

Parent Newsletter

Thursday 22 June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you're all well.

This week has absolutely flown by, Test Valley has been a hive of activity!

On Monday we had a safeguarding review carried out by the County Safeguarding Inspector. It was a positive experience; the Inspector highlighted our progress made towards our areas for improvement and highlighted the best practice she saw. If you attended our post Ofsted parents and carers Q&A sessions, you'll remember that Mrs McKeown and I said we would share feedback with you when we had monitoring visits. We will be able to share the report from the Safeguarding Monitoring visits this week, along with the Ofsted monitoring visit in May, over the next few weeks.

Our Year 11s can now breath a huge sigh of relief, they concluded their GCSEs on Monday and Tuesday this week. Hot on their tails were Year 10, who also finished their Mock exams on Friday. Both year groups have conducted themselves maturely and we've been really impressed with their attitudes. We are very excited about the Year 11 Prom tonight, the final touches are just being made and the weather is on our side! I'm sure the evening will be magical and make memories that will last a lifetime. Huge thanks to Mr Langdown and his team for organising the event.

Year 10 enjoyed their Geography field trip to Hengistbury Head, lots of happy faces returned and students felt it was a valuable learning experience. Thanks to Mrs Martin for organising the trip.

Years 7 & 8 were great ambassadors for the school in the Andover District Athletics, such a great team effort, well done to all those who competed, we're very proud of you! Thanks to Mrs Vaughan and Mr Thomas for taking them.

Thanks to all those who attended the Year 8 Parents and Carers evening this week, we hope it was a valuable experience. It was lovely to see you, we really value your feedback on the parental questionnaire and appreciate the lovely emails we received afterwards. If you didn't manage to attend, please do email and we'll be able to give you an update on your child's progress.

The majority of our students behave beautifully, every day they show us they are ready to learn, respectful and act in a safe manner. It was disappointing this week to hear that a very small minority of students haven't shown respect when travelling to and from school on the buses and when walking from school to the bus bay. Please can you support us by reminding your child about being respectful to our residents, other students on the bus and the drivers. If students don't act respectfully, they may be removed from the bus for a period of time.

As the weather is due to cool down on Monday, students will be expected to wear their full school uniform (jumpers are optional). School shoes must be worn, trainers aren't part of the uniform. If there is a problem with uniform, please do get in contact with the Year Leader and they will support you.

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

Warm wishes
Nicky

Forthcoming Dates:

Monday 26 June – Teenager Booster & HPV extra session
Monday 26 June – Year 10 Peter Symonds College Visit
Tuesday 27 June - Year 6 Induction Day
Wednesday 28 June – Year 6 Induction Evening
Thursday 29 June – Hampshire Book Awards Voting Day
Thursday 29 June – Italy Trip Information Evening
Tuesday 4 July - Year 10 Taster Day, Andover College
Tuesday 4 July – Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening

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.

Water Bottles

It has been very hot around school over the last couple of weeks. Please could you ensure that your child/ren bring a reusable, named water bottle into school which can be filled up at water fountains during the day.

Immunisations

There are a few pupils in years 8, 9, & 10 who will be having vaccinations on Monday morning, 26 June. Can those pupils please either wear a short sleeved shirt or PE T-shirts.

Adrenaline Auto-Injector Devices

Please use link below for information regarding the 2023 changes for those pupils who use Adrenaline Auto-Injector Devices ("AAI")

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/patients-asked-to-return-emerade-300-and-500-microgram-adrenaline-pens-for-replacement>

Year 6 Transition

Today, we held the Small schools and students with EHCPs additional transition visit.

The soon to be Year 7 students had a fun-filled busy visit, filled with ice-breaker activities in order to get to know peers and meet key staff. The visit included a tour of the school lead by the Year 9 buddies, a design and technology lesson taster, lunch from the school canteen and time on the top field, meeting our goats, playing football and having a chance to ask questions about life at Test Valley school.

We are looking forward to seeing all the students again next Tuesday for Year 7 Induction day, along with the rest of the upcoming cohort.

Mr Thomas (Head of Year 7)

Mrs Andrews (Assistant Headteacher for SEND and Inclusion)





Congratulations!

Rosie C in Year 7 took part in "The Little Mermaid" play at the Corn Exchange last weekend. The performance was excellent, well done Rosie.

