



## Parent Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

At last the sun has made an appearance and what a lovely week it's been!

GCSEs are in full swing now, well done to all our Year 11s for all their hard work preparing for them. It has been lovely to see their positive faces as they come out and listen to them excitingly review the papers question by question. I hope you as parents and carers aren't finding it too stressful at home, I know how tough it can be when your child has such an intense exam period. If you would like any support, please do let us know.

I have continued to discuss the uniform for next year with our student body, I'm confident I have captured their thoughts. Our new logo is being finalised, and I will be sharing a rebranding update with you next week.

Please can I remind you that trainers aren't permitted, black leather shoes must be worn. We do have a small supply of shoes in our uniform cupboard, we can help if necessary.

Thank you for all your support with attendance, we have made huge strides improving attendance over the last term, this hasn't happened by chance, but through working in partnership with our parents and carers. We are currently in line with national averages and will continue to strive for excellence in everything we do.

It has been brought to our attention that some of our students may be accessing the website Ome.tv. This is the second version of a video messaging platform that was previously called Omegle. Omegle was closed down by the Police force because of the high number of online grooming incidents that resulted from its use. You can read more about this through this BBC link <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-67364634>.

We recommend that parents consider safety controls on their children's phones and regularly discuss the importance of online safety. We will be reiterating these messages through assemblies and the tutor programme. If you have any concerns about what is on your child's phone or who may have contacted them we recommend you report this to the police in the first instance.

As temperatures have increased please do ensure your child has a refillable water bottle each day, we will be encouraging them to drink to keep hydrated.

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

## Forthcoming Dates

**w/c May 13th**

### **Week 1 Timetable**

All Week - Mental Health Awareness Week

All Week - GCSE Exams

## Inspiring Future Teachers

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



## Congratulations



### **Congratulations Ted!**





At the Salisbury Rugby Club Awards on Saturday night Ted was awarded Player of the Season.

## Key Stage 4

**GCSE Exams 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.

 <p><b>Breakfast Revision</b></p>	<p><b>Maths Revision on the morning on each exam</b></p>	 <p><b>Room 4</b></p>
<p>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>P1 Non-Calc</p>	<p><b>8.15am, or whenever you arrive!</b></p>	<p>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</p> <p>P2 Calc</p>
	<p>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>P3 Calc</p>	

### Year 10 Exam Preparation

Year 10 exams commence on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **University of Southampton Year 10 Residential**

After its successful launch in 2022, this 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Learn with US Year 10 Residential invites students to live in Halls of Residence, learn all about student life at university, experience subject tasters and develop skills for learning as they work on a group project presented at the end of their stay with us.

**To improve this opportunity further, we have been working with Year 10 Youth Consultants who have evaluated what we do and made improvements that are for the benefit of their peers:**

*'This residential has been co-designed by a group of year 10 students who are determined to create the best experience for other year 10 students and to show them what life is like as a university student.'*

*In this experience, we have learned how to work as a team, and come up with different solutions to different problems we may have come across. We have given each other effective feedback on our work to see where we can improve, and have developed new ideas when doing so.'*

As a *Widening Participation* initiative, the residential is FREE for eligible students (including the reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses). Eligibility criteria, along with full details and how to apply, can be found on our webpage: [Learn with US Year 10 Residential | University of Southampton](#).

Within the application form, applicants will have to complete three shortlisting questions. In order to give the best chance for those in higher need to access the opportunity, spelling and grammar WILL NOT form part of the shortlisting process.

Applicants will also be expected to provide a teacher reference – the main aim of this is to verify the eligibility criteria, plus any additional contextual information from a widening participation perspective – we will happily assume that everyone that applies and gets a reference would be a fantastic participant! As part of this we will also need confirmation that permission has/will be granted for the days to be registered as authorised absences for the students taking part.

## **Key Stage 3**

### **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.



The flyer features a central illustration of a cricketer in a batting stance, wearing a blue and white uniform with a red bat. The background is dark blue with horizontal red and white stripes. Text is arranged in a structured layout around the illustration.

