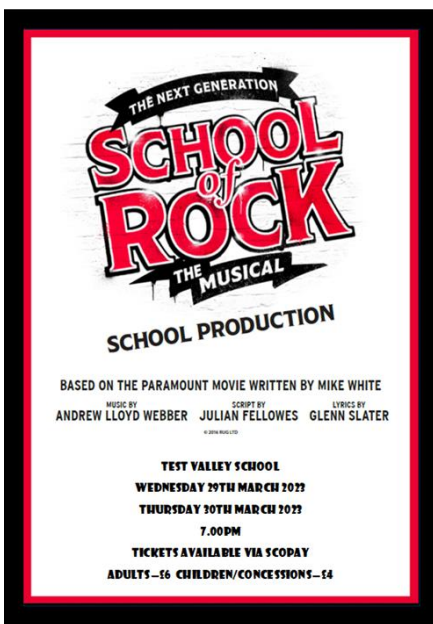


## Parent Newsletter

Friday 17 March 2023

I hope you and your families are well.

Thank you for your support throughout another disrupted week. I am not sure whether there will be further industrial action but will of course endeavour to communicate with you in a timely manner if there is.



It has been wonderful seeing our school production really come together this week. Mrs Brush is extremely proud of the efforts of the whole cast and crew. The set is beginning to take shape and has been personalised by the cast over the past few days. Having the sound of drums, ringing out around our campus was great this week! I hope we will see many of you on show days.

Thank you to all of you who attended our consultation evening for Year 9, attendance was around 70% and your feedback will help us in moving forward.

Thank you also to parents and carers who attended our post OFSTED Q&A last night. The feedback was extremely useful, and I will be working with Mrs Goodridge on how we can keep you all updated more regularly on our school improvement progress. **Our next event is on Tuesday 28 March and I hope you can join us.**

After 14 years of truly excellent service at Test Valley, Mrs Osborne will be leaving at the end of this term. I know you will join me in thanking Mrs Osborne and wishing her well.

Joining us in April is Mr Thomas who will be our Head of Year 7, and I will confirm the pastoral leads for Year 8 and 9 in the next newsletter.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs McKeown

### Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 27 March – HPV 1 Vaccinations – Year 8 pupils  
Tuesday 28 March – School Improvement Plan Q&A Session  
Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 March – School Production  
Thursday 30 March – Last day for Year 9 Option returns  
Friday 31 March – INSET Day  
Monday 17 April – Grandstand Photographs (change of date)

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](mailto:leisure@testvalley.hants.sch.uk) for all enquiries.

## Exam Invigilators

We are seeking a number of examination invigilators to support our Exams Officer. You will be working on a casual basis during the exam seasons from May-June, plus November and January. Successful candidates will be responsible for ensuring that exams are conducted in accordance with established procedures and regulations, including supervising students during exams, distributing and collecting exam papers and materials, and reporting any irregularities or issues to the appropriate authorities.

This role welcomes candidates from any sector or experience and is a great opportunity to work in a rewarding and flexible role, and to play a key part in supporting the academic achievements of our students. Full training will be given.

If you are interested in this position, please apply today ([recruitment@testvalley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@testvalley.hants.sch.uk)) with your CV and a covering letter explaining your suitability for the role.

## Remaining INSET Days

Friday 31 March

Friday 23 June

## School Improvement Q&A Sessions

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school to hear about our school improvement plan from Mrs McKeown and Mrs Goodridge. The second opportunity to meet, is **Tuesday 28 March**. Further information will be sent out in due course.

## RESCHEDULED Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening

Following the postponement of the year 7 Parents Consultation evening on 2 March, this has now been rescheduled for **Thursday 20 April** in the school hall. More details will follow nearer the time.

## RESCHEDULED Grandstand Photograph

We have had to rearrange the whole year photograph for Year 11 pupils. This will now be taking place during Tutor time on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**, the day school resumes after the Easter holiday. This is a wonderful memento for the pupils to have of Test Valley School as they move on to the next stage of their lives.

## REMINDER HPV 1 Immunisations – Year 8 Pupils



**NHS**  
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### School Age Immunisation Service

**What is our role?**

The School Age Immunisation Service offers vaccinations to children and young people (aged 4-16) across all Hampshire schools, including those who are electively home educated.

