

Parent Newsletter

Friday 13 October 2023

Dear Parent and Carers

I hope all is well with you. Test Valley has been a hive of activity this week, so many positives to mention but I'll do my best to capture some of them here.

On Monday I met with our partnership Primary School Heads to discuss ideas on how we can work more closely together. Going forward we will be holding Primary STEM and Sporting events to inspire future pupils. The first joint event will be held next Friday morning at TVS, our Year 7 and 8 pupils will join with Year 6 pupils for a Mental Health and Resilience talk led by an inspirational speaker Emmanuel Jal.

On Tuesday we had a team of external people in school to carry out a Safeguarding Review. Mrs Mckeown and I feel it's vital to have regular reviews of the school to monitor and evaluate the impact of our school improvement priorities. We are very pleased with the outcome of the review; once we receive the report, we'll share the feedback with you. I was incredibly proud of all our pupils who took part in the pupil interviews, their honesty was much appreciated. I would also like to thank the staff for their continued support, these processes aren't easy, but we were able to show how far we've come as a school since January.

Congratulations to our wonderful Netball Teams who played Winton Community Academy on Wednesday, both teams showed grit and determination in all four quarters. We are very proud of them all, our KS3 team won 17-5. Our KS4 team got into their rhythm in the second half, it was a much closer game than the score suggests losing 4-9. A huge thank you to Mrs Sturman for saving the day and umpiring the KS4 match!

Our boys football team travelled to Testbourn School on Thursday, well done to all the boys who represented the school, we're proud of you all.

On Thursday afternoon Year 10 and 11 attended a workshop with a well-known Educational Psychologist, Lorraine Lee. Lorraine is an inspirational speaker and expert in her field, she explored how the brain works, how best to retain knowledge and how to reduce anxiety in the lead up to exams. Lorraine also delivered a parent and carers workshop in the evening on a similar theme, we had a packed hall! I hope parents found the session useful, I know I did as a mum of two teenage boys!

We were also joined by EBP who ran Year 10 through their Work Experience process in preparation for their week out in July, what an exciting opportunity for them. Running simultaneously, our Year 11s along with their parents and carers attended workshops on post 16 education and Apprenticeships. They shared vital information in preparation for College and Apprenticeship applications that are currently being completed. Many thanks to Mr Langdown for organising these excellent Careers events

There's been a lovely buzz at break and lunch this week. Mrs Sandiford has organised a range of activities to promote Young Minds #helloyellow Mental Health awareness. So many of our pupils participated in the 1 mile challenge, boxing, yoga, football and dodgeball sessions as well as buy cakes to raise money for the charity. It's been lovely to see them wear their yellow and green ribbons with pride!

Warm Wishes
Nicky Goodridge

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.

Inspiring Future Teachers

HISP MAT is the lead founding partner of Inspiring Future Teachers working with GLF Education Trust and Bohunt Education Trust as co-founders and 10 other delivery partners around the country. Please do visit our new website [here](#) to find out more about our new programme and approach to teacher training.



Forthcoming Dates

w/c 16 October is Week 1 Timetable

Tuesday 17 October – Year 7 Meet the Tutor

Thursday 19 October – Year 7 Celebration Service, Stockbridge

Friday 20 October – Open Morning (9.30am-11am)

Friday 20 October – Spooky Disco (Yrs 7 & 8)

Monday 23–Friday 27 October – Half Term Break

Monday 30 October – Pupils return to school

Flu Immunisations

Parents/Carers, if you haven't seen it already, please have a look for your Nasal Flu Immunisation email that was sent to you this week. This is for all years and is scheduled for Friday 1st of December. Follow instructions on the email please. If you have not received the email or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me at HamsL@testvalley.hants.sch.uk Thank you.

Year 7 Meet the Tutor

This is a reminder to make an appointment for the “Meet The Tutor” evening between 14.30 and 17.00.

