

Parent Bulletin

Friday 25 March 2022

Week commencing Monday 28 March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for bearing with us during this difficult week. Hopefully, we are now getting past the worst of the COVID infections in staff and pupils and we can regain some sort of normality next week. We are planning on being able to open to all year groups on Monday and fingers crossed throughout all of next week. Masks should still be worn next week and whole school assembly will again be virtual on Monday.

To confirm, we have postponed the production of Moana until after Easter due to the recent spike in COVID cases. We are close to confirming the dates and will let parents know as soon as a decision has been made. Tickets can be retained for the rearranged performances.

Thank you to all of those parents who are now logging on to ClassCharts. If you have not, we strongly encourage you to do so. ClassCharts can be accessed via web browser or app and is a fantastic way for parents to keep track of their child's behaviour and attendance in school. If you have not got your login, please contact the school.

Forthcoming Dates:

Thursday 7 April – last day for return of Year 9 options forms (new date)

Friday 8 April – Teenager Booster Vaccinations – Year 9

Monday 11 – Friday 22 April – Easter Break

Monday 25 April – All year groups return to school

Thursday 28 April – Year 8 Parents' Evening

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.

Year 9 Futures Day

We have updated the deadline for the return of completed options forms to **Thursday 7 April**.

The links below will take you to the guidance which has been issued to pupils, together with the final options form. Further guidance on the content of the subjects that make up our curriculum is available on our website at [Test Valley School — Curriculum](#)

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/content/uploads/2022/02/KS4-CURRICULUM-INFORMATION-2022.pdf>

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/content/uploads/2022/02/KS4-Options-Form-2022.pdf>

Completed options forms should be emailed to options@testvalley.hants.sch.uk by 7 April 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions about the process. May we take this opportunity to thank you in advance for supporting your child to make the most appropriate choices.

MFL

This week in MFL we have been having a lot of fun. Mrs Knight's year 10 class have been practising learning 'We don't talk about Bruno' in German. Well done to Jasmin C for her (quiet) rendition! Would you like a try yourself? Use this link and see if you can join in! [We Don't Talk About Bruno | German Version \(Subtitles & Translation\) | Encanto - YouTube](#)



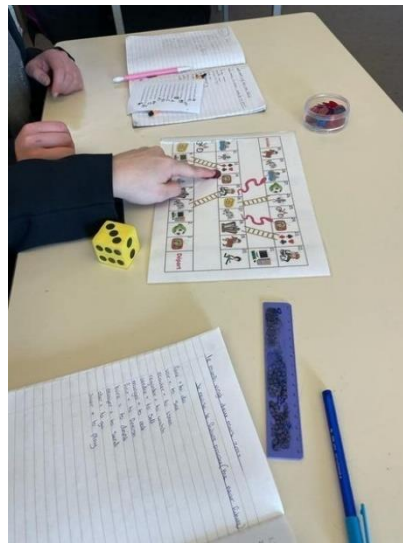
[We Don't Talk About Bruno | German Version \(Subtitles & Translation\) | Encanto](#)

We Don't Talk About Bruno | Song From "Encanto" Performed by Yvonne Ambrée (Pepa), Tommy Morgenstern (Felix), Anita Hopt (Dolores), Alvaro Soler (Camilo), Yvonne Greitzke (Isabela) and Magdalena Turba (Mirabel) Nur Kein Wort Über Bruno | Lied Aus "Encanto" Singen Yvonne Ambrée (Pepa), Tommy Morgenstern (Felix), Anita Hopt (Dolores), Alvaro ...

www.youtube.com



Mrs Dover's Y9 pupils enjoyed practising the future tense while playing snake and ladders in their French lesson this week - looks like fun!



KS4

Shoutouts to our top 5  points last week

Year 10

Angus B
Ruby R
Gabriel M
Ty F
Oliver C

Year 11

Kate P
Holly O
Matilda W
Charlie T
James H

KS4 – National Citizen Service

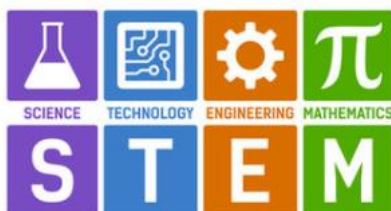
NCS representatives will be in school to see Year 11 pupils during their assembly and at breaktime on Friday 1 April.

KS4 – Revision Study

All year 11 pupils have received a revision study template together with an example of how it could be completed.

Year 11 also have access, through the Year 11 Team - Files, exam preparation schedules for all subjects. These are very useful for helping Year 11 break down what they need to study each week at home.

STEM



STEM in the News

How a jetpack design helped create a flying motorbike



[How a jetpack design helped create a flying motorbike - BBC News](#)

What do YOU think?

STEM Pupil of the week

WILL W Year 10
STEM Subject: D&T
Date: 21 March 2022



Henrietta Branford Writing Competition

2022 Starter Paragraph:

Dad's gone out for the night and I'm alone at home for the first time. I should be doing homework, but I've got the television on, staring out the window into the garden. The moon paints the swaying oak tree silver, a cat stalks mice from its branches. There's fireworks crackling up on the hill; green, red, purple.

It happens all at once. The television stalls, paused on the newsreader. The oak stops swaying, the cat is frozen mid-pounce. A firework hangs in the sky. I stand up, search about, feel my heart race. I look out the window, and I spot it, beyond the bushes.

Something is moving in the garden.



See competition rules and entry details

Coming Soon – A new Digital Library!

We are delighted to announce that we have a new Digital Library coming soon, which will give your child access to eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines and eComics! We will be working with OverDrive through their platform and the Sora App, and you can see a video about the Sora App here:

[Sora, by OverDrive - The student reading app from OverDrive Education.](#)

Booktime Magazine

We recently discovered this magazine, all about books!

[BOOKTIME MARCH AND APRIL 2022 \(adobe.com\)](#)

There are book recommendations for young adults and kids from page 44. If you or your child has a young adult book request, then please contact me, as if we don't have a copy, we can look at sourcing a copy.

Health & Wellbeing

Please find below some links which Parents/Carers might find useful:

Keeping children safe online:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Keeping Send children safe online:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=SEND%20online%20safety%20resources&utm_campaign=2022_Mar_CS0-newsletter

Setting up a Parent/Carer peer support network

<https://charliewaller.org/place-parent-support?cldee=d2hpdGVozWFkakB0ZXN0dmFsbGV5LmhhbnRzLnNjaC51aw%3d%3d&recipientid=contact-4690506be751ec118f8e000d3ad4bc9d-9066556ae7534d498bd314835eb96e26&esid=f97ec6f2-baa6-ec11-9840-00224840af9a>



[PLACE - Parent Support Network | Charlie Waller](https://charliewaller.org/place-parent-support?cldee=d2hpdGVozWFkakB0ZXN0dmFsbGV5LmhhbnRzLnNjaC51aw%3d%3d&recipientid=contact-4690506be751ec118f8e000d3ad4bc9d-9066556ae7534d498bd314835eb96e26&esid=f97ec6f2-baa6-ec11-9840-00224840af9a)

The PLACE Network aims to develop, promote, and sustain parent/carer support and involvement in children and young people's mental health across the UK. Parents and carers with lived experience of supporting a child with mental health issues and professionals with an interest in parent support meet monthly to share practice and ideas.

charliewaller.org

Clocks Change



A reminder that the clocks go forward on Sunday 27 March