The Service works in partnership with health professionals, children and their families to provide access to the UK childhood immunisation programme, to ensure they receive their vaccinations when they are due.

Vaccinations offered:

- Flu (Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine-Nasal Spray)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio (known as Td/IPV)
- Human Papillomavirus (known as HPV)
- Meningococcal groups A,C,W,Y (known as MenACWY)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (known as MMR)

**Giving consent**

For your child to be vaccinated, you must have submitted a consent form.

You will receive information in advance of each vaccination due, including details of how to give consent.

For more information on School Age Immunisations on our [website](#), scan the QR code



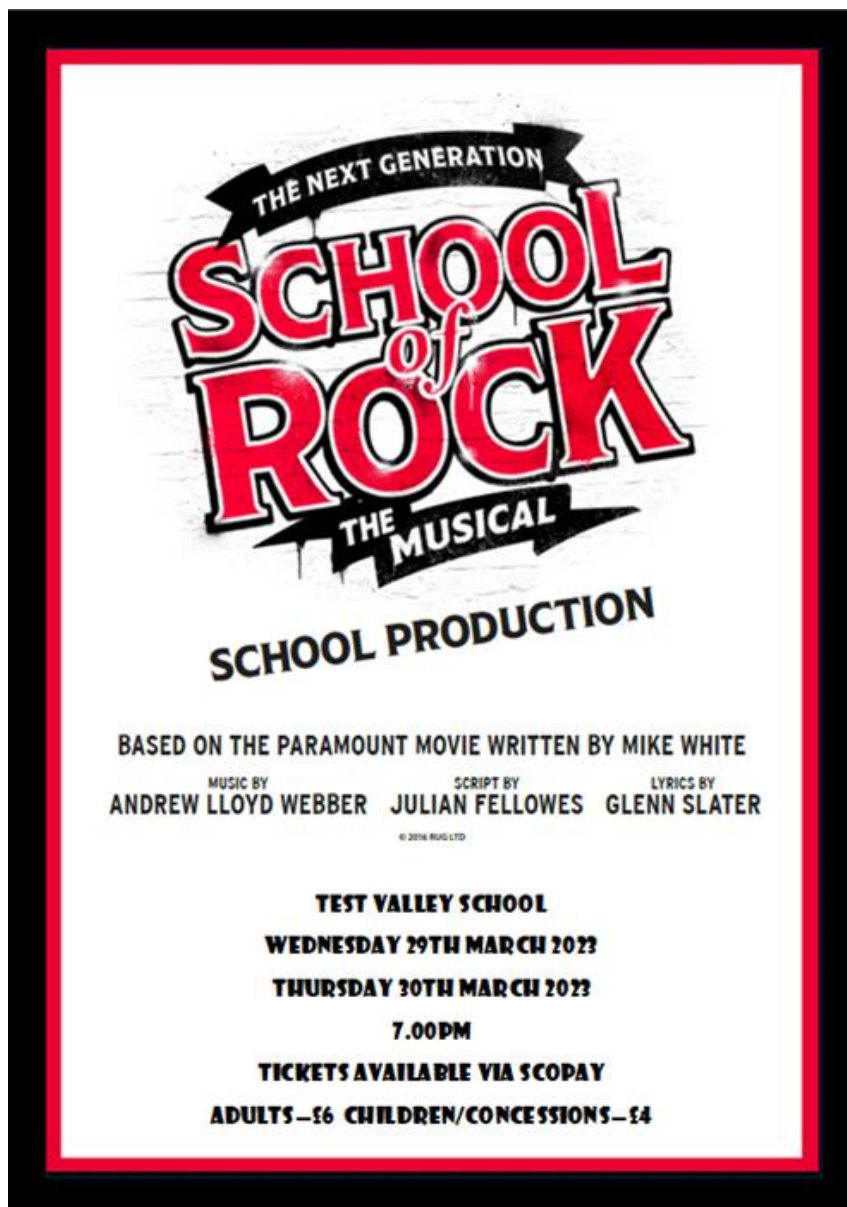
A reminder to parents/carers that the School Age Immunisation team will be at School to administer the HPV immunisations. Year 8 pupils should wear short sleeves, if they don't have short sleeved shirts then they should bring their PE T-shirts. Any parents who have not yet consented will have been emailed earlier this week.

