation evening was scheduled for Thursday 2 March. However this is now a planned date for industrial action by members of the NEU. Therefore the Consultation Evening will be postponed and we will notify parents and carers of the new date in due course.

## Pupil Safety Questionnaire and Confidential Anonymous Pupil Reporting

A huge thank you to our pupils for the way they responded to the pupil safety questionnaire. Over 50% of the pupils gave us their thoughts and feelings, which is significant. Some of the responses were not easy to read, but it is vital that we know this information so we can address it and begin to make things better.

One of the ways we can address this is to create an anonymous reporting system so that pupils can come forward, without feeling worried to do so. Mrs. McKeown reminded us in her comments, that we have two confidential post boxes in the school where pupils can place notes. We also now have a digital questionnaire that pupils can complete online. The QR code for the questionnaire will be displayed in every classroom and strategically throughout the school. It is also printed below. Pupils will be encouraged to use this as often as they feel they need to.

Anonymous - Reporting bullying  
or other concerns you have



## Behaviour Reset Update

Thank you to all those pupils and parents who have supported the Behaviour Reset that was launched in January. It is not easy for anyone adjusting to different ways of working, but it has been pleasing to see how the majority of our pupils are positive about wanting a calm, orderly, and focused learning environment that demonstrates visible excellence.

As a reminder, our behaviour strategy is:



We want all our pupils to be in their classrooms learning and look to use positive, pre-emptive strategies to do this.

If a pupil receives a restorative conversation or detention for their behaviour, this will be on Class Charts 24 hours before. Restorative conversations are not detentions, neither are they any longer than 10 minutes within the school day. Pupils who fail to attend their restorative conversation with their teacher are issued a 30-minute afterschool detention.

Please can we encourage parents to support both restorative conversations and after-school detentions. We appreciate that these are not convenient but our aim is to encourage positive behaviour so these are used as a last resort.

Further information for parents around our sanctions will follow in the next half term.

## School Bus Passes

All new bus passes for the TVS Red Route and TVS Blue Route will be available for collection on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. Please can children come to the hall during registration to collect and sign for their new bus pass. Pupils may be refused travel without this.

## Year 9 Futures Programme

Please see below the plans for our futures programmes for our Year 9 pupils. There has been a change to some previous published dates, so please check carefully.

### [Test Valley School - Year 9 Options](#)

## Year 9 Futures Programme 2023

In preparation for Year 9 options the following programme of activities are taking place in school over the next five school weeks.

Date	Tutor	location	Time	Activity	Details
Wednesday 8 February	Centaur	Tutor room	08.50 – 09.25	Interactive apprenticeship workshop	Our independent careers advisor, Jane Belbin, will deliver workshops to each tutor group in turn with a view to raising awareness of apprenticeships.
Wednesday 8 February	Phoenix	IT room	08.50 – 09.25	Careers profiling	This is a tutor led activity, using the National Careers Service website to carry out careers profiling and exploration.
Wednesday 22 February	All	Hall	08.50 – 09.25	University presentation	Alix Hickman from Winchester university presents to Year 9 opportunities beyond college.
Wednesday 1 March	Phoenix	Tutor room	08.50 – 09.25	Interactive apprenticeship workshop	Our independent careers advisor, Jane Belbin, will deliver workshops to each tutor group in turn with a view to raising awareness of apprenticeships.
Wednesday 1 March	Griffin	IT room	08.50 – 09.25	Careers profiling	This is a tutor led activity, using the National Careers Service website to carry out careers profiling and exploration.
Tuesday 7 March	All	Hall	08.50 – 09.25	Post 16 college opportunities	Representatives from our feeder college, Andover, will present to KS3 pupils to enlighten them about opportunities and college life post 16.
Wednesday 8 March	Griffin	Tutor room	08.50 – 09.25	Interactive apprenticeship workshop	Our independent careers advisor, Jane Belbin, will deliver workshops to each tutor group in turn with a view to raising awareness of apprenticeships.
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Thursday 9 March	All	Tutor room	08.50 – 09.25	Option booklet exploration	During tutor time pupils will have the opportunity to browse through our options booklet and explore the details of all the courses on offer at KS4.
Thursday 9 March	All	Main block	18.00 – 19.30	Y9 Curriculum Parents' Evening	This is a showcase evening for Year 9 parents and pupils. More details of the event will follow, but the evening will comprise of presentations and an options fair in the hall where parents and pupils can talk to staff and pupil ambassadors about subjects they are interested in.
Friday 10 March	All	Computer rooms	08.50 – 09.25	Straw poll, PV and careers portfolio	Pupils will use IT facilities to access Microsoft forms assignments to complete a straw poll to give the school an indication of initial option selections. The pupil voice is used to gather career thinking and identify where career advice can be targeted. The portfolio helps pupils to collect their careers planning into one document and assist with identify further careers advice targeted support.
Tuesday 14 March	N/A	hall	16.00 – 19.00	Y9 Parents' Consultation Evening	This will be an appointment based, face to face parents' consultation evening offering parents the opportunity to talk with their class teachers about their child's progress within each subject.

