

Parent Newsletter

Thursday 15 June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a tough week in our classrooms due to the soaring temperatures, we've purchased fans for every room, which has helped a little. Despite this our students have been in remarkable spirits!

As we move into the HISP Trust in September, we will be adding an inset day on Friday 1 September. Therefore pupils in years 7 and 11 will return to school on Monday 4 September and the remaining year groups (yrs 8, 9, and 10) on Tuesday 5 September.

Year 11 celebrated their last day in school together on Wednesday. The traditional 'leavers assembly' was lovely, students carried out their shirt signing, had a BBQ and the Year 11 band played a brilliant set on the top field. This was followed by an assembly. What an incredible bunch of young people, the school won't be the same without them. Huge thanks to our unsung hero Mr Langdown, he organised the whole afternoon on his own!

We have adapted the end of day arrangements for students who travel in by bus. Students will congregate in the sports hall with a number of staff. Mr Langdown will be in the bus bay and will call through as the buses arrive. Students will then make their way up to the buses. We tried this on Wednesday for the first time and it made for a much calmer end to the day.

The weather is forecast to cool down a little next week. As of Monday students will need to attend in their full uniform once again, jumpers are optional of course. Should the forecast change, I will be in contact about the option of wearing a PE kit.

As of Monday students with jewellery exceeding a pair of stud earrings and a watch will need to remove it

Warm wishes
Nicky Goodridge

Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 19 June – Year 7 & 8 Sports Trip (Charlton)
Tuesday 20 June – Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 20 & Thursday 22 June – Year 10 Non-core exams
Thursday 22 June – Small Schools Induction Visit
Friday 23 June – 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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Vacancies

Please see our website for current 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 for all enquiries.

Remaining INSET Day

Friday 23 June

Water Bottles

It has been very hot around school over the last couple of weeks. Please could you ensure that your child/ren bring a reusable, named water bottle into school which can be filled up at water fountains during the day.

Year 10 Non-Core Exams Timetable

Information regarding the forthcoming year 10 non-core exams can be found on our website:
[Test Valley School - Yr 10 Exam Information](#)

Year 11

We waved a really fond farewell to our lovely class of 2023 on Tuesday. They had an exam in the morning then had a BBQ with entertainment from the very talented Y11 band during period 4 and lunch.

The afternoon was rounded off with their leavers' assembly. We look forward to their prom next week which will officially mark the end of their 5 years at Test Valley!



Congratulations!



We love celebrating our pupils' successes outside of school and this week, we are delighted to let you know that Victoria S (year 7) competed for her pony club last weekend where the team qualified for the area championships in dressage. Well done Victoria, we look forward to hearing about the eventing qualifier in a couple of weeks.

KS3 and KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners w/c 22 May

Year 7

Rosie C
Grace R
Alfie W
Henry B
George G

Year 8

Evie H
Mia S
Livvy S
Grace M
Flora R
Olivia T

Year 9

Rosie W
Elliot W
Alfie E
Megan R
Barney G

Year 10

Mollie S
Jack F
Benny G
Keysha M
Milly P-B

Sports News

On Wednesday 14th June we had an Andover and District year 10 girls' rounders tournament hosted by John Hanson School.

The girls played their hearts out despite the very hot weather. Their team comradery was second to none and they were so supportive of each other throughout the tournament.

The games were played in such great spirit, and I couldn't have been prouder of them. It was a real privilege to have taken the girls to this event and watch them get stronger in every game that they played.

The girls finished fifth in the tournament and were extremely pleased with their efforts and the result.

