

Parent Newsletter

Thursday 5 July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last couple of weeks, we welcomed in the new and said goodbye to the old. The end of summer term is always like this - we plan lots of celebratory events (for example Sports Day, activities week and our end of term celebrations and Stockfest), whilst planning for the new academic year.

The end of an academic year is also an opportunity for the school to reflect on what has gone well and what needs to be improved for the following year. That involves me completing the school's Self Evaluation Framework (SEF) which is a reflection document, and then planning the School Improvement Plan (SIP) which sets out what we will be focusing on from September. My broad priorities are these:

1. Improve teaching and learning in classrooms. Again, we have spent a lot of time in training sessions focusing on improving teaching and learning. Quality of teaching and learning, the work being completed by students, and asking students how teachers help them to learn in these lessons.
2. To improve student attendance. Attendance since the end of COVID has been much lower nationally and locally. If students are not in school, we cannot educate them.
3. Improve behaviour around the school, inside and outside of lessons. We have completed a lot of work in this area, improving punctuality to lessons, working with staff and students to improve behaviour in lessons, and increasing staffing around the school to make break and lunchtimes calmer. But there is lots more work to do.

As part of this parent/carer consultation, I would really appreciate you completing the survey below. I will use this feedback to help me plan for next year. I will also write to you again (at the beginning of September) to give you the findings and let you know what we will be doing to address any concerns.

A similar survey will be completed by students in school over the next two weeks:

<https://forms.office.com/e/KbRBVaHq3z>

We are also continuing to ensure all the preparations are made for the successful transition into academisation with HISP from 1st September.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Jo McKeown

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please could you remind your child that they will need to be in full uniform on Monday, ties will need to be worn. If it's hot, we'll let the pupils know they can remove their ties. If students are taking part in Sports Day events on Tuesday and Wednesday they should come to school in their PE kits, House coloured t-shirts can be worn.

Over the last half term we've had several reviews from the Local Authority, the reviews are crucial and identify where we are on our school improvement journey. One of our reviews focused primarily on Safeguarding. I'm pleased to be able to share some of the feedback with you.

Training is ongoing throughout the school year. Whole staff training with a focus on part one of KCSiE is facilitated at the start of every term. This is supported by refresher training every third week and weekly bulletins that are shared with the whole school community. An understanding of the Hackett Continuum was shared to raise awareness of harmful sexual behaviour. As a result of training staff are now trauma informed. All those staff who have recently joined the school spoke about comprehensive safeguarding training forming part of induction. 100% of staff engaged with the training with reporting demonstrating that there is 98% confidence. They identified that training reinforced the expectation that 'it could happen here'.

I will ensure further feedback is shared with you over the next two weeks once the reports come in.

Warm wishes
Nicky Goodridge

Forthcoming Dates:

Tuesday 11 July – Years 7 & 8 Sports Day
Wednesday 12 July – Year 9 & 10 Sports Day
18, 19, 20 July – Celebration Trips
21 July – End of Term, School closes at 12.30pm

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 for all enquiries.

Second-Hand Uniform

If you are going to be purchasing new uniform and have uniform that your children have now outgrown, we would really appreciate donations that are in reasonable condition. We are beginning to build up a stock of second-hand uniform which we will then be able to offer to parents for a donation to the PTA. We have quite a selection of larger sizes from Year 11s leaving but would really appreciate the smaller sizes as the year 8s and 9s grow.

Having had a brand-new uniform only 3 years ago has made it very difficult to be able to offer second-hand stock to families and we are very keen to get this up and running again. Thank you so much for your support with this!

Bus Renewal Invitation

Please can all current Test Valley bus users complete the bus application form for 2023-2024 by Friday 21st July 2023. The link can be found under the 'Bus Routes to School' section on the Test Valley School website. If your child has not previously required a bus on the TVS Blue or Red routes and you would like to apply please contact finance@testvalley.hants.sch.uk.

