

Parent Newsletter

Friday 3 February 2023

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

Congratulations to Year 11 who have made an excellent start to their second set of Mock Exams this week We were really pleased to be able to ensure continuity to these exams despite the industrial action.

It was good to welcome nearly 80% of Year 11 parents and carers into school last week for a face-to-face consultation evening.

Year 9 have an exciting journey ahead of them, choosing their options and thinking ahead to future careers. Our Careers evening will be on 9th March, Mr Langdown will be writing you with more details. Ms Goodridge and I will be opening the evening with a formal talk before parents and carers can visit our careers marketplace with pupils and staff.

Please remember that we have a planned INSET Day on Monday 6th February. The whole school will be joining HISP for a Trust wide INSET based at Thornden school which will focus on teaching and learning.

Moving forward there is further planned industrial action, and I will communicate with as much clarity as possible, as early as possible. Many thanks for your support on this matter.

Wishing you a restful weekend

Mrs McKeown

Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 30 Jan-Friday 10 Feb – Yr 11 Practice Exams 2
Monday 6 February – INSET Day
Monday 13 – Fri 17 Feb – Half Term Break
Monday 20 February – Launch of Prefect Applications

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.

School Improvement Q&A Sessions

As mentioned in previous communications we look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school to hear about our school improvement plan from Mrs McKeown and Mrs Goodridge. There will be two opportunities to meet, namely Thursday 16 and Tuesday 28 March. Further information will be sent out in due course.

INSET Days

Please note the school will be closed to all pupils on:

Monday 6 February

Year 7 Parents Evening

Our Year 7 Parents Consultation evening was scheduled for Thursday 2 March. However this is now a planned date for industrial action by members of the NEU. Therefore the Consultation Evening will be postponed and we will notify parents and carers of the new date in due course.

Year 9 Futures Programme

Please see below the plans for our futures programmes for our Year 9 pupils. There has been a change to some previous published dates, so please check carefully.

[Test Valley School - Year 9 Options](#)

Year 9 Futures Programme 2023

In preparation for Year 9 options the following programme of activities are taking place in school over the next five school weeks.

| Date | Tutor | Location | Time | Activity | Details |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday 8 February | Centaur | Tutor room | 08.50 – 09.25 | Interactive apprenticeship workshop | Our independent careers advisor, Jane Belbin, will deliver workshops to each tutor group in turn with a view to raising awareness of apprenticeships. |
| Wednesday 8 February | Phoenix | IT room | 08.50 – 09.25 | Careers profiling | This is a tutor led activity, using the National Careers Service website to carry out careers profiling and exploration. |
| Wednesday 22 February | All | Hall | 08.50 – 09.25 | University presentation | Alix Hickman from Winchester university presents to Year 9 opportunities beyond college. |
| Wednesday 1 March | Phoenix | Tutor room | 08.50 – 09.25 | Interactive apprenticeship workshop | Our independent careers advisor, Jane Belbin, will deliver workshops to each tutor group in turn with a view to raising awareness of apprenticeships. |
| Wednesday 1 March | Griffin | IT room | 08.50 – 09.25 | Careers profiling | This is a tutor led activity, using the National Careers Service website to carry out careers profiling and exploration. |
| Tuesday 7 March | All | Hall | 08.50 – 09.25 | Post 16 college opportunities | Representatives from our feeder college, Andover, will present to KS3 pupils to enlighten them about opportunities and college life post 16. |
| Wednesday 8 March | Griffin | Tutor room | 08.50 – 09.25 | Interactive apprenticeship workshop | Our independent careers advisor, Jane Belbin, will deliver workshops to each tutor group in turn with a view to raising awareness of apprenticeships. |
| Wednesday 8 March | Centaur | IT room | 08.50 – 09.25 | Careers profiling | This is a tutor led activity, using the National Careers Service website to carry out careers profiling and exploration. |
| Thursday 9 March | All | Tutor room | 08.50 – 09.25 | Option booklet exploration | During tutor time pupils will have the opportunity to browse through our options booklet and explore the details of all the courses on offer at KS4. |
| Thursday 9 March | All | Main block | 18.00 – 19.30 | Y9 Curriculum Parents' Evening | This is a showcase evening for Year 9 parents and pupils. More details of the event will follow, but the evening will comprise of presentations and an options fair in the hall where parents and pupils can talk to staff and pupil ambassadors about subjects they are interested in. |
| Friday 10 March | All | Computer rooms | 08.50 – 09.25 | Straw poll, PV and careers portfolio | Pupils will use IT facilities to access Microsoft forms assignments to complete a straw poll to give the school an indication of initial option selections. The pupil voice is used to gather career thinking and identify where career advice can be targeted. The portfolio helps pupils to collect their careers planning into one document and assist with identify further careers advice targeted support. |
| Tuesday 14 March | N/A | hall | 16.00 – 19.00 | Y9 Parents' Consultation Evening | This will be an appointment based, face to face parents' consultation evening offering parents the opportunity to talk with their class teachers about their child's progress within each subject. |

Yr 11 Practice Exam Timetable

Please use the link below to view our website for all the information relating to the second practice exams for Year 11. You will find:

- Update exam timetable
- Information on workshops
- GCSE Exam Booklet
- Information on managing exam stress

Exams will run from Monday 30 January until Friday 10 February.

[Test Valley School - Yr 11 Practice Exam Information](#)

Art

Year 7

Zentangles project is still in progress (pupils learned how to use tracing paper, create composition and cross-hatch)

Year 8

The pupils have been working on prints, in teams they created a collage of techniques that are used for printing. The work is on a display in Art Department.

