



Parent Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you've had a good week and enjoyed the sunshine when it briefly appeared! It's been lovely to see all our pupils out on the field at break and lunch, playing sports and socialising.

Exam season is nearly upon us, starting with GCSE Art next Tuesday. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those who have worked extremely hard and made the most of the intervention sessions that are on offer. Good luck to our pupils taking Art and Animal Care next week.

Many thanks to those parents and carers who've given feedback on the proposed new school name, uniform and slight change to the school day. The feedback was largely positive and really helpful. The pupils have been overwhelmingly positive, once they saw two of our pupils wearing the uniform they were very excited.

Next week we have a School Improvement Review which is being carried out over two days, by a team from the trust. I will share feedback from the report once I receive it. One foci of the review is the impact of adaptive teaching strategies on learning. This has been, and will continue to be a priority within our staff training sessions.

It's been joyous to see all the sporting achievements of our pupils and in such a wide range of sports outside of school. Please do keep sending them in, we love celebrating these successes (see photos below).

We are currently searching for a Parent Governor to join our us; we have a very experienced team who have formed over the last year and are instrumental in our School Improvement journey. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please email freemanm@testvalley.hants.sch.uk.

Have a great weekend

Mrs N Goodridge

Head of School

More about all the activities occurring in and out of lessons at Test Valley School can be found on our Facebook page: Test Valley School, Twitter Feed: @testvalleysch and Instagram Account: testvalleyofficial. 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.

Forthcoming Dates

w/c 29th April

Week 1 Timetable

GCSE Exam – Art & Design - 30th April & 2nd May
BTEC Exam - Animal Care & Welfare – 3rd May
School Improvement Visit – 30th April and 1st May
NHS Roadshow – 30th April

Inspiring Future Teachers

[Test Valley School - Are you interested in becoming a teacher?](#)



School Catering



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Our school/college caterers are award-winning caterers, managed by Hampshire County Council Education Catering, **formerly known as HC3S**. Visit the dedicated pages on their website for their price list and other information. [Middle Schools, Secondary Schools and Colleges | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)
You can also keep up-to-date, by following them on social media.

Facebook: @hantseducationcatering

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Congratulations

Congratulations Victoria!

Just thought I would let you know that Victoria has qualified for the championships at Hickstead this summer representing Test Valley in dressage. The qualification is taken from the 8 highest competitor scores over the last 5 months. Victoria only competed in the last three months competitions but these scores were high enough to mean she still qualified. Each month she competed against 20 to 30 competitors.



Congratulations Megan and Alice



National Age Group Water Polo Finals

I am pleased to say that the **Under 19 Cheltenham Girls** (Lily and Megan's team) **WON** the Gold medal and are National Champions. Lily received MVP of the Tournament and Megan scored a hat-trick in the Final against Sheffield.

Alice, Megan and their team mates also battled hard in the **Under 17 Tournament** to come back from 4 goals down to beat Worthing by a goal in the dying minutes of the game and claimed the Bronze medal!

Congratulations Sienna

Sienna cooked some delicious Lumpia for Culture and Diversity Week. Yum!





Congratulations Jack

Jack in Year 11 achieved a Silver Award in the British Physics Olympiad Intermediate Physics Challenge. His grade placed him in the top 15% of students nationwide and the Science department is very proud of him.

Congratulations Ethan and Callum

Ethan and Callum recently took part in a southern race day with their ski race team. There were several different clubs in attendance from the south of England. Both boys were fantastic in their age categories and were up against some tough competition. They both got PBs in their individual time trials and Ethan's team in his age category came third overall. Well done boys



Key Stage 4

GCSE Exams get underway next week with Art & Design and Animal Care, good luck to all Year 11.

Please help students get prepared for their exams, we have board in school with the exam timetable, Be prepared with exam equipment.

Year 11 GCSE Self Study Programmes have been emailed to Year 11 and put in the Year 11 MS Teams site ready to keep the exam preparation momentum going.

Top of the pops for the week before Easter

Seren Shirley 11PH

Ruby Court 11PX

Eleanor Vessey 11PH

Benny Gerrard 11PH

James Paterson 11PH

Evie Kanarens 10PH

Megan Ross 10CE

Evie Laurence 10PH

Luca Valenti 10PH

Rosie White 10PH

Top of the pops last week

Oliver Levy-Clinkard 10CE

Bethany Halliden 10GR

Evie Kanarens 10PH

Megan Ross 10CE

Eleanor Yeo 10CE

Ella-Mai Kane 11CE

Benny Gerrard 11PH

Dylan Lyne 11PH

Ollie Eggleton 11PX

Esther Mabaire 11PX

Year 10 Exam Preparation

Year 10 exams commence on Monday 24th June and subject teachers are preparing 'self-study programmes' to support students to manage their preparations. Details of examination preparation materials will be posted to students via class-charts.