We are offering the chance to book a 5-minute online meeting with your child's tutor and Head of Year (depending on availability) to discuss how they have settled into the school. Instructions have been sent out by email about booking via [Login | Parents Booking \(parents-booking.co.uk\)](#).

If you having trouble with the login, please email office@testvalley.hants.sch.uk

Year 11 Exam Anxiety Workshops

I would like to inform you of an up-coming workshop we are organising to support your child with any anxieties they may be feeling over the mock exams.

The workshop is to be delivered by the Mental Health Support Team. They will be coming into the school on Wednesday 17 October and will run two sessions in the morning. The workshops will cover the basics around anxiety, coping mechanisms, calming strategies along with techniques on how to revise and how to keep healthy and well balanced before, during and after the exams.

I would advise that your child signs up to this worthwhile and informative workshop as soon as possible as places are limited to just 20 students per session.

Kind regards, Jacqui Whitehead, Mental Health & Well Being Lead

HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT

WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT



As part of the Year 7 Celebration service, we will be running a Macmillan 'Coffee and cake' stall.

For the budding bakers, we would love to have donations from Year 7 students with awards given to those who donate creations.

Please do bring money to purchase a delicious cake, with all proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support charity.

Thursday 19th October; 1-3pm, St Peter's Church in Stockbridge

All donated cakes can be dropped off to the main school reception on Thursday morning.

Food Tech

Some great work in Food Tech this week



Sports News

Netball Results

Two well contested and hard fought games were played at Test Valley on 11th October with both teams showing some good levels of skill and massive levels of enthusiasm, well done to all involved.

Year 9

Test Valley 17 - Winton 5

Player of the Match: Grace M

Year 10/11

Test Valley 4 - Winton 9



The Year 9 team giving each other a motivational talk for a big win!

KS3 and KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners w/c 2 October

Year 7

Leo H
Ellie O'S
Charlie K
George B-P
Hebe T
Poppy P

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Oliver L-C
Elliot W
Zack S-J
Evie K
Rosie W

Year 11

Keysha M
Mollie S
Chloe W
Sam J
Jack F
Eleanor V

Open Mornings



The poster for Test Valley School Open Mornings features the school's logo at the top, which includes the motto "In Pursuit of Personal Excellence". The main text "OPEN MORNINGS" is prominently displayed in a large, bold font. Below this, a circular inset shows a group of school staff. The background of the poster is a scenic view of rolling green hills. The text lists the available dates: Tuesday 26th September, Thursday 12th October, and Friday 20th October. A QR code is provided for more information, with the instruction "Scan me to go to website". A section titled "OUR SCHOOL" lists three key features: a small and personal environment, a rural setting with large outdoor spaces, and a versatile team. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are also present, along with their respective handles. At the bottom, a note states that bookings are required and provides the contact email: 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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OUR SCHOOL

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

Test Valley School @testvalleysch testvalleyofficial

Please be advised that these are only available by booking only
Email the team to book: office@testvalley.hants.sch.uk

Our next open events are being held as follows:

Open Mornings – Friday 20 October 9.30-11am

Further details on how to book a place for the open mornings can be found on our website.

Black History Month

Here at Test Valley we are recognising Black History Month. Please click on the link below to find out more about this.

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>



[Black History Month 2023: Facts, Origins & More | HISTORY](https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month)

February is dedicated as Black History Month, honoring the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout U.S. history.

www.history.com

Support for PTA Christmas Raffle

We are reaching out to parents to ask for their kind donation of prizes, big or small, for our Grand Christmas Draw to help raise money for a range of benefits to enhance our school, going above and beyond that afforded by our school budget. If you are able to support this cause please bring your donations to the school reception and email Mr Langdown: langdowns@testvalley.hants.sch.uk with details.

Extra Curricular PE Activities

The following activities are available for pupils to take part in, just turn up and have a go.

