

## Parent Bulletin

Friday 17 June 2022

Week commencing Monday 20 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

Phew what a scorcher! It has certainly been a warm end to the week. Pupils have enjoyed spending time on the field at break and lunch time as well as doing a spot of sunbathing in their PE kit. Next week looks set to be a little cooler so we will be returning to our Summer uniform (shirt and tie, trousers or skirt, school shoes) from Monday 20 June. We thank parents for their support with this.

This week we held the second and final consultation meeting around the future plans for the school and we are grateful to those who have either attended these meetings or sent questions or comments into the school. The plans are moving swiftly and there are exciting times ahead.

We are in the final stages of planning our induction activities for the pupils joining us in September, whilst our Year 10 pupils have the opportunity to visit Andover College for a taster day. We are also holding two taster days for pupils who are currently in Year 5. If you have younger children who would like to take up this opportunity or if you have friends and neighbours who would sign up details are on our website.

We relaunched our behaviour expectations this week. We reminded pupils that they come to school to learn and the vast majority do you proud every single lesson. Class Charts is consistently running at 94% positive, but we can do better and we are determined to improve this still further.

Please remember that the next Inset Day takes place on Friday 24 June and our Year 11 pupils will be joining us for their Leavers' Prom that evening – watch out for what will no doubt be some fabulous photos.

When you get to it, have a fantastic weekend and watch out for some spectacular thunderstorms overhead!

Andrew Page

#### Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 20 June – GCSE and year 10 exams continue  
Friday 24 June – INSET Day  
Friday 24 June – Yr 11 Prom  
Monday 27 June – Year 6 Induction Evening  
Tuesday 28 June – Year 6 Induction Day  
Tuesday 28 June – Yr 10 Andover College Taster Day  
Wednesday 6 July & Thursday 7 July – Year 5 Taster Days  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – PSHE Day  
Tuesday 12 July – Sports Day  
Wednesday 13 July – Reserve Sports Day  
W/c 18 July – Summer Celebration Trips  
Thursday 21 July – End of Term

#### #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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#### 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.

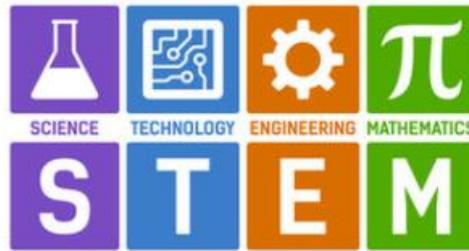
#### Strategic Partnership

The Governors would like to thank the parents who attended the second consultation open evening last Monday 13th June. They were able to hear from and put their questions to the CEO of HISP and Caroline Lowing, the incoming Head of School from September. Although there are no more consultation events scheduled, you can still comment up until 21<sup>st</sup> June, which is when the consultation period closes. Just a reminder that there is a list of FAQs that can be found under the "Letters Home" section of the website and you can send in any additional questions you may have by emailing [info@testvalley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:info@testvalley.hants.sch.uk)

#### Post 16 Transport Information Hants Gov

**Post-16 pupils, new and existing** - There is no automatic eligibility to transport assistance for post-16 students. If a parent feels that they are eligible and wishes to apply for transport for their child to attend either a school's own post-16 unit or a college, they will need to complete a Discretionary Travel Request Form. This applies to all new and existing students, even those currently receiving transport assistance. **The deadline for online applications is 30 July 2022.**

To contact the Transport Team, email [school.transport@hants.gov.uk](mailto:school.transport@hants.gov.uk) or phone 01962 846924



## *STEM in the News*

### Europe's 'largest ever' predator dinosaur found on Isle of Wight



[Europe's 'largest ever' predator dinosaur found on Isle of Wight - BBC News](#)

*What do YOU think?*

*STEM Pupil of the week: Amelie S Year 9  
STEM Subject: Computer Science  
Date: 13 June 2022*

### Year 9 Prefect Applications

Further to our recent communications, the Year 9 Prefect Application form is now available as an assignment on Teams. Closing date for applications is this **Sunday 19th June**.

### Forthcoming Sports Events

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 7 & 8 Andover & District Athletics @ Charlton. Pupils will return in time for the school buses.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - All years Andover & District Swimming Gala @ Rookwood School - Pupils will not return in time for school buses.

## Science Day at Clatford Primary School

Mr Holmes and 11 of our yr8 students led a science activity with Clatford primary school for their science day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Years 4,3,5 and 6 were faced with the challenge of identifying the acids, alkalis and neutral liquids in common household substances. Mr Holmes 'inadvertently' lost the labels to some dangerous chemicals and 'poisoned' two of his students! Fortunately, with the help of our students Clatford's pupils used red cabbage juice to test and identify the correct bottles.