[Test Valley School - Bus Routes to School](#)

Hampshire Book Awards



Our fabulous year 8 and 9 pupils attended the Hampshire Book Awards voting day last Thursday at the Vyne School. They took part in discussion groups, voted for their favourite, and played a lot of book related games! All students were excellent ambassadors for Test Valley and showed the other schools how amazing they are! Well done to all students involved.



MFL – Stars for June



French:

Y7 - Henry B

Y8 - Lucy F

Y9 - Ailsa S

Y10 - Asha P

German

Y7 - Neve

Y8 - Livvy

Y9 - Oliver L-C

Y10 - Eleanor V



KS3 and KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners w/c 26 June

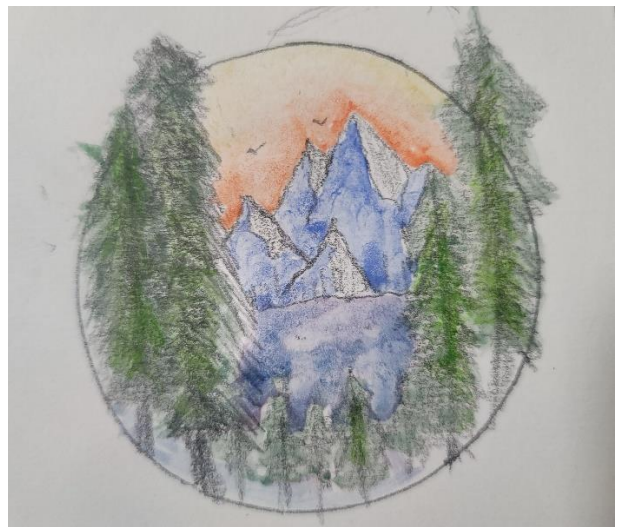
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Victoria S	Annabel A	Megan R	Chloe W
Jack W	Julita C	Ailsa S	Jack F
Liqi L	Matilda L	Eleanor Y	Keysha M
Rosie CBryn B	Zack SJ	Kimberley T	
Freddie P	Alexis B	Jack F	Benny G

Art

Year 8s have been working on drawing food in charcoal



Year 7s have been painting landscapes



PE – Star of the Month

The pupils had such great fun taking part in the school's colour fun run which took place on the school field on Friday 30th June. The Colour Run was to support diversity within our community. Pupils had to tackle obstacles and then had the best time sliding down the water slide. It was wonderful seeing so many of our pupils taking part and having so much fun.





Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function

Have a concern about you or
someone else?



SETA Engineering Apprenticeships

Engineering Apprenticeship Recruitment Clinics

SETA will be running 3 Engineering Apprenticeship Recruitment Clinics available to young people from Yr 11 and above, and their parents, to drop in to SETA to discuss the current apprenticeship vacancies, what the roles involve and to get guidance on writing a great application. **No need to book – just turn up!**

These will be taking place on the following dates:

- Thurs 29th June
- Thurs 6th July
- Thurs 13th July

Time: 5.30-6.30pm

Location: SETA Apprenticeship Centre, First Avenue, Millbrook, Southampton, SO15 0LJ

Cost: Free!



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Supporting Tomorrow's Engineers

A promotional poster for the Engineering Apprenticeship Recruitment Clinics. It features a dark green background with white and yellow text. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a diverse group of young people, some wearing high-visibility work clothes, smiling. The text provides the dates, times, location, and a call to action.

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

Health and Wellbeing

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

Community News

Vigo Park Activities

The Test Valley Partnership will be holding the following activities in Vigo Park, Andover from 4-6pm on each Friday of the school summer holidays. Below are the dates and details:

July 21st & 28th – The Army from Middle Wallop will be at the park. Soldiers will be on hand to talk to and a physical assault course set up for you to pit your wits against them and test your abilities – Have you got what it takes?

August 4th & 18th – RA Football Club will be running football sessions and will also be on hand so if you fancy learning a new skill or two or just want to have some fun with others, this is the place to be!

August 11th – Box Andover. The team will be on hand to help you learn some new moves, discipline, and control techniques. Are you the next Rocky or Tyson?

