

Parent Newsletter

Friday 3 March 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

This week our pupil librarians began putting their training into practice. Our library is a well used resource and I am really proud of how maturely our pupils access this lovely provision.

Well done to our librarian team, you are demonstrating what it means to be in '**pursuit of excellence**'.



Next week I am delighted we are holding our face to face Year 9 showcase careers event. Myself and Ms Goodridge will be giving a formal talk at 6.15pm and then families can visit our subject stalls and find out about the KS4 pathways on offer. Andover College, Peter Symonds College and our careers advisor will be on hand to offer guidance. This is a really important event that allows pupils to make informed choices about their next steps in education.

Over the next few weeks we will be sending out letters to the families of our children with between 86%-90% attendance to offer an opportunity to discuss any barriers to learning with us that are impacting on attendance and we look forward to working with you.

I hope you are all enjoying the spell of sunshine we are having at present; it certainly is beautiful driving into our school each day.

Best Wishes,
Mrs McKeown

Forthcoming Dates:

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
Friday 31 March – INSET Day

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 for all enquiries.

Exam Invigilators

We are seeking a number of examination invigilators to support our Exams Officer. You will be working on a casual basis during the exam seasons from May-June, plus November and January. Successful candidates will be responsible for ensuring that exams are conducted in accordance with established procedures and regulations, including supervising students during exams, distributing and collecting exam papers and materials, and reporting any irregularities or issues to the appropriate authorities.

This role welcomes candidates from any sector or experience and is a great opportunity to work in a rewarding and flexible role, and to play a key part in supporting the academic achievements of our students. Full training will be given.

If you are interested in this position, please apply today (recruitment@testvalley.hants.sch.uk) with your CV and a covering letter explaining your suitability for the role.

INSET Days

Friday 31 March

Friday 23 June

School Improvement Q&A Sessions

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.

REMINDER – Activities Week

All activities, apart from the Italy trip, should be fully paid for after the March payment. Therefore, please can you check your payment schedule and ensure that all payments are up to date. You can look on your child's Scopay account to see how much you still have to pay and if anyone is having difficulties making the payments on time please do get in touch with the Office.

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/FIS051GoQBw>

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.

KS3 & KS4

Shoutouts to our top points earners

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Liqi L	Grace M	Ailsa S	Elizabeth F	Ruby A
Jack W	Lucy F	Luca V	Harriet W	Megan M
Ethan E	Julita C	Rosie W	Sam J	Henry A
William G	Ted T	Elliot W	Lili Penelope R	Oliver C
Grace R	Leon D	Rosie D	Rosie T	Will W
Brianna J	Evie H	Taylor C	Oliwier D	
Henry B	Livvy S	Evie K	Asha P	
	Flora R			

PE Star of the Month - February

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Charlie L	Ian O	Freddie A	Archie P	Desiree C
Erica H	Scarlett H	Iris V	Chloe W	Henry A