Day	2 nd Break 13.50 – 14.15	After School 15.20 – 16.30
Monday	Girls Basketball All years Sports hall - MT	Netball All years Sports hall – SD & KE
Tuesday		Indoor football Year 7 & 8 Sports hall – CF
Wednesday	Badminton Club All years Sports Hall - RB	Indoor football Year 9, 10 & 11 Sports hall - MT
Thursday	Boys Basketball All years Sports hall CF	(*Boxing Club All Years Gym) (TBC)
Friday	Dodgeball Club Years 7 & 8 Sports Hall - CF	Badminton All staff & pupils Sports Hall

* Payment for this activity will be required in advance.

Activities at 2nd break will require pupils to change into their PE shirt & trainers but they do not have to wear shorts, this is to reduce changing time.

After School Clubs – Autumn Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Production Rehearsals Room 42 (3.20pm-5pm) Commences w/c 16 Oct Mrs Brush	MFL Club (Room 62) Mr Wareham	STEM Club Mrs White	Creative Art Club (3.20-4.15pm) Mr Johnson	Badminton All staff & Pupils (Sports Hall)
Netball all year groups (3.30- 4.20pm) Sports Hall Mrs Dunn and Mrs Wray	Humanities Film/documentary Club (3.20-4.20pm) Ms Martin	Indoor football Yrs 9, 10 & 11 (Sports Hall) Mr Thomas	*Boxing Club All Years (Gym)	
Homework Club (3.20-4.20pm) Room 1 Mrs Ling	Indoor football Yrs 7 & 8 (Sports Hall) Mr Falkingham		Homework Club (3.20-4.20pm) Room 1 Mrs Ling	
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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](#)

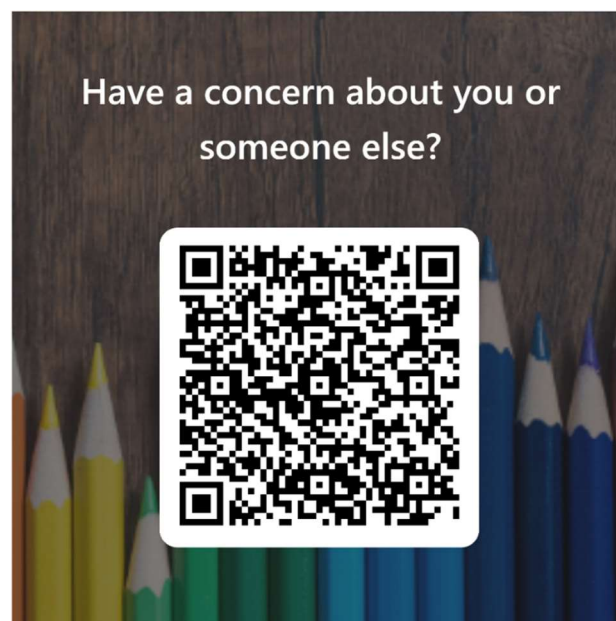
Salisbury 6th Form College: [Test Valley School - Salisbury 6th Form College](#)

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](#)

[World mental health day 2023 - Andover Mind](#)

[How to support your autistic child during the Christmas period Tickets, Thu 2 Nov 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

How to support
your autistic child
at Christmas time
a free information taster session



[How to support your
autistic child during the
Christmas period](#)

Tips and strategies to help keep
your child regulated and calm
during the festive season

www.eventbrite.co.uk

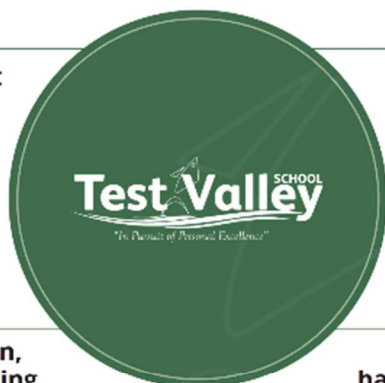
At Test Valley we are committed to building an engaging inclusive environment where success and excellence is experienced by all. We will achieve this by ensuring:

KINDNESS

We always show care, respect and consideration for each other. Test Valley is a warm, welcoming and safe place for all.

RESILIENCE

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



EXCELLENCE

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

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.