

Parent Newsletter

Friday 10 November 2023

Dear Parent and Carers

I hope you've had a good week, we've had another busy one at TVS!

We're incredibly proud of all our Year 11s this week, they've shown independence, resilience and an excellent attitude to learning during their mock exams. Our external invigilators have commended their conduct throughout. We look forward to celebrating their mock results with them on November 17 2023.

The vast majority of our pupils continue to do us and themselves proud, we've had a record breaking number of positive ClassCharts points, our target ratio of 3:1 positive to negative has been smashed. In addition, our attendance has improved, thank you very much for supporting us in our drive to improve attendance, please can we continue to work together on this. Mrs Collins wrote to you a few weeks ago outlining our attendance policy, I hope you've found our stepped approach clear. I would also like to thank those of you who've now logged into ClassCharts. Tutors have been calling and offering guidance on how to log on, 94% of pupils have logged in and 74% of parents, this is an increase of 25% which is incredible!

Christmas came early to TVS on Thursday, we've been incredibly lucky to have had a huge amount of science equipment and textbooks donated to us by a local company called Alpha Laboratories Ltd, based in Eastleigh. We can't thank the company enough for their huge generosity, the equipment has already made a big difference to the quality of Teaching and Learning in Science during practical sessions today. I'd like to give a shout out to Mrs Vincent for organising this with Alpha Laboratories.

On Friday we came together as a community to mark Remembrance Day and those who've served our country and those who continue to serve today. It was lovely to see some of our students who serve in our local cadet forces in full uniform throughout the day. The 2 minutes silence was marked by our community with the upmost respect, a moving moment at TVS. On Sunday Mrs Thomsett and I will be joined by a group of students to represent TVS at the Stockbridge Remembrance Service, we are very much looking forward to it.

Next week we look forward to a number of events. To mark the start of Anti-Bullying week, on Monday 13 November we are having an 'Odd Socks Day'. I have encouraged students and staff to come to school in odd socks, it's an opportunity to express themselves and celebrate everyone's individuality, normal uniform must be worn other than the socks. Assembly themes will focus on Anti-Bullying, these will be student led.

On Friday 17 November we will continue our charity work by holding a number of fund raising events for Children in Need. Pupils can come to school in non-uniform in return for a £1 donation, we will be holding a cake sale, tutor groups have been encouraged to come up with novel ways to raise money.

Have a great weekend when it comes.

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.

Forthcoming Dates

w/c 13 November is Week 2 Timetable

w/c 13 November – Anti-bullying week

13 November – Kindness Day

17 November – Children in Need Day – Dress Down

23 November – Class of '23 Presentation Evening

29 November – Year 10 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

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 & 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 don't hesitate to email me at HamsL@testvalley.hants.sch.uk. Thank you.

Class of '23 Presentation Evening

We are really looking forward to welcoming back to school our class of '23 students for their Presentation Evening on Thursday 23 November. This is an opportunity for pupils to collect their GCSE Certificates and some additional special awards. Invitation letters have been sent out and students should follow the information in the letter to book their place at the event.

Science Donation

A fantastic Gift for our Science Department

Christmas came early for Test Valley's Science department this week thanks to an incredibly generous donation from local company Alpha Laboratories Ltd, a company based in Eastleigh, that supply laboratory and diagnostic products to places like the NHS, Private Health, Research Institutes and Universities.

Members of their team visited us to deliver some fantastic new equipment and resources funded by their community programme.



The donations included textbooks, microscopes and power packs along with an incubator which will enable us to carry out required practical experiments for GCSE science that we've only ever been able to watch on video before!

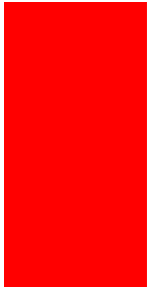
Some of our year 11 students came along to help with the unloading and unboxing and were excited to see the equipment and discuss the new possibilities for practical work.



We want to say a huge thank you to Alpha Laboratories for this amazing gift which will help so many students both current and in the future to both make huge progress in lessons and foster a love of science.



MFL Stars for October



French:

Year 11 – Asha P
Year 10 – Megan R
Year 9 – Lucy F
Year 8 – Alice R
Year 7 – Ellie O

German:

Year 11 - Josie B
Year 10 - Ben W
Year 9 - Flora R
Year 8 - Eryka H
Year 7 - Tara G



KS3 and KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners w/c 16 October

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Barnaby D	Fay R	Alexis B	Will W	Keysha M
Tiger-Lilly C	Grace R	Matilda L	Ailsa S	Kimberley T
Ethan B	Victoria S	Zak J	Alfie M	Mollie S
Charlie K	Michelle A	Flora R	Mega R	Jack F
Anastasiia S	Ethan E	Harvey J	Elliot W	Luna A

Kindness Day – Monday 13 November

We will be holding a Kindness Day on Monday 13 November and we are going to celebrate by wearing odd socks. We will be running activities around kindness throughout the day.

Children In Need

Children in Need Day is Friday 17 November. On that day pupils can be in non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation. All donations will be collected at the school gate on Friday morning.

Pupils should dress appropriately please so no low cut or crop tops or short skirts.

School Production



Last week we launched our next school production and on Monday we had our first rehearsal of 'She Stoops to Conquer: The Remix'. Pupils from all year groups attended and we have made a cracking start, almost finishing the first scene already!

We are approaching the play in a different way this year. The original play, 'She Stoops to Conquer', was written in 1773, but we are re-writing it and bringing the story into the 1980s. Think big shoulder pads, bigger hair, and the biggest 80s music hits!

Look out for tickets going on sale for the WORLD PREMIERE performance!

Year 11

Year 11 progress reports will be published on 14 December and we will be holding a Parent/Carer Consultation Evening on Wednesday 3 January.

Outta The Valley

Outta the Valley formed in Yr 7 at Test Valley School, last weekend they played in front of 3000 people! Fabulous to hear about their success.

[Outta The Valley \(facebook.com\)](https://www.facebook.com/OuttaTheValley)

Celebrations



Well done to Elle who was awarded 2 golds last weekend at the We Will Remember Them judo championships.

She won gold in the junior section and then competed in the open against adults and won another gold.

A fantastic achievement!

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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Green Careers Week

Green careers week useful resource aimed at parents [The Parent's Guide To Green Careers Week 2023 - National Careers Week](#)

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](#)

The application window is now open and closes on Wednesday 31 January 2024

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

Recommended to apply by 31 December 2023

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

The application window for PSC is now open and closes on Monday 11 December 2023

Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function

Have a concern about you or
someone else?

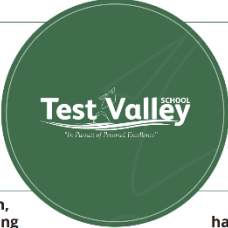


Health and Wellbeing

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

Kooth FAQ guide for Parents and Carers [Shared assets \(brandmaster.com\)](#)

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:

<p>KINDNESS</p> <p>We always show care, respect and consideration for each other. Test Valley is a warm, welcoming and safe place for all.</p>		<p>EXCELLENCE</p> <p>We are relentlessly determined to strive for the best in all we do; developing excellent learning habits which help us to grow.</p>
<p>RESILIENCE</p> <p>We show courage by not giving in, challenging ourselves, stepping out of our comfort zones and not fearing failure.</p>		<p>EMPOWERMENT</p> <p>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.</p>

In pursuit of personal excellence you must dream big work hard and make it happen.