Shoutouts to our top points earners w/c 19 June

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Liqi L	Livvy S	Tom H	Asher P
Grace R	Lucy F	Ailsa S	Mollie S
Fay R	Olivia T	Oliver L-C	Sam J
George G	Evie H	Megan R	Jack F
Rosie C	Zoe B	Eleanor Y	Harry G

Sports News

Year 7 & 8 Athletics

A first for some of our pupils, competing at Charlton athletics centre against other schools. The events of running, throwing and jumping were performed extremely well by Test Valley. A good spirit in the Test Valley camp as we cheered one another on throughout the day.

Taran (Y8) has made it through to county competition next month after excellent performance in her races. We are awaiting on confirmation for a couple more of our pupils who are likely to go as well.

A long, hot day in which our pupils can be very proud of themselves as each pupil gave it their all and were impeccably behaved.

Mr Thomas & Mrs Vaughan

Art

REMINDER: Could pupils in years 7, 8 & 9 please collect their clay work from the Art Room by **Friday 30 June**. After this date items will be disposed.

Year 8 has been drawing fruit and vegetables in charcoal and paint.





Geography

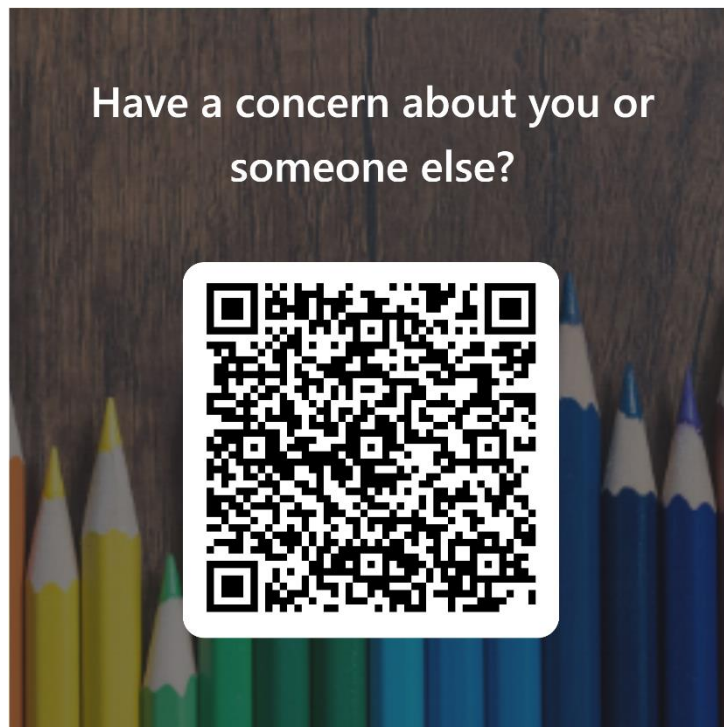
Year 10 Geography fieldtrip to Hengistbury Head



Year 10 Geographers visited Hengistbury Head for the day on the 21st of June. This was to carry out fieldwork for their GCSE course. We examined how the coast was being managed to protect it from erosion as well as how risk to people could be mitigated. There was lots of walking and measuring and of course an ice cream at the end!



Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function



SETA Engineering Apprenticeships

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

Health and Wellbeing

This week I we have some information on how we can support Young People with their Self Esteem.

[Self-Esteem & Mental Health | Guide For Parents | YoungMinds](#)



[Self-Esteem & Mental Health | Guide For Parents](#)

There are many pressures and obstacles that can affect your child's self-esteem. Read our guide for information and advice on how you can provide support.

www.youngminds.org.uk

Please see our website for more useful information: [Test Valley School - Wellbeing](#)

College Open Events

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

Open Evening on Wednesday 5th July from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Booking is not required to attend this event. There will be a welcome talk from Head of College, Mr Ben Hillier, at 5:30pm and then repeated at 6:30pm and all teachers and classrooms will be available on a drop-in basis throughout the evening.

More information can be found on our website: <https://www.salisbury6c.ac.uk/study-with-us/open-evenings/>

[Salisbury 6th Form College \(salisbury6c.ac.uk\)](http://www.salisbury6c.ac.uk)

Sparsholt College Open event: [Test Valley School - Sparsholt College](#)

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

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

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](#)

Vision – To develop Test Valley as a small, rural, high achieving school

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.

Excellence

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



Resilience

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

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.