August 25th – Inflatable fun afternoon. A couple of inflatables will be on site, including an assault course to have some fun and challenge your friends.

Please note: We will also have a range of non-physical games for those who are not able to participate in the more strenuous activities.

The above is all free of charge.

- There is no sign up for any of the activities. It will be on a first come, first served basis.
- Cancellations due to wind speed and rain may take place, so please check our website for any updates prior to attending.
- The inflatable session will be managed and staffed by the company itself.
- Anyone displaying disrespectful or unacceptable behaviour will be asked to leave, so please talk to your young people whenever possible. We want everyone to enjoy the sessions and be safe.
- Water will be available on the day.

Family Events in Andover this Summer:

[Events](#) | [Visit Test Valley](#)



ENJOY FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS
IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

**SUMMER
IN ANDOVER**

[VISITTESTVALLEY.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.visittestvalley.org/events)

Test Valley Borough Council | AV Andover Vision | The Lights andover | IN ANDOVER From Andover BID | Andover CARNIVAL

JUNE

SECRET BOOT SALE

18TH JUNE,
12PM - 4PM,
CHANTRY CENTRE
CAR PARK

ARMED FORCES DAY

24TH JUNE,
11AM - 6PM,
VIGO PARK

ANDOVER WELLBEING FESTIVAL

25TH JUNE,
10AM - 2PM,
HIGH STREET

JULY

SECOND SUNDAYS

9TH JULY,
10AM - 3PM,
HIGH STREET

DRAGON DAY*

8TH JULY,
ANDOVER MUSEUM

FREEDOM PARADE

14TH JULY,
5:30PM - 8PM,
ANDOVER TOWN
CENTRE

ANDOVER CARNIVAL

16TH JULY,
12PM - 9PM,
ANDOVER TOWN
CENTRE

STEP INTO SUMMER

22ND JULY,
11AM - 3PM,
ANDOVER TOWN
CENTRE

GREASE - CYCLE POWERED CINEMA*

29TH JULY,
7:30PM - 11:30PM,
VIGO PARK

ANDOVER CYCLING FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 30TH JULY,
8:30AM - 3PM,
ANDOVER TOWN
CENTRE

AUGUST

PICNICS IN THE PARK

2ND AUGUST,
11AM - 2PM,
RIVERSIDE PARK

FOUR FUN FRIDAYS

4TH AUGUST,
11AM - 3PM,
HIGH STREET

ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND*

5TH AUGUST,
2PM & 6PM,
BEECH HURST PARK

PICNICS IN THE PARK

9TH AUGUST,
11AM - 2PM,
RIVERSIDE PARK

FOUR FUN FRIDAYS

11TH AUGUST,
11AM - 3PM,
HIGH STREET

STORYTELLING IN THE ROUNDHOUSE*

12TH AUGUST,
11AM - 2PM,
MUSEUM OF IRON AGE

SECOND SUNDAYS

13TH AUGUST,
10AM - 3PM,
HIGH STREET

PICNICS IN THE PARK

16TH AUGUST,
11AM - 2PM,
RIVERSIDE PARK

FOUR FUN FRIDAYS

18TH AUGUST,
11AM - 3PM,
HIGH STREET

COMICON*

19TH AUGUST,
10AM - 6PM,
THE LIGHTS

PICNICS IN THE PARK

23RD AUGUST,
11AM - 2PM,
RIVERSIDE PARK

FOUR FUN FRIDAYS

25TH AUGUST,
11AM - 3PM,
HIGH STREET

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MORE AT
[VISITTESTVALLEY.
ORG/EVENTS](http://VISITTESTVALLEY.ORG/EVENTS)

*TICKETS AVAILABLE
TO PURCHASE, SEE
WEBSITE FOR MORE
DETAILS

[Whitchurch graphic designers online course for youngsters | Andover Advertiser](#)



[Graphic designer looking to introduce youngsters into career with online course](#)

Faye Brown, 45, created 'Summer of Design' with the aim of introducing them to aspects of graphic design.

www.andoveradvertiser.co.uk

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://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.