

Parent Newsletter

Thursday 7 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

A very 'warm' welcome back to you all!

I hope you and your families were able to enjoy some special time together this summer. We have returned with a clear theme to test Valley this year-EXCELLENCE. We are delighted to welcome our news staff and HISP colleagues to our Test Valley team. Across the school we have upgraded all our computers and screens, enhancing the learning experience for all our pupils. Our expectations of 'Visible Excellence' are demonstrated at the start of the day with our Test Valley line ups and I am so proud of the way or pupils are rising to the challenge. My sincere thanks for your support with uniform expectation at the start of term and throughout this warm week. Mrs Goodridge and I are working with Hampshire on the transport and bus situation which is not acceptable, and Mrs Goodridge will keep you updated.

Best wishes
Jo McKeown

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.

School Uniform

At Test Valley School, we believe that wearing a smart uniform shows a readiness and commitment to learning and that the uniform for our school should reflect the highest of standards and pride in our school.

The guidance on our uniform expectations is available to view on our website at:

[Test Valley School — School Uniform](#)

Please support us by ensuring that your child follows this expectation fully.

Open Evening/Mornings

Test Valley SCHOOL
"In Pursuit of Personal Excellence"

OPEN EVENING

Date: Wednesday 20th September 2023
Time: 5:45pm - 7:30pm
Head of School's presentation at 6pm

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OUR SCHOOL

- ✓ Small and more personal environment for your child
- ✓ Rural setting with large outdoor spaces
- ✓ A versatile team dedicated to supporting your child

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Our next open events are being held as follows:

Open Evening – Wednesday 20 September 5.45pm-8pm in the school hall. Headteacher's presentation at 6pm. There is no need to book a place at the open evening.

Open Mornings – Tuesday 26 September, Thursday 12 October and Friday 20 October 9.30-11.30am

Further details on how to book a place for the open mornings will be available shortly. Please check our website and social media sites.

The school will be closing at 12.50pm on Wednesday 20 September to allow for setting up Open Evening

Term Dates and Inset Days

Term	Start Date	End Date
Autumn 2023	1 September 2023	15 December 2023
	Half Term: 23-27 October 2023	
Spring 2024	2 January 2024	28 March 2024
	Half Term: 12-16 February 2024	
Summer 2024	15 April 2024	23 July 2024
	Half Term: 27 -31 May 2024	

Inset Days

Friday 1 September 2023
Friday 22 September 2023
Monday 4 December 2023
Friday 2 February 2024
Monday 22 July 2024
Tuesday 23 July 2024

RAAC Concrete

You will have seen news reports highlighting the issues some schools are experiencing where they have found RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) in their school buildings.

Hampshire County Council undertake regular structural surveys of all schools which are undertaken by qualified Structural Engineers. These surveys are carried out on a 5-yearly basis and they are non-intrusive visual surveys that record details about the construction. The inspection brief includes a requirement to check for, record and assess the condition of RAAC and (where identified) an enhanced 2.5 year cycle of reinspection implemented.

We are able to confirm that Test Valley School was inspected by HCC and no RAAC was found.

Macbeth Theatre Trip Year 11 - Notice

The English Department has been lucky enough to secure 47 last-minute tickets to see Macbeth at the Theatre Royal in Winchester on Tuesday 26th September, 7.30pm. Macbeth is the Shakespeare text that we study for GCSE English Literature and this is an excellent opportunity for pupils to see the play as it was intended. There is a really tight turnaround on payment for this. Pupils will receive the letter on Friday and if they would like a place, please can payment be submitted asap. I hope that as many of our pupils as

possible want to take this opportunity. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Collins collinsa@testvalley.hants.sch.uk

