

Parent Newsletter

Thursday 21 September 2023

Dear Parent and Carers



I hope you've had a good week; we've had a very busy and productive one here at Test Valley.

Pupil's behaviour and attitudes have remained positive this week, we are very proud of all the pupils who come to school ready to learn, have respect for our community and behave in a safe manner. Thanks to you as parents for your continued support.

We had an exciting makeover on Tuesday, our long-awaited wall art was fitted, and I think you'll agree from the photos below that they have brought

some very dull walls to life. Pupils have been inquisitive about the famous roles models I'd chosen to go alongside our school values, a real source of inspiration. A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA for making this possible!

Many thanks to all our pupils and staff who helped prepare for our Open Evening on Wednesday, superb teamwork could be seen across the school and our visitors were incredibly complementary about our student leaders who led tours, the pupils who spoke or performed in the presentation and all the pupils who helped in departments. Despite the torrential rain and flooding we had a very good turnout and the positive feedback we've since received has been very gratefully received.

"May I say what an absolute pleasure the evening was, starting off with the tea and live music (my son assumed the boys were year 11 and went wide eyed when they were announced as Year 8) the passion which poured out in the presentation was obvious and encouraging to hear"

"We have so far visited 4 schools in our area and your open evening by far was the most entertaining, informative and generally impressive"

We look forward to welcoming many more visitors during our Open Mornings over the coming weeks.

On Friday we had a very productive staff training day. We were fortunate enough to have a guest speaker in to help launch our new Test Valley Teaching and Learning Principles, all staff will be expected to plan their lessons following the principles, in turn improving the consistency and quality of teaching across the school. In addition, we received further training on our new Smart TVs which were installed in every classroom during the summer holiday, they've made a huge difference to learning.

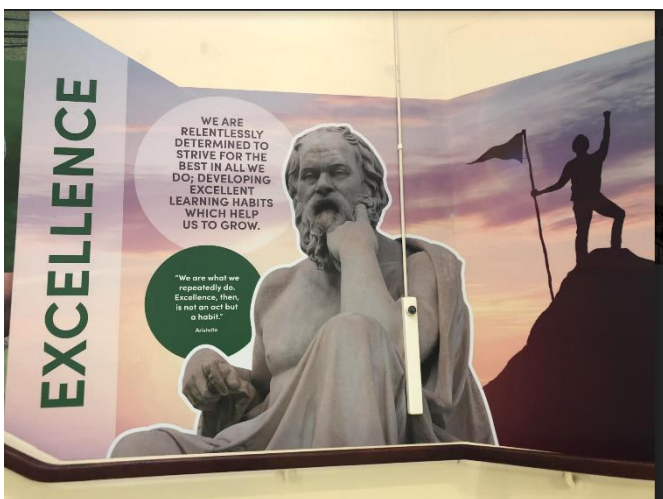
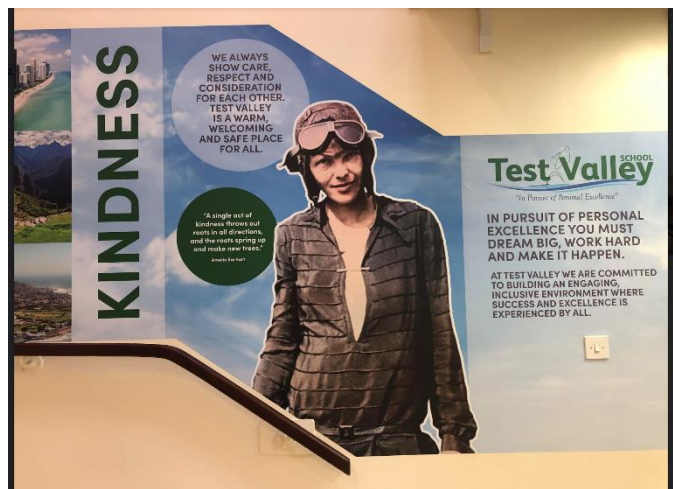
We have another exciting week ahead of us! Learning beyond the classroom is inspiring for pupils, we have a number of trips and visits planned. Year 11s will be extending their knowledge of the Drama Curriculum when they travel to the Mayflower Mast to see Frantic Assemblies production of 'Metamorphosis'. In addition, some of our Year 11s will travel to Winchester to watch Macbeth at the theatre as part of their GCSE course. On

Friday our Year 7s will be super excited as they embark on a team building experience, they will be camping out on the field and taking part in some exciting challenges, let's hope the weather is on our side!

Our Assembly theme has focused on educating our pupils about the unacceptable use of discriminatory language and the devastating impact this can have on people. Some very powerful messages were shared, I hope pupils took them onboard; kindness and respect for one another must underpin our culture at Test Valley.

Please can you check your child's Scopay account, we have a number who don't have any money on their account. If you need support to use the system, please do let us know and we will help you.