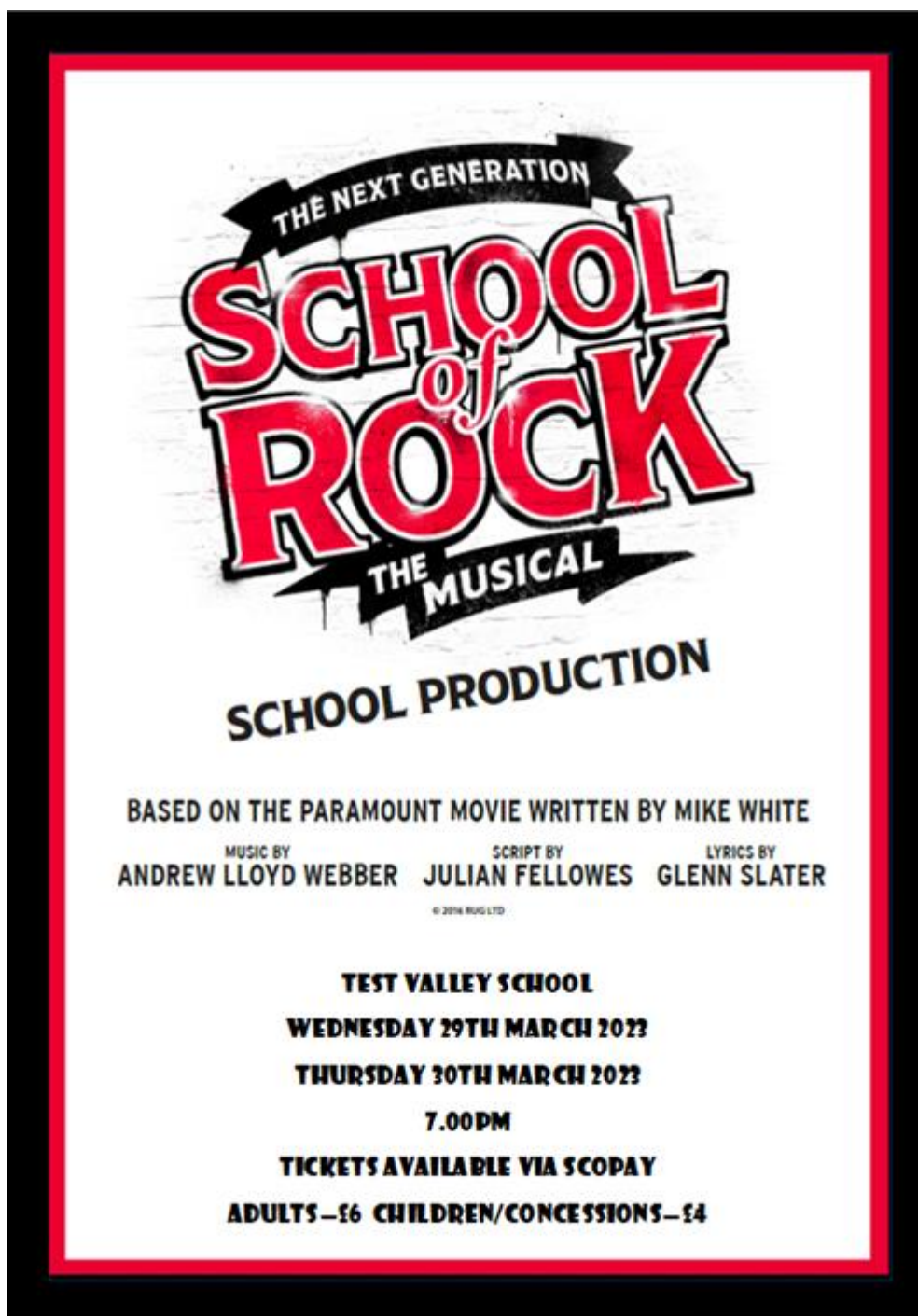
Spring STEM Stars



Subject \ Year	7	8	9	10	11
Maths	Imogen B & Grace R	Callum E & Mia S	Callum P & Iris V	Tristan R & Daisy C	Ollie F & Bella T
Computing	Freddie P & Liqi L	Emile J & Caleb B	Sohni J & Oliver B	Ivalina K	Noah R & Simon J
Science	Jasmine G, Jack W & Selorm G	Tilly L & Lexi B	Angela M	Keysha M	Elliot H-S
DT	Billy G & Henry B	Zoe B & Lucy F	Taylor C & Ewan M	Aeryn C & Josie B	Allice S & Gabriel M
Food tech	William G & Kathryn V	Amelie H & Bryn B	Jack G & Evie K	Aurelia R & Delia N	Oliver H & Izzy G

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 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 th February	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	The basics, the place, the resources, and the techniques	Mr Langdown
Monday 27 th February	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	How to use past exam papers to revise	Mr Langdown
Monday 6 th March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	The tailored revision planner	Mr Langdown
Monday 13 th March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	Maximising your revision techniques with English	Miss Barton
Monday 20 th March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	Maximising your revision techniques with Mathematics	Mr Whatley
Monday 27 th March	08.55 to 09.25	Hall	Maximising your revision techniques with science	Mrs White

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

Health and Wellbeing

Free Children's mental health workshop

Mental health platform [The Lily-Jo Project](#) will be hosting a free workshop for parents and teachers.

- **When?** March 23, 2023
- **Time?** Lunchtime: 12:00 to 13:00 (GMT)
- **Where?** Online

The workshop is designed to help you understand the unique mental health challenges facing children, teenagers, and students today.

It follows the release of Lily-Jo's book [Talking To Children About Mental Health](#), which was written for parents, grandparents, teachers, youth workers and anyone in a position of care or interested in the future of mental health.

To sign up, simply [fill out this form](#) to receive your link to join!

I look forward to seeing you there!

Lily-Jo ✨

*Learn more about The Lily-Jo Project [here](#).

*Sign up for our free mental health curriculum [here](#).

*Learn about our mental health workshops for schools [here](#).

Winchester Court Open Day



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

FREE

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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER
HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

- VISIT THE CELLS AND PRISON VANS ✓
- WATCH A MOCK TRIAL ✓
- MEET THE POLICE DOGS ✓
- LEARN ABOUT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ✓
- "A DAY IN THE LIFE OF" THOSE WORKING IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM ✓

MOCK TRIALS!
Participate alongside real judges, barristers, solicitors and police officers
Decide the verdict!

HM Courts & Tribunals Service

HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD
Criminal Justice System working together for the public

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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](#).

SETA Engineering Apprenticeships

[Test Valley School - SETA Engineering Apprenticeships](#)

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)	