A big thanks to the fantastic yr8 scientists, ambassadors, and actors.

Freddie A  
Taylor C  
Bethany H  
Oliver L-C  
Angel M  
Megan R  
Elliot W  
Rosie W  
Darcie Y  
Eleanor Y  
Evie K  
Phew!

(No animals were harmed in this scenario)

## Library

### Relax & Read 2022

Hampshire School Library Service have compiled a great selection of great books to read while relaxing, which can be found on Teams. Please contact Mrs Lowin on [lowins@testvalley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:lowins@testvalley.hants.sch.uk) if you would like a copy of any of these books.

[Mrs S Lowin: Read & Relax 2022](#)

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

### Summer Reading Challenge Volunteers

Hampshire Libraries are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the Summer Reading Challenge. This is a great opportunity for KS4 pupils to build confidence and independence, to encourage young children to read, add some experience to their CV, as well as boosting their well-being.

If your child/ren are interested in volunteering, then please follow this link for more information and the application form:

[Summer reading challenge volunteers | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Congratulations to the MFL Stars of the Month for May. We have been very impressed with your hard work and effort. Well done!



Year 7 - Violet C & Zoe B  
 Year 8 - Harvey E & Cain F  
 Year 9 - Emily B & Jade B  
 Year 10 - Emma M & Ollie F



### Drama Stars of the Week (w/b 6/6/22)

- 7A - Zac B, Ted T, Grace
- 7B - Rory, Evie, Nicola
- 7C - Alfie
- 8A - Matvi, Megan, Riley
- 8B - Cam, Tom H
- 91 - Riley, Morgan W, Sam E
- 92 - Tyler J, Charlie H
- 93 - Everyone!!!
- 94 - Chas, Amelle, Taylor

## Sparsholt Futures Day

Year 8 have had a very informative time at the Sparsholt futures event today. It has focused on careers in a range of industries including equine, animal management, rare bread and endangered animals, and forestry management.

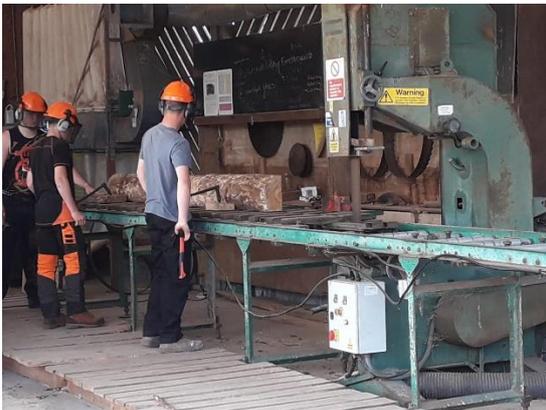
Equine demonstrated heart rate monitoring and showed off their horse simulator.

Not just talks but live demonstrations of different types of chainsaw, felling, transferring logs and log conversion to planks.

A tree surgery demonstration with live ropework and safe tree climbing.

The laser shooting range was very popular.

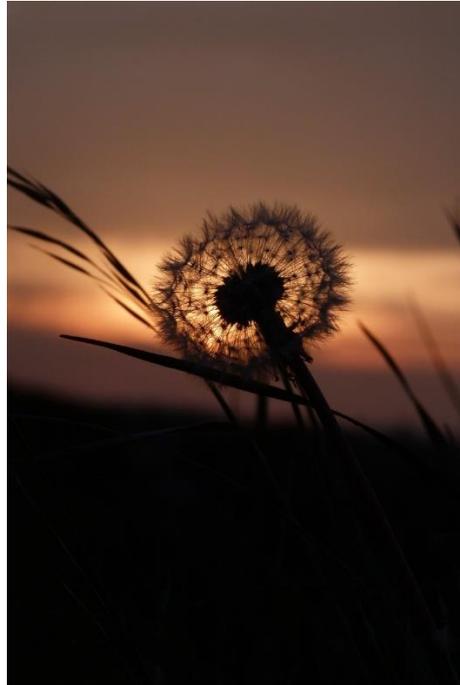
Thank you Sparsholt college for organising such a fantastic insight into the wide range of career opportunities available in Landbased industries.



## Nature Photo Competition

Congratulations to all pupils who took part in the Nature Photo Competition. We have some very talented Photographers.

It was extremely hard to select the winners as there were so many beautiful photos entered but below is what the judges have decided:



Please have a look through all the fantastic entries:

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/content/uploads/2022/06/nature.portrait-merged.pdf>