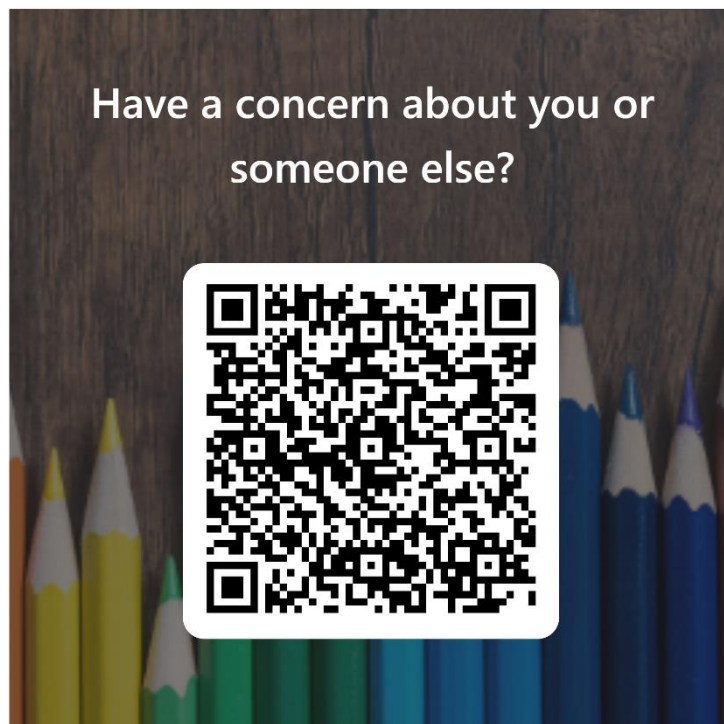
Year 11 Literature set text: Macbeth

This term our Year 11s are studying Shakespeare's Macbeth. Please can we ask that parents and carers purchase their child a copy of the text so that they can make their own notes in the book, and use it for class and revision purposes? The version that we like to use in school is the Oxford School Shakespeare: Macbeth, currently sold on Amazon for £6.99. The link for this is below:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Oxford-School-Shakespeare-Macbeth-William/dp/0198324006/ref=pd_ci_mcx_mh_mcx_views_1?pd_rd_w=9UF8d&content-id=amzn1.sym.6aea875e-359f-49f3-864f-cff62d586b6a%3Aamzn1.symc.ca948091-a64d-450e-86d7-c161ca33337b&pf_rd_p=6aea875e-359f-49f3-864f-cff62d586b6a&pf_rd_r=ZHYP70645XG7EEHBE41T&pd_rd_wg=BYoub&pd_rd_r=432fe6fb-c26f-4f9f-a749-a4894256b415&pd_rd_i=0198324006

If anyone needs support with the purchase of this, please do speak to Mrs Dunn or Mrs Collins. Pupils ideally need their own copies as soon as possible. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function



Health and Wellbeing

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

Managing Your Child's Anxiety

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An online webinar for parents and carers of *secondary-aged* children, offering information around what anxiety is and tips for how to support your child

Monday 25th September 7.00 – 8.00pm

Meeting ID: 988 4265 7387 Passcode: 942775

[https://spft-nhs-uk.zoom.us/j/98842657387?
pwd=KzNacWxtZlNvMUFPeFFWSjkOWk9ZUT09](https://spft-nhs-uk.zoom.us/j/98842657387?pwd=KzNacWxtZlNvMUFPeFFWSjkOWk9ZUT09)

Wednesday 27th September 9.30 – 10.30am

Meeting ID: 940 7801 3907 Passcode: 625895

[https://spft-nhs-uk.zoom.us/j/94078013907?
pwd=SEhGZnZUQUFsakZabW82SERyRENGUT09](https://spft-nhs-uk.zoom.us/j/94078013907?pwd=SEhGZnZUQUFsakZabW82SERyRENGUT09)

MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT TEAMS

Service delivered in partnership with Hampshire
and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System.



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Who Can Attend?

Parents or carers of a child who may want information on how to support their child with worries and anxiety.

Topics covered:

- What is anxiety?
- When & why does anxiety become a problem?
- Anxiety disorders
- Causes of anxiety
- Maintenance of anxiety
- How to help your child

What To Expect:

The webinar will last for approximately one hour and will be delivered by experienced mental health practitioners from your schools Mental Health Support Team. They will talk through the above topics and give strategies on how to support children who may be having difficulties with managing worry and anxiety.



College Open Events

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

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](#)

Community News



Online Courses for Parents in the Autumn Term
 To book type in the link: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses>

Course	Dates	Time	Cost
How Children Learn to Read and Write	Thursday 14 Sept – 19 Oct	7pm – 8:30pm	Free
Makaton Level 1	Monday 18 Sept – 9 Oct	6:30pm – 8:30pm	£25.20 for materials
Positive Parenting	Monday 18 Sept – 16 Oct	6:30pm – 8pm	Free
Makaton Level 2	Tuesday 19 Sept – 10 Oct	6:30pm – 8:30pm	£70.05 for tuition and materials
Raising Resilient Children	Wednesday 20 Sept – 18 Oct	6:30pm – 8pm	Free
Makaton Level 1	Monday 30 Oct – 20 Nov	6:30pm – 8:30pm	£25.20 for materials
Makaton Level 2	Tuesday 19 Sept – 10 Oct	6:30pm – 8:30pm	£70.05 for tuition and materials
Raising Resilient Children	Monday 6 Nov – 4 Dec	8:30pm – 8pm	Free
How Children Learn to Talk	Thursday 9 Nov – 7 Dec	7pm – 8:30pm	Free
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Monday 20 Nov – 11 Dec	6:45pm – 9:15pm	Free

These courses are aimed at Hampshire residents aged 19+. Attendance is expected at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/tutor of any absence you may have.

Participants will be required to use Zoom. No account is required, not sure how to use Zoom? Check out these helpful videos: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206179806>



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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.