The team were: -

Keysha M

Luna A

Elle S

Lucy T

Chloe W

Megan R

Evie K

Aurelia R

Fern C

Jade B



Test Valley School Uniform

Parents/Carers of Year 11 Pupils

As our Year 11s leave us it would be greatly appreciated if you could donate any Test Valley School uniform when your children leave. Obviously if they have younger siblings, you will probably wish to keep it for them. Any items would be appreciated, including PE kit. Please would donations be brought to Pupils Services or the Admin Office. Thank you in advance.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

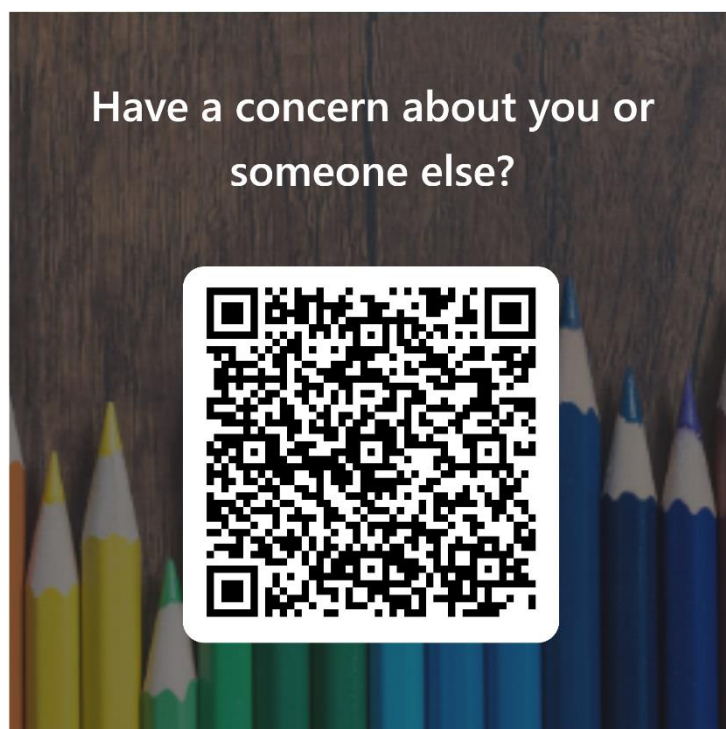
Year 9 pupils have the opportunity to sign up to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. To secure a place this year, complete the application form contained within the linked letter and send to Simon Mason at Andover Baptist church.

A parent and candidate information evening will be held at Andover Baptist Church on Thursday 15th June at 7.30.

The school supports the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Mr Langdown is the school's coordinator for this if you have any further enquiries.

[Test Valley School - Duke of Edinburgh's Awards](#)

Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function



GCSE Summer Exam Timetable

Please use the below link to access timetable information for the summer GCSE exams

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

SETA Engineering Apprenticeships

[Test Valley School – SETA Engineering Apprenticeships](#)

Health and Wellbeing

[Parents & Carers – CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](#)

Please see our website for more useful information: [Test Valley School - Wellbeing](#)

College Open Events

Salisbury 6th Form College: [Test Valley School - Salisbury 6th Form College](#)

Open Evening on Wednesday 5th July from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Booking is not required to attend this event. There will be a welcome talk from Head of College, Mr Ben Hillier, at 5:30pm and then repeated at 6:30pm and all teachers and classrooms will be available on a drop-in basis throughout the evening.

More information can be found on our website: <https://www.salisbury6c.ac.uk/study-with-us/open-evenings/>

[Salisbury 6th Form College \(salisbury6c.ac.uk\)](https://www.salisbury6c.ac.uk)

Sparsholt College Open event: [Test Valley School - Sparsholt College](#)

Peter Symonds Open Event: [Test Valley School - Peter Symonds College](#)

Andover College Open Event: [Test Valley School - Andover College](#)

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](#)

Vision – To develop Test Valley as a small, rural, high achieving school

At Test Valley we are committed to building an engaging inclusive environment where success and excellence is experienced by all. We will achieve this by ensuring:

Kindness

We always show care, respect and consideration for each other. Test Valley is a warm, welcoming and safe place for all.

Excellence

We are relentlessly determined to strive for the best in all we do; developing excellent learning habits which help us to grow.

Resilience

We show courage by not giving in, challenging ourselves, stepping out of our comfort zones and not fearing failure.

Empowerment

We help pupils to evolve into happy, independent, knowledge rich citizens who have the skills to make a real difference in our ever changing world.



In pursuit of personal excellence you must dream big,
work hard and make it happen.