Year 9

Beautiful paintings of endangered animals were done by pupils.

CONGRATULATIONS

A huge well done to Teddy (yr8) who entered the Andover Rotary Club Young Photography of the Year Competition. He came FIRST and is now being entered in the District final which incorporates Hampshire, Wiltshire and Dorset. We wish you lots of luck for the district final Teddy!



His image entitled "The skyscraper" was under the theme of "the beauty of architecture"

KS3 & KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Grace R | Flora R | Bailey R | Josie B | Ruby A |
| Rosie C | Brooke T | Rosie D | Sam J | Grace M |
| Jack W | Zac B | Barney G | Lily W | Henry A |
| Chloe GT | Lucas R | Rosie W | Liam Ngan | Oliver H |
| Riley S | Leo B | Evie K | Elizabeth F | Angus B |
| Brianna J | Addi R | Sohni J | Holly W | |
| | | Elliot W | | |

SETA Engineering Apprenticeships

Here at SETA we are excited as National Apprenticeship Week 2023 is fast approaching!

Taking place during the week will be our [Employer Open Evening](#) providing an opportunity for young people (and their parents) to speak to those businesses attending about their engineering apprenticeship vacancies that they will be recruiting for. From the employers attending there will be a **whopping 65 vacancies** that will either be live or going live soon. Each of the positions will be starting their workshop 'off-the-job' training at SETA from this September.

As a reminder this is taking place on 7 February between 1630-1930 at our Apprenticeship Centre in Millbrook, First Avenue, Southampton, SO15 0LJ.

So to help ensure that these vacancies are filled with the right candidates the Vacancies Bulletin will now be coming out fortnightly.



**Engineering Apprenticeships
Vacancy Bulletin**
Vacancies live as at 27 January 2023

Both the employer and the vacancy are clickable links to external websites if you are viewing online.

www.setatraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/current_vacancies

| Employer | Vacancy | No. of positions | Level | Location | Duration (months) | Closing Date |
|--|--|------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Veolia | Maintenance Engineer Apprentice | 1 | 3 | Marchwood | 42 | 6 Feb 2023 |
| R&B Industrial Limited | Electromechanical Installation Engineer | 1 | 3 | Andover | 42 | 14 Feb 2023 |
| KoneCranes UK Ltd | Apprentice Maintenance Engineer | 1 | 3 | Andover | 42 | 28 Feb 2023 |
| ExxonMobil, Fawley | Science Industry Maintenance Technicians across 3 trades: Mechanical, Electrical & Instrumentation/Analysers | 15 | 3 | Fawley, Southampton | 42 | 12 Mar 2023 |
| Aquila Nuclear Engineering | Apprentice Mechanical Design Engineer | 2 | 3 | Twyford, nr Winchester | 42 | 14 Apr 2023 |
| Aquila Nuclear Engineering | Apprentice Electrical Design Engineer | 1 | 3 | Twyford, nr Winchester | 42 | 14 Apr 2023 |
| RHH Franks Limited | Metal Fabricator Apprentice | 1 | 3 | New Milton | 42 | 30 Apr 2023 |

All the vacancies listed can be found on the SETA apprenticeship vacancy web page. Follow the link or scan the QR code



FUTURE EVENTS

Employer Open Evening – 7th Feb 2023



Excellent opportunity for those looking for an apprenticeship within engineering. At the event you (and parents) will be able to chat to employers about their vacancies for engineering apprentices to start in Sept 2023. Between them there will be 65 vacancies that can be discussed! Some will be live and some coming soon.

Taking place at the SETA Apprenticeship Centre, Millbrook, Southampton, SO15 0LP between 1630-1930

FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER YOUR PLACE

Follow the [link](#) or scan the QR code

https://www.setatraining.co.uk/seta/events_open_evenings.html





College Open Events

Please see our website for the latest information on College open events with information on how to book a place.

[Test Valley School - College Open Events 2022-23](#)

Extra Curricular Activities – Spring 2023

| Time | Venue | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Before School 0830-0850 | Library | | | Drop in Session with Mrs Whitehead (All) | Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All) | Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All) |
| Lunchtime | Rm 40 | | Keyboard Club and Band Practice (All) | | | |
| | Rm 1 | | | Coding Club | | |
| | Drama | School Production Rehearsals | | | School Production Rehearsals | |
| | Rm 21 | Geography Club (All) | | | | |
| | Library | | | | Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All) | Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All) |
| | Library | - | Quiet Reading and Research (All) | Quiet Reading and Research (All) | Quiet Reading and Research (All) | - |
| | Sports Hall | Mixed Basketball (Yr 7 & 8) | | All years mixed Trampolining & Badminton | Football (Yr 10 & 11) | Yr 9, 10 & 11 mixed Basketball |
| | Mr Page's Office | Take Hope for a walk | Take Hope for a walk | Take Hope for a walk | Take Hope for a walk | |
| | Various special activities taking place at lunchtime in the Modern Foreign Languages Block during the term | | | | | |
| After School | Drama | | Staff Meetings | School Production Rehearsals | | |
| | Sports Hall | Yr7 Mixed Football (hall/field) | | All Years Netball | Yr 8 & 9 Mixed Football | |
| | Rm 1 | Homework and Revision Support (All) | Homework and Revision Support (All) | Homework and Revision Support (All) | Homework and Revision Support (All) | |