**Summer Cricket Camp**

South Winchester CC  
SO21 2JN

5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 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

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

Sports hall  
available if wet

Queries?  
[graham.meech@gmail.com](mailto:graham.meech@gmail.com)

South Winchester Cricket Club  
EST. 1962

## College Information

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

**Salisbury 6<sup>th</sup> 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 & 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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/>

**Careers**

**Future Events**

The poster features the Apprenticeships logo on the left and the SETA logo on the right. The main title is 'ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS 2024 RECRUITMENT CLINICS'. Below the title, dates and times are listed: Tues 5 March, Wed 24 April, Thurs 16 May, and Tues 11 June, all from 4.30 - 6pm. A 'Booking advised' banner is placed diagonally. The poster is divided into sections: 'Why attend?' (practical support and application guidance), 'Who should attend?' (those starting in September 2024, school/college leavers, and those considering a career change), and 'Where is it taking place?' (SETA Apprenticeship Centre, First Avenue, Millbrook, Southampton, SO15 0LJ). A 'REGISTER ONLINE' section includes a QR code and the URL <https://www.setatraining.co.uk/seta/events-recruitment-clinic.html>. Contact information is provided at the bottom: [www.seta-training.co.uk](http://www.seta-training.co.uk) and [info@seta-training.co.uk](mailto:info@seta-training.co.uk). The bottom of the poster shows a group of diverse young people in work attire with the slogan 'Supporting Tomorrow's Engineers' and social media icons for Facebook, LinkedIn, and X.

**Apprenticeships**

John Robinson Butchers are looking for a butcher's apprentice.



Please contact them if you know anyone that might be interested

MFL Stars of the Month. Congratulations!

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**MFL Stars of the Month for April**

<u>German</u>	<u>French</u>
Yr 7 - Logan W	Yr 7 - Tilly C
Yr 8 - Finley W	Yr 8 - Brianna J
Yr 9 - Livvy S	Yr 9 - Jake R
Yr 10 - Josie C	Yr 10 - Niya G
Yr 11 - Eleanor V	Yr 11 - Ollie E

Music

**Hampshire County Youth Choir and Training Choir Sing-Alongside**



Supported using public funding by  
Department for Education  
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



ENJOY PERFORMING?

LOVE SINGING?



**Are you looking to join a choir from September?**

Come and sing alongside our current members.

Friday 21 June 2024

- Training Choir 7.30pm - 8.45pm Yr 7 to Yr 9
- Youth Choir 7.30pm - 9pm Yr 10 to Upper Sixth

The United Church, Jewry St, Winchester

Are you aged between 11 and 18 and looking to join a Choir from September, or do you know someone else that might like to join?

Hampshire County Training and Youth Choirs will be holding a Sing Alongside rehearsal on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June and invite you to join them with a view to joining in the new academic year. Come along to find out more at United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RZ.

Follow the link below to sign-up:  
[Sing Alongside Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 Sign Up](#)



MAKE NEW FRIENDS

To sign-up and find out more information, scan the QR Code



Hampshire County Council

[www.hcyc.hmsensembles.org.uk](http://www.hcyc.hmsensembles.org.uk)

Creative Arts

Year 8 are learning about Frida Kahlo and Peter Blake in Art this week. Great Work!





Summer Reading Challenge 2024  
Delivered in partnership with libraries



Hampshire  
County Council

Library Service

# Marvellous Makers



This summer we need volunteers in  
our libraries to help us run the  
Summer Reading Challenge!

It's great fun and very rewarding – if you're aged 14+  
please speak to a member of staff or scan the code to  
find out more and apply:



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READING  
AGENCY

Celebrating  
creativity

CREATE

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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](mailto:Christopher.lynn36@gmail.com) 01264 396511 to book now  
Hot and cold drinks available as well as Hot Dogs etc




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## Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function

Have a concern about you or  
someone else?



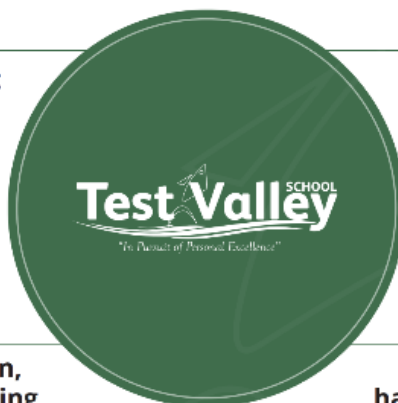
***At Test Valley we are committed to building an engaging inclusive environment where success and excellence is experienced by all. We will achieve this by ensuring:***

## **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.***