

## Parent Bulletin

Friday 10 June 2022

Week commencing Monday 13 June 2022

### 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**

Dear Parents/Carers

Exams are very much the order of the day at the moment. Year 11 pupils have completed the third week of their exams and have another two weeks to go before they embark upon the longest Summer holiday of their lives so far! We continue to be extremely impressed with the attitude shown by pupils throughout their exams. Year 10 pupils have also started their end of year exams and we have been pleased and impressed with their positive attitude also.

We were able to give Year 11 the celebration they deserved and Mr Langdown organised the usual ceremonial shirt-signing and Leavers' Assembly and was assisted by Mrs Thomsett who organised a year group water fight on the field. This provided a bit of light relief as well as giving pupils memories that will stay with them for a long time. I would like to thank parents and carers for the support you gave us by ensuring that pupils in all year groups maintained the expected standards of behaviour throughout the day.

We held a consultation meeting for parents regarding the future of the school linked to the HISP Multi-Academy Trust. The parents who came to the meeting asked some excellent questions and were able to give invaluable feedback about their experiences of the school so far. All comments were listened to carefully! There is a further opportunity for parents to engage as the next event is planned for 13 June – see below.

Finally, let's hope for a bit better weather so that we can all enjoy some time outside over the weekend.

Andrew Page

Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 13 June – GCSE Exams Continue

Monday 13 June – Community Engagement Evening (see below)

Tuesday 14 June – Years 8 & 9 HPV Vaccinations  
Friday 17 June – Sparsholt Futures Day – Year 8  
Friday 24 June – INSET Day  
Friday 24 June – Year 11 Prom  
Monday 27 June – Year 6 Induction Evening  
Tuesday 28 June – Year 6 Induction Day  
Tuesday 28 June – Year 10 Andover College Taster Day

## #WeAreTestValley

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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## School Uniform

As the weather is getting warmer, we understand that the full school uniform can be quite uncomfortable. Therefore, for the remainder of the Summer Term pupils may remove their jumper and/or blazer. However, pupils must continue to wear their tie and have their shirt tucked in at all times. If the weather is colder in the morning, they should wear their blazer and must not wear an outdoor coat in place of a blazer. Outdoor coats may of course be worn in addition.

### Minimum Uniform Expectations:

White shirt and school tie

Grey School Trousers or Tartan School Skirt

School Shoes

### Additional Items when weather is slightly colder:

School Blazer

Outdoor Coat to be worn in addition to a blazer

Full guidance on acceptable uniform items is available at [Test Valley School — School Uniform](#)

Sanctions will be put in place next week for any pupils who are not wearing the correct uniform, including adherence to any reasonable adjustments that have been agreed with parents.

## 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.

## Strategic Partnership

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, parents were able to meet senior leaders of the HISP MAT that we are planning to join and to put their questions to them. They also met Caroline Lowing who will be the Head of School from September 2022. It was a lively and informative event. Parents who missed it will have another opportunity as the next event is planned for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm at the school. This event is for the wider community but parents are welcome to join in.

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/content/uploads/2022/06/A5-Leaflet-Community-Engagement-leaflet-Green.pdf>

## School Drop Off and Pick Up

Please could we ask parents to avoid dropping off and picking up pupils from Roman Road. There have been a number of reports of cars speeding up Roman Road at these busy times of the day. We need to safeguard children walking into school from the bus bays as well as minimising the impact on residents and our neighbours.

If you need to pick up your child by car, please arrange to meet them elsewhere or do so slightly later than 3.30pm once most pupils have left the site and the buses have departed.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

## Contact Details

It is extremely important that all parental contact details are kept up to date on our systems in case we need to contact you if your child is ill or if there is an emergency. Please let us know immediately if you wish to update any aspect of your child's details.

We would also be grateful if you could let the school office now if your child is going to be staying with another relative for a short time e.g. if you are going to be away on holiday or for business etc. Thank you.

## HPV Vaccinations

A reminder that the School Immunisation Team will be in school on Tuesday 14 June to administer the HPV vaccines to Year 8 (HPV1) and Year 9 (HPV2). Please could those pupils involved either wear a short-sleeved shirt or PT top for ease.

## The Connect4communities Programme

Please see below information about support for vulnerable families through the connect4communities programme.

In the Spring Statement at the end of March, the Chancellor announced that funding for the Household Support Fund would be extended to the end of September 2022 – helping support households who would otherwise struggle with energy bills, food and water bills.

The support available to families as of 16 June 2022 will include:

- **Food Vouchers:** Households in receipt of council tax benefit can claim **one** food voucher worth £30 from their district or borough council. Information about how to access this voucher can be found [here](#):

[Support for families and children | Children and Families | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

- **Community Pantries:** Pantries are open to everyone in the community and provide access to food at a lower cost. They offer a range of fresh, frozen and general foods, which change each week. Access to the Community Pantry is by membership and, for a small weekly contribution, members can select food to a significantly higher value.

Many of these pantries have cafes and meeting spaces and offer other forms of support. They can put you in touch with organisations that can help with utility bills, health, employment, and education.