## Prefect Applications

Applications to become a Year 11 prefect are now invited from our current Year 10. This application also invites candidates to be considered for the position of Head Prefect.

The application form is available as an assignment on the Year 10 Team and has a submission deadline date of **Monday 20 February at 8pm**.

Please be aware that current Year 10 prefects are required to reapply and will not automatically become Year 11 prefects, this will depend upon class charts progress and the quality of their application.

# HOW TO REVISE

## Year 11 Workshops

With mock exams out of the way it is time for the big preparation drive towards the GCSE examinations. In addition to the classroom preparations, lunchtime and after school workshops, immediately after half term during Monday tutor times we will be running workshops in the school hall for Year 11 pupils. The details of these are shown below.

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Delivered by
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	The basics, the place, the resources, and the techniques	Mr Langdown
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	How to use past exam papers to revise	Mr Langdown
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	The tailored revision planner	Mr Langdown
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	Maximising your revision techniques with English	Miss Barton
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	Maximising your revision techniques with Mathematics	Mr Whatley
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	Maximising your revision techniques with science	Mrs White

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

### Petting Zoo

After half term we will be welcoming a petting zoo into school to help support our animal care students. In addition a number of students have been chosen to attend as part of our reward system.

### KS3 & KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Rosie C	Teddy LC	Rosie W	Jemima L	Max H
Michelle A	Livvy C	Evie L	Asha P	Henry A
Victoria S	Evie H	Megan R	Jack F	Megan M
Grace R	Mia S	Rosie D	Chloe W	Angus B
William G	Flora R	Freddie A	Josie B	Kyan F
Henry B	Annabel A	Sofia J	Sarah B	Will W
Jack W	Julita C	Evie K		
	Alfie A			

## School Library

Huge congratulations to our successful pupil Librarians. Following some lovely letters of application, the following pupils are going to be trained to become student librarians next half term:

Savannah P  
Rosie C  
Alfie W  
Samuel I  
Eliot W  
Rosie W

They will run the library on Mondays and Fridays. Full training and schedules will be given out to pupils after half term. A very well done to all!

## Half Term Hangouts

FOR 11 TO 16 YEAR OLDS

FREE FOOD AND DRINK!

IN ROMSEY AND NORTH BADDESLEY

"EXPECTED TO BE GREAT"  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
ROMSEY FUTURE

February  
Half Term  
Hang Outs

"YOU MEAN I CAN GET THEM OUT THE HOUSE?"  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
PARENTS IN ROMSEY

COMING TO ABBOTSWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE, SO51 0BX, ON MONDAY 13TH FROM 3PM UNTIL 6:30PM AND THURSDAY 16TH FROM 4PM UNTIL 7PM.  
THEN ARRIVING AT NORTH BADDESLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, SO52 9AQ, ON TUESDAY 14TH AND WEDNESDAY 15TH FROM 3PM UNTIL 7PM

A ROMSEY FUTURE PRODUCTION

Romsey Future

## 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](#)

### **Sparsholt College**

Registrations are open for Sparsholt College's next open event on **Saturday 4 March 2023**.




To attend, students will need to register for the event **as soon as possible** by visiting [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#) as **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.

**Also, it is not too late for year 11s 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](#).**

## SETA Engineering Apprenticeships

SETA are pleased to launch their next [Workshop Taster Day](#) which will be taking place on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 between 10am – 2.30pm. Registrations for this event will be opening shortly.

