

## Parent Newsletter

Friday 24 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**

I hope you and your families had a good half term.

Over the next 5 weeks there are three opportunities for you to come and meet me and the senior team of Test Valley. Our focus this half term is very much about 'community' and one way to do that is to invite you to join us for some events:

- Our Year 9 Careers event on 9<sup>th</sup> March
- Two sessions on 16<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March when myself and Ms Goodridge will be talking through our post Ofsted plan

We also have our School production of School of Rock on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March which I am also hoping you will join us for.

In the week before half term I had a number of requests for holidays from families. I need to ask for your support in ensuring holidays are taken in holiday time so that we can maximise learning in school. In cases of compassionate circumstances, these will always be considered.

Finally, thank you to Ms Remnant for organising the petting zoo we had in school this week. Our pupils conducted themselves in an exceptional way with our special guests.



Best Wishes,  
Mrs McKeown

#### Forthcoming Dates:

Thursday 2 March – NEU strike Day  
Thursday 2 March – World Book Day  
Friday 3 March – Deadline for Prefect Applications  
Thursday 9 March – Yr 9 Options Curriculum Meeting  
Tuesday 14 March – Yr 9 Parents' Consultation Evening  
Thursday 16 March – School Improvement Plan Q&A Session  
Wednesday 22 March – Grandstand Photographs  
Tuesday 28 March – School Improvement Plan Q&A Session  
Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 March – School Production

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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#### 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.

#### 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.

#### RESCHEDULED Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening

Following the postponement of the year 7 Parents Consultation evening on 2 March, this has now been rescheduled for **Thursday 20 April** in the school hall. More details will follow nearer the time.

#### Ukraine

We acknowledge it is a difficult week for our Ukrainian families on the anniversary of the war in Ukraine. We continue to offer our support within the Test Valley School community and we are particularly proud of one of our new students who spoke about his experience of the war on Newsnight this week.

## School Bus Passes

We still have a number of bus passes waiting for collection in the office, if your child catches the TVS Red Bus / TVS Blue Minibus and have not yet received a new bus please could they come to pupil services during registration to do so.

## HPV Information Video

The North West Hampshire Immunisation Team have sent us a short information video on HPV and we would encourage our parents and carers of pupils in year 8 and 9 to view.

<https://youtu.be/FISO51GoQBw>

Immunisations are booked as follows:

Year 8 HPV1 on 27 March

Year 9 HPV 2 on 5 June

The Immunisation Team will also be able to catch up with any Year 10 or Year 11 pupils who have not yet been immunised.

## 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](#)

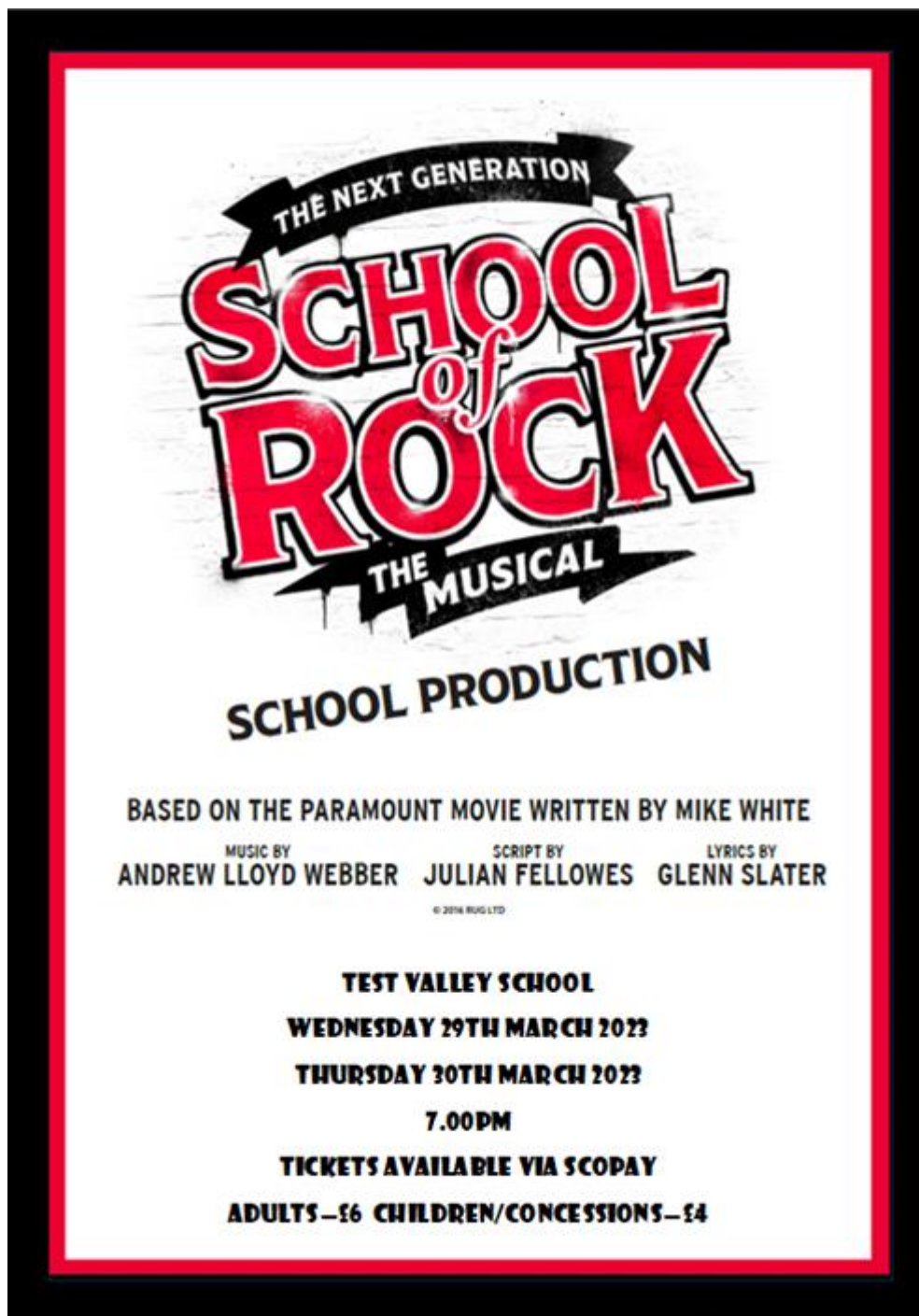
## Year 9 Futures Programme 2023

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.