Details of local pantries can be found here: [Community pantries - Hampshire | Children and Families | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

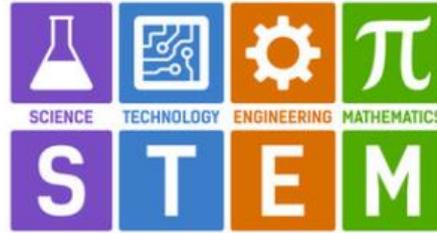
- **Support for utility costs:** Households struggling to meet the cost of their utility bills for water, gas or electricity can contact their local Citizens Advice. Details of local Citizens Advice offices can be found here: [Local CA offices | citahants.org](#)
- **Emergency housing support:** This is available from district and borough councils. This does not include ongoing support for rent or mortgage payments. Details of how to access emergency housing support can be found here: [Support for housing costs - Hampshire | Children and Families | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

If you have any queries, please email [connect4communities@hants.gov.uk](mailto:connect4communities@hants.gov.uk)

To find out what support and activities are available locally search the Hampshire: [Family Information and Services Hub \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Yours faithfully

The connect4communities Team

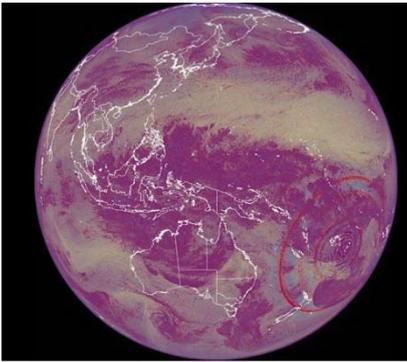


*STEM Pupil of the week: Will W Year 8*

*STEM Subject: Maths*

*Date: 8 June 2022*

## *Stem in the News*



**Tonga eruption was “record atmospheric explosion”**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-61452860>

*What do YOU think?*

### *Drama Stars of the Week (w/b 23/5/22)*

- 7A - Harry C, Beau, Lucas H, Josh AB
- 7B - Olivia T, Evie H, Nicola
- 7C -
- 8A -
- 8B - Taylor
- 91 - Jemima, Asher, Sam J
- 92 - Lucy T, Chloe W
- 93 -
- 94 - Jay, Liam N

## Library



Win £5,000 for our school!

The big prize draw from National Book Tokens is back!

You could win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for our school library, enough to buy hundreds of new books, and if your entry is picked, you'll also get £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!

Please nominate Test Valley School using the link below and spread the word to your family and friends! The more nominations we receive the better our chances!

[WIN £1,000/€1,000 to help your school rebuild their library \(nationalbooktokens.com\)](https://nationalbooktokens.com)

### Harry Potter books available in Ukrainian for free

Pottermore Publishing has teamed up with a Ukrainian publishing house to offer all seven Harry Potter e-books for free to readers affected by the current conflict in the country. They can be accessed through this link:

[Ukrainian eBooks - Pottermore Publishing](#)

### Supporting Ukraine in Hampshire Libraries

Hampshire Libraries have worked alongside colleagues, communities, and partners to offer support to refugees arriving in Hampshire. Please see more information on their blog:

[Supporting Ukraine in libraries – Hampshire Libraries](#)



### Empathy Day 2022

Empathy Day takes place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Empathy is our ability to understand and experience someone else's feelings. It builds stronger, kinder communities. It's a crucial life skill that young people need in order to learn, thrive and contribute. We're not born with a fixed quantity of empathy – it's a skill we can all learn. Excitingly, research shows that books are a powerful tool to develop it. When young people identify with book characters, they learn to see things from others' points of view. As they read, they are building their empathy skills.

**"When we read about a character from a different culture or gender or ability than our own, we learn the skill of perspective-taking, and understand how our lives are all interconnected." Muhammad Khan, Author**

You can find a selection of books to build empathy, for young people aged 12—16, on this link:

[SECONDARY EMPATHYLAB GUIDE 150dpi \(1\).pdf \(cdn-website.com\)](#)

## Year 10 Prefects

A huge thank you to our Year 10 Prefects: Lily R, Ruby R, Jenn S-P, Gabriel M and Henry A for all their help organising and running the rounders matches during the wellbeing day on 27 May.

## Hampshire Governor Services Opportunity

Hampshire Governor Services is currently looking to recruit enthusiastic and committed people to the Hampshire Clerking Service with vacancies across the county. If you, or anyone you know, has strong organisational and communication skills and would enjoy supporting governance boards to deliver the best outcomes for the pupils in their schools we would welcome your application.

Full details of the post and the application process can be found on the Hampshire Jobs Website - [Clerk to School Governors/Trustees HCC574590 \(newjob.org.uk\)](#)

Contracts do vary in size but on average clerks in the Service work around 200 hours a year once established in the role, and there can be scope to go beyond this if you have the capacity. The current advert closes on 10 July 2022, so please act now if you would be interested in becoming a clerk with the Hampshire Clerking Service.

## Mental Health Support Teams Newsletter

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/content/uploads/2022/06/Secondary-Newsletter.pdf>