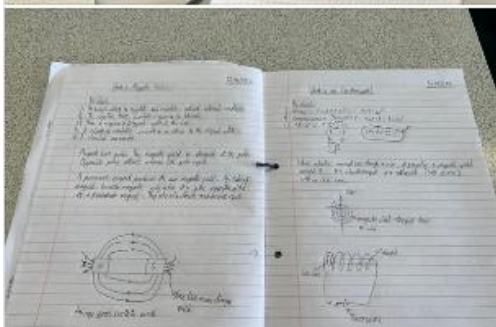
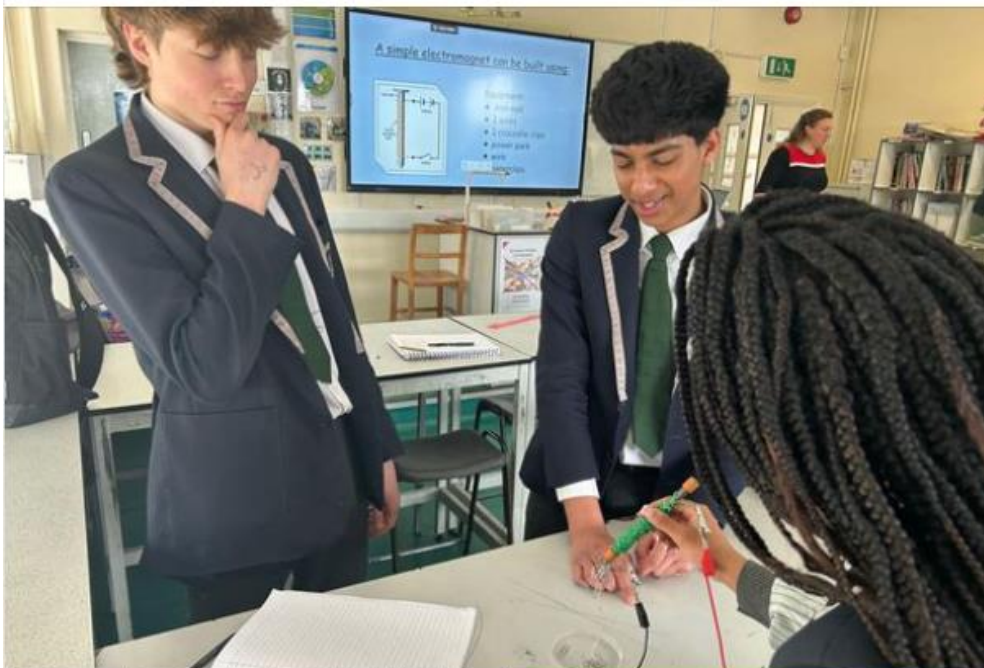
Mr Langdown will place the 'self-study programmes' into the Year 10 team and share the link to these via student's school email so that all Year 10 students can plan their preparations commencing at the end of April.

Preparation for these exams is an opportunity for student to start the process of forming good study habits which is the key to success. The one single thing which has the greatest impact upon exam success is starting preparations early and we therefore urge students to commence their study for their Year 10 exams at the end of April to give them the best opportunity to succeed.

As students' progress into Year 11, they will sit two further mock exams in November and February to further support their preparation before sitting their actual GCSEs which commence in May 2025.

Forming these good study habits now will help build on their knowledge and confidence on their learning journey and ultimately take them towards success and a wide range of choices for their next steps into adult life.

Lots of active learning in Science this morning, our students were challenged to create their own electromagnets 🌀



Year 10 Geographers produced some great work using a variety of maps to describe the growth of Andover. Some managed to find Danebury Hill!



Duke Of Edinburgh's Award - Year 9 students Bronze Award sign-up

Test Valley School supports students signing up to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award through the exceptionally well-run Andover Community Church Open Award Centre licenced by Hampshire.

Staff and ex-staff from Test Valley School support the centre's programme throughout the year. Candidates from Year 9 who sign up to the award programme form teams and meet at Andover Community Church fortnightly from October of the autumn, the programme also contains day walks, night orienteering, training days and two weekend camping expeditions.

[Duke of Edinburgh' Award Application Form](#)

There are a limited number of spaces offered and would therefore urge interested candidates to apply early in order to avoid disappointment.

Information evening on Thursday the 6th June at 7.30 pm at Andover Community Church

Sport/Physical Education

South Winchester Cricket Club will be running its Summer Cricket Camp at the IBM Hursley playing fields from August 5th to 9th. T

he camp is for boys and girls from 7 to 14 years old. It will be run by ECB Level 2 coaches, and includes lunch each day. Further details, including cost and a link to the booking form, are included in the attached flyer.