Below is information regarding Engineering Apprenticeship Vacancies. More will be coming online over the next few weeks as we progress through the next term.



Both the employer and the vacancy are clickable links to external websites if you are viewing online.

It's National Apprenticeship Week #NAW2023


### Engineering Apprenticeships Vacancy Bulletin

*Vacancies live as at 6 February 2023*

[www.setatraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/current\\_vacancies](http://www.setatraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/current_vacancies)

Employer	Vacancy	No. of positions	Level	Location	Duration (months)	Closing Date
<a href="#">R&amp;B Industrial Limited</a>	<a href="#">Electromechanical Installation Engineer</a>	1	3	Andover	42	14 Feb 2023
<a href="#">KoneCranes UK Ltd</a>	<a href="#">Apprentice Maintenance Engineer</a>	1	3	Andover	42	28 Feb 2023
<a href="#">ExxonMobil, Fawley</a>	<a href="#">Science Industry Maintenance Technicians across 3 trades: Mechanical, Electrical &amp; Instrumentation/Analyser</a>	15	3	Fawley, Southampton	42	12 Mar 2023
<a href="#">Aquila Nuclear Engineering</a>	<a href="#">Apprentice Mechanical Design Engineer</a>	2	3	Twyford, nr Winchester	42	14 Apr 2023
<a href="#">Aquila Nuclear Engineering</a>	<a href="#">Apprentice Electrical Design Engineer</a>	1	3	Twyford, nr Winchester	42	14 Apr 2023
<a href="#">RHH Franks Limited</a>	<a href="#">Metal Fabricator Apprentice</a>	1	3	New Milton	42	30 Apr 2023
<a href="#">IMI Thompson Valves</a>	<a href="#">Craft Apprentice – Assembly (Engineering Fitter)</a>	2	3	Poole, Dorset	48	31 Aug 2023
<a href="#">IMI Thompson Valves</a>	<a href="#">Craft Apprentice – Maintenance (Engineering Technician)</a>	2	3	Poole, Dorset	48	31 Aug 2023
<a href="#">IMI Thompson Valves</a>	<a href="#">Craft Apprentice – Machine Shop (Machining Technician)</a>	2	3	Poole, Dorset	42	31 Aug 2023
<a href="#">IMI Thompson Valves</a>	<a href="#">Craft Apprentice – Inspection (Engineering Technician)</a>	1	3	Poole, Dorset	48	31 Aug 2023

All the vacancies listed can be found on the SETA apprenticeship vacancy web page. Follow the link or scan the QR code

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**EMPLOYER OPEN EVENING**  
7 February 2023 4.30-7.30pm

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

Who should attend?  
Why attend?  
Where is it taking place?

REGISTER ONLINE

**Employer Open Evening – 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023**

Excellent opportunity for those looking for an apprenticeship within engineering. At the event you (*and parents*) will be able to chat to employers about their vacancies for engineering apprentices to start in Sept 2023. Between them there will be 65 vacancies that can be discussed! Some will be live and some coming soon.

Taking place at the SETA Apprenticeship Centre, Millbrook, Southampton, SO15 0LP between 1630-1930

**FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER YOUR PLACE**

Follow the [link](#) or scan the QR code



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

**Workshop Taster Day – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

A great day allowing anyone thinking of a career in engineering to get hands on in the workshop trying out engineering tasks under the supervision of expert instructors!

Taking place at the SETA Apprenticeship Centre, Millbrook, Southampton, SO15 0LP

Excellent opportunity for those looking for an apprenticeship within engineering.

**FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER YOUR PLACE**

Follow the [link](#) or scan the QR code



*“My son came along, and although he knew that he wanted to do something in engineering, he was unsure in what area. This inspired him to apply for an engineering apprenticeship! A great day of discovery.”*



**WORKSHOP TASTER DAY**

Saturday 10th June 2023  
10am - 2.30pm

Try out engineering activities  
Come and have a go at engineering in the workshop!

<https://www.setatraining.co.uk/seta/events-workshop-taster-day.html>

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Goats



We are so happy to welcome Peanut and Cashew back home to Test Valley School this week. They are settling back in really well.

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**Extra Curricular Activities – Spring 2023**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<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	
	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)	