Warm Wishes
Nicky Goodridge





Forthcoming Dates:

Friday 22 September - INSET Day

Monday 25 September – Yr 11 Macbeth Theatre Trip

Tuesday 26 September – Open Morning (9.30-11am)

Friday 29 September – Year 7 Camp

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 and Lost Property

It's a new school year and the students have lots of new uniform, ties, pencil cases, drinks bottles and bags. At Pupil Services we are now getting lots of enquiries regarding items that have been lost or misplaced. We do get many items, blazers, winter coats, jumpers, bottles, PE Kits handed in at Pupil Services but unfortunately, we are unable to reunite them with their owners because they are not named. It is very sad to see as some of these items are expensive and very new.

Please if you can write your child's name in their belongings with a permanent pen or label them then we will be able to return so many more items – especially ties!!

If your child does lose something please do ask them to come to Pupil Services so we can have a look through the items we have or put out a message to staff to look out for items.

Thank you so much for your support and help with this.

KS3 and KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners w/c 4 September

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ruby O'C			Will W	Mollie S
Olivia A			Zack S-J	Jack F
Noah R			Ailsa S	Ruby C
Poppy P			Elliot W	Sam J
Charlie K			Roman B	Harriet W
Charlie B				

Open Mornings



The poster for Test Valley School Open Mornings features a green and yellow color scheme. At the top, the school's name 'Test Valley SCHOOL' is displayed with the motto 'In Pursuit of Personal Excellence'. The main title 'OPEN MORNINGS' is in large white letters on a green background. A circular inset shows a group of students in school uniforms. Below this, the available dates are listed: Tuesday 26th September, Thursday 12th October, and Friday 20th October. A section titled 'OUR SCHOOL' lists three bullet points: 'Small and more personal environment for your child', 'Rural setting with large outdoor spaces', and 'A versatile team dedicated to supporting your child'. A QR code is provided with the text 'Scan me to go to website'. At the bottom, social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are shown with their respective handles. A final note states that bookings are only available by booking and provides the email address office@testvalley.hants.sch.uk.

Test Valley SCHOOL
"In Pursuit of Personal Excellence"

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Thursday 12th October
Friday 20th October

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Test Valley School @testvalleysch testvalleyofficial

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Email the team to book: office@testvalley.hants.sch.uk

Our next open events are being held as follows:

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 can be found on our website.

KS3 – Mrs Cleaver-Bailey

This week's KS3 assembly was led by Mr Thomas with the theme 'careers'. Mr Thomas explained to the students that to begin to think about what future career they may like to do, is a really good way of creating a clear pathway towards that career. He also explained that as we get older, we may find that we have to hurdle over barriers to reach that final destination and that its okay if it takes you longer to achieve it. Having the resilience and determination will get them there eventually.

Open evening this week - it's truly lovely having so many volunteers helping out during open evening tonight and I would like to thank the students for dedicating some of their free time towards helping us out.

College Open Events

There is lots of information on our website regarding forthcoming College open events, including dates and how to book a place.

[Test Valley School - College Open Events](#)

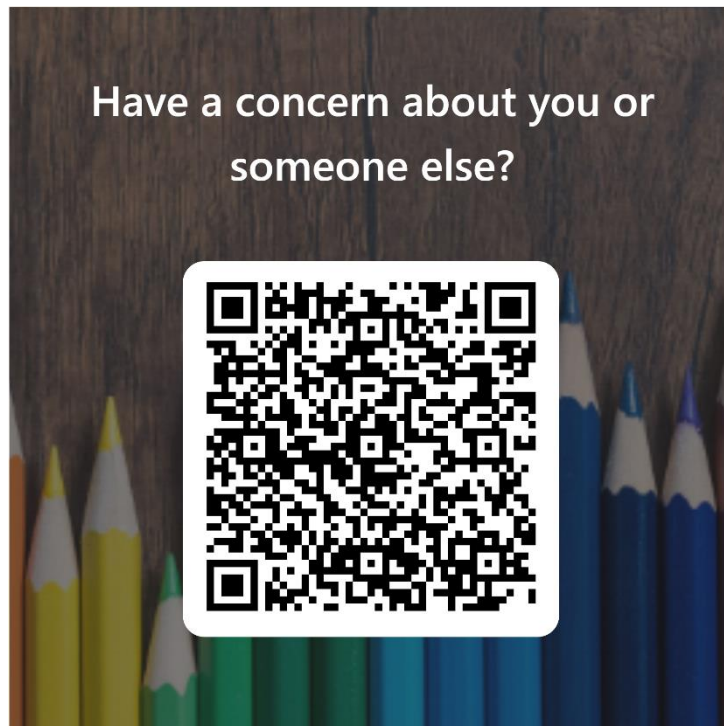
Salisbury 6th Form College: [Test Valley School - Salisbury 6th Form College](#)

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](#)

Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function



Health and Wellbeing

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

[Test Valley School - Future in Mind](#)