Summer Cricket Camp

South Winchester CC
SO21 2JN

5th-9th August 2024
9.30am-3.30pm

Level 2 coaches
7-14yrs

£32/day or £130 for 5 days
(includes lunch)

10% discount for siblings

Age group specific drills
Fun games
Nets Matches
Prizes

Sports hall available if wet

Queries?
graham.meech@gmail.com

To book:
<https://forms.gle/Bqi5StvjABMHRDrQ7>

South Winchester Cricket Club
EST. 1967

Creative Arts

Year 9 watercolour artworks



College Information

There is information on our website regarding forthcoming College open events, including dates and how to book a place.

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

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



Open Evenings: 5.30 to 8.30 pm

3rd & 4th July 2024

1st & 2nd October 2024

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

Registrations are now open for Andover College's next open event

Wednesday 8 May 2024, 4.30pm – 7.30pm.

To attend, your students will need to register for the event **as soon as possible** by visiting [Open Events - Andover College | Hampshire](#) **as our events do fill up quickly!** Also, it is not too late to apply to Andover College as applications are still open and Year 11 students can still apply by visiting the Andover College website or by using [Apply - Full Time and Part Time courses - Andover College | Hampshire](#).

Sparsholt College

Sparsholt College's next open event on Wednesday 1 May 2024
(Slots between 5.30pm – 7pm) .

To attend, your students will need to register for the event **as soon as possible** by visiting [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#) **as our events do fill up quickly!** At this event students will have a tour of the subject area they are interested in at a specific time which they will book in advance.

Also, it is not too late to apply to Sparsholt College as applications are still open and students can apply by visiting the Sparsholt website or by using [How to Apply - Sparsholt College and University Centre Sparsholt](#).

Basingstoke College of Technology - www.bcot.ac.uk

Just a quick one about an event we have coming up for your students who are interested in T Levels, and parents who maybe are a bit confused by them! It will be a short event with a quick presentation and then opportunity to talk to the course areas about their T Level offering, we currently have them in Animal Management, Business, Computing & IT, Construction, Engineering, Health & Social Care and Media. Students who have already applied for one might find it useful to chat through the course, and those who are on the cusp of entry requirements or who are considering one but aren't sure will hopefully find the information useful for decision making come results day.

You can find out more information and book a free ticket here: <https://www.bcot.ac.uk/news-and-events/2024/05/t-level-information-evening/>

Future Events



ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS 2024

RECRUITMENT CLINICS

- Tues 5 March
- Wed 24 April
- Thurs 16 May
- Tues 11 June

4.30 - 6pm *Booking advised*

Why attend?

- Join us at one of our Recruitment Clinics to provide practical support & guidance to anyone from Year 11 upwards wishing to apply for an engineering apprenticeship starting in September 2024 (parents are welcome too!).
- Come along to discuss the current vacancies, what the roles involve & get guidance on writing a great application!

Who should attend?

- Anyone looking for an engineering apprenticeship starting in September 2024
- School or College leavers in 2024
- Those just thinking about a change in career, this event is for you!

Where is it taking place?

SETA Apprenticeship Centre,
First Avenue, Millbrook,
Southampton, SO15 0LJ

REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://www.setatraining.co.uk/seta/events-recruitment-clinic.html>

www.seta-training.co.uk info@seta-training.co.uk



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Father's Day Fun Cycle - Rotary Event

We are raising money for Local Charities and more importantly we have offered every school and Charity the chance of raising money for themselves. It would be very helpful if you could get all your families to come and ride in the afternoon as a Family Afternoon event for Father's Day.

What a great time to get everybody together and just have fun as a family.



FAMILY FUN CYCLE AROUND THE CIRCUIT
Bring the whole family and cycle the wrong way around the circuit
What a great way to have **Father's Day 16 June** with the family start 12.30pm end 5.00pm

Price just £10 per whole family
Where else can you cycle in a safe on-road area with NO Traffic



CYCLE THRUXTON

THE ROTARY CLUB OF ANDOVER Christopher.lynn36@gmail.com 01264 396511 to book now
Hot and cold drinks available as well as Hot Dogs etc



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Have a concern about you or
someone else?



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.

RESILIENCE

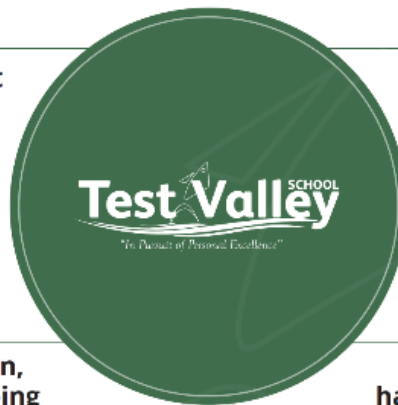
We show courage by not giving in, challenging ourselves, stepping out of our comfort zones and not fearing failure.

EXCELLENCE

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

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.