## School Production

We are really excited to let you know that this year's school production is **School of Rock!** Pupils are working really hard on the production and cannot wait to show our school community. Information is below and tickets will be available to purchase via Scopay only.

**Plea for help please:** We are looking for any orchestral instruments that we could use as props in our 'School of Rock' production on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March please.

They do not need to be in working order but just to look the part. Any cellos, violins, flutes, trumpets, clarinets etc. that can be found would be most welcome - we will look after them and return them afterwards.



Shoutouts to our top  points earners

| Year 7    | Year 8   | Year 9     | Year 10         | Year 11    |
|-----------|----------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Grace R   | Tilly L  | Elliot W   | Lili Penelope R | Amy S      |
| Rosie C   | Violet C | Ailsa S    | Iona S          | Henry A    |
| Neve M    | Beau D   | Rosie W    | Jack F          | Ruby A     |
| Ethan E   | Zac B    | Sravana AP | Sam J           | Oliver C   |
| Kathryn V | Callum E | Bethany H  | Tyler L         | Abigail VD |
| Finley W  | Julita C | Cain F     | Ollie E         |            |
| Ted J     | Leon D   | Megan R    |                 |            |
|           | Flora R  | Evie K     |                 |            |
|           | Lucy F   |            |                 |            |

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](#)

Hampshire County Youth Orchestra Open Day

**Hampshire County Youth Orchestra** is holding an **Open Day** on Saturday 25 March 2023 at Thornden School Concert Hall in Chandler's Ford, the Orchestra's rehearsal base

Players will have the opportunity to play alongside current members of one of our two main ensembles:

- String Orchestra = for string players grades 4 +
- County Youth Orchestra = for orchestral players grades 6 + (strings / woodwind / brass / percussion and harp)

I hope very much that players will think of auditioning this June and July to join HCYO for next academic year.

The Open Day is not a part of the audition process, but rather a chance for players to get a taste of the Youth Orchestra ensembles and what it might be like to be part of them



## Hampshire County Youth Orchestra OPEN DAY



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**Saturday 25 March 2023, 10.15am - 2.30pm**  
**Thornden Hall – Chandler's Ford**

- Thinking of joining the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra?
- Come along to join in and see what it's all about!
- Play alongside current members, meet other players, and take part in a short, informal performance for parents at 2.00pm.
- Orchestral musicians welcome- including harps and percussion.
- If you are unable to come along, but would like to audition later this term, do get in touch
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## Stitch-A-Logo

Stitch-a-Logo Ltd are offering a 10% discount in store only for parents/guardians looking to buy school uniform for all schools we supply.

The offer of 10% off will be available **IN STORE ONLY** from March 6<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2023.

This information can be viewed via the rolling banner on our website, in addition we are publishing it through the local social media sites.

# 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><br>February | 08.55 to<br>09.25 | Hall     | The basics, the place, the resources, and the techniques | Mr <a href="#">Langdown</a> |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup><br>February | 08.55 to<br>09.25 | Hall     | How to use past exam papers to revise                    | Mr <a href="#">Langdown</a> |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup><br>March     | 08.55 to<br>09.25 | Hall     | The tailored revision planner                            | Mr <a href="#">Langdown</a> |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup><br>March    | 08.55 to<br>09.25 | Hall     | Maximising your revision techniques with English         | Miss Barton                 |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup><br>March    | 08.55 to<br>09.25 | Hall     | Maximising your revision techniques with Mathematics     | Mr Whatley                  |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup><br>March    | 08.55 to<br>09.25 | Hall     | Maximising your revision techniques with science         | Mrs White                   |

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

## 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](#)

[Queen Mary's College Open Evening](#)

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## SETA Engineering Apprenticeships

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

### Extra Curricular Activities – Spring 2023

| Time                               | Venue   | Monday | Tuesday                               | Wednesday                                | Thursday                                 | Friday                                   |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Before School<br/>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                              |  |  |



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|---------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                     | 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)      |  |

### Ethos, Values and Vision

**Ethos – (characteristic spirit of a community):**

“In Pursuit of **Personal** Excellence”

#### Values

- 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**