## School Production

We are really excited to let you know that this year's school production is **School of Rock!** Pupils are working really hard on the production and cannot wait to show our school community. Information is below and tickets will be available to purchase via Scopay only.



The poster features a central graphic with the text "THE NEXT GENERATION" in a black banner above the main title "SCHOOL of ROCK" in large, red, stylized letters. Below the title is another black banner with "THE MUSICAL". Underneath this is the text "SCHOOL PRODUCTION". The bottom section of the poster contains production credits, dates, and ticket information.

**THE NEXT GENERATION**  
**SCHOOL of ROCK**  
**THE MUSICAL**  
**SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

BASED ON THE PARAMOUNT MOVIE WRITTEN BY MIKE WHITE

MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER      SCRIPT BY JULIAN FELLOWES      LYRICS BY GLENN SLATER

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**TEST VALLEY SCHOOL**  
**WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 2023**  
**THURSDAY 30TH MARCH 2023**  
**7.00PM**  
**TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA SCOPAY**  
**ADULTS—£6 CHILDREN/CONCESSIONS—£4**

# HOW TO REVISE

## Year 11 Workshops

With mock exams out of the way it is time for the big preparation drive towards the GCSE examinations. In addition to the classroom preparations, lunchtime and after school workshops, immediately after half term during Monday tutor times we will be running workshops in the school hall for Year 11 pupils. The details of these are shown below.

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Delivered by
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	The basics, the place, the resources, and the techniques	Mr <a href="#">Langdown</a>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	How to use past exam papers to revise	Mr <a href="#">Langdown</a>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	The tailored revision planner	Mr <a href="#">Langdown</a>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	Maximising your revision techniques with English	Miss Barton
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	Maximising your revision techniques with Mathematics	Mr Whatley
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	Maximising your revision techniques with science	Mrs White

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

### Year 9 Boys ADSSA Basket Tournament

Eight teams took part in the Andover & District School Sports Association Basketball 3v3 tournament held at Test Valley on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

The Test Valley team consisted of Zack M, Harvey E, Freddie A & Riley M. The team played very well ending up second overall winning 4 games, losing two and drawing 1, they also managed to be the top points scores in the tournament. Well done boys.

### KS3 & KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
Rosie C	Flora R	Rosie W	Lili Penelope R	Megan M
Grace R	Julita C	Rosie D	Luna A	Max H
Ethan E	Livvy S	Evie K	Iona S	Elliott HS
Michelle A	Lucy F	Evie L	Oliwier D	Amy S
Jack W	Matilda L	Makayla S	Benny G	Ruby A
Liqi Liu	Mia S	Megan R		

## Health and Wellbeing

Please find below some links and information which you may find useful.

<https://charliewaller.org/what-we-offer/parents-and-carers/>

<https://charliewaller.org/media/mwvfpddi/parent-guide-qcses-08-2020.pdf>

[https://charliewaller.org/media/jvlhxsrr/0043-parentanxiety\\_a5\\_180123\\_digi.pdf](https://charliewaller.org/media/jvlhxsrr/0043-parentanxiety_a5_180123_digi.pdf)



### The Universal offer in Hampshire & IOW

- Available in 108 languages
- 10 Digital courses to support families covering from conception up to 19 years:
  1. Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby
  2. Understanding your baby
  3. Understanding your child
  4. Understanding you child with additional needs
  5. Understanding your teenagers brain
  6. Understanding your brain ( for teenagers only)
  7. Understanding your child's feelings
  8. Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
  9. Understanding your feelings ( for teenagers only)
  10. Understanding your relationships.

**Digital Training package for professionals:**

- 1. Understanding Brain Development
- 2. Understanding Trauma
- 3. Understanding Attachment

## Wherwell Concert

*Zack Stephens*  
*plays works for unaccompanied violin*

7:30pm 15th March  
St Peter's Church Wherwell

Tickets £17 Under 18's Free

Recital Programme:

Bach Sonata No I in G Minor BWV 1001  
Ysaye Sonata No I in G Minor Op27  
Paganini Caprices 4, 14, and 24  
Milstein Paganiniana

For tickets, email: [zackstephens@live.co.uk](mailto:zackstephens@live.co.uk) or [ac.whiteside@googlemail.com](mailto:ac.whiteside@googlemail.com)  
Additional information can be found at: [zackstephensviolin.com](http://zackstephensviolin.com)

Website Code



WINCHESTER COMBINED COURT  
**OPEN DAY**  
Saturday 18th March 10:30-15:30

**FREE**

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## 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](#)

### **Sparsholt College**

Registrations are open for Sparsholt College's next open event on **Saturday 4 March 2023**.

To attend, students will need to register for the event **as soon as possible** by visiting [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#) as **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 for year 11s 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](#).**

**Extra Curricular Activities – Spring 2023**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Before School 0830-0850</b>	Library			Drop in Session with Mrs Whitehead (All)	Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All)	Drop in session with Mrs Whitehead (All)
<b>Lunchtime</b>	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					
<b>After School</b>	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)	