

Parent Newsletter

Friday 19 January 2024

Dear Parent and Carers

I hope you've all had a good week. Although temperatures have been low, the sky has been blue and the sun has shone brightly. Pupils have been in good spirits; we've had a positive week overall.

Many thanks to those of you for donating coats, pupils have benefitted from your generosity already, we really do appreciate it.

Congratulations to Sam Judges in Year 11 for making his screen debut in an advert which is airing on social media, we are very proud!



As previously communicated, we're having a big push on lateness to lessons. If pupils arrive more than 5 minutes late, they will be given a detention, and this will be recorded on ClassCharts. Please can you help us by reinforcing the importance of punctuality, a good habit to get into when they enter the world of work.

Our excellent Careers Programme continued this week, KS3 were visited by Cheneen Casson, Head of training and operations at Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust who talked about potential career opportunities. KS4 Careers interviews continue and 1-1 sessions supporting those who needs help completing college applications and/or preparing for college interviews. I can't believe Year 11 only have 55 days left until the start of their GCSEs, we have just started to plan Easter School to ensure opportunities for additional revision is offered during the holidays. In addition, revision sessions have restarted afterschool.

Have a good weekend when it arrives.

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](#)

Site Assistant Vacancy

Would you like to join the Test Valley Team supporting the school to provide a safe and secure environment for students to flourish? We currently have a vacancy for a Site Assistant, the role would suit someone who enjoys working as part of a team and would like to train towards being a Site Manager. Please click the above link for more information.

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 22 January is Week 2 Timetable

Wednesday 31 January – Year 9 Parent & Carer Consultation Evening

Friday 2 February – INSET Day

Thursday 8 February – Year 8 Parent & Carer Consultation

Inspiring Future Teachers

[Test Valley School - Are you interested in becoming a teacher?](#)



Year 11 Exam Preparation Workshops

Year 11 Exam Preparation workshops running as follows: Usually by invitation as they are for focused groups based upon data.

Subject	Day	Times
English	Monday after school	3.30pm-4pm
	Monday Lunchtime	Break 2
	Tuesday Lunchtime	Break 2
	Friday Lunchtime	Break 2
Maths	Tuesday After School	3.30pm - 4.15pm
Science	Wednesday After school Wednesday Lunchtime	3:30pm-4pm Wed & Lunchtime Wed
Music	Thursday	3.30pm - 4.15pm
Geography	Wednesday	3.30pm-4.30pm
Design and Technology	Thursday or Friday by invitation	3.30pm to 5pm
Drama	Tuesday	3.30pm - 4.30pm

Careers Assembly



As part of our careers programme, KS3 welcomed Cheneen Casson, Head of training and operations at Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust who talked about potential career opportunities.

Shout outs to our top  points earners w/c 8 January

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ethan B	Ethan E	Leon D	Will W	Ella-Mai K
Luiza H	Victoria S	Brooke T	Zack S-J	Keysha M
Aimee-Lyn W	Penelope E	Olivia T	Oliver L-C	Jack F
Ellie O'S	Jack W	William W	Freddie A	Lucy T
Hugo L	Megan M	Callum E	Megan R	Mollie S
			Tom H	Chloe W

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](#)

The next open day will be on **Saturday 3 February 2024**. To attend, students will need to register for the event **as soon as possible** by visiting [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#) as **events do fill up quickly!**

At this event students will have a tour of the subject area they are interested in at a specific time which they will book in advance. There is additional information on our website, use above link for Sparsholt College, where you will find a digital handout. Information can be accessed by clicking on anything of interest. The Digital Handout includes links to a presentation with voiceover and other useful online content.

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

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

Registrations are now open for Andover College's next open event on **Wednesday 7 February 2024, 4.30pm – 7.30pm**.

To attend, your students will need to register for the event **as soon as possible** by visiting [Open Events - Andover College | Hampshire](#) as **our events do fill up quickly!**

There is additional information on our website, use above link for Andover College, where you will find a digital handout. Information can be accessed by clicking on anything of interest. The Digital Handout includes links to a presentation with voiceover and other useful online content.

16 January 2024



To whom it may concern,

I hope you've had a relaxing Christmas and an energising new year.

Thankfully your next break is only five weeks away! During this time, we will be holding our first challenge of 2024, Stairway to Everest. We are challenging both adults and children to take part in a fitness feat to climb as many stairs as it would take to climb a mountain. The good news is there are lots of mountains to choose from depending on how many steps the individual can do, ranging from Slieve Donard in Northern Ireland up to Mount Everest. You can refer to our Mountain Guide that explains which mountain to aim for according to how much money your friends and relatives sponsor you. Depending on how far you have climbed, you will receive either a certificate, a medal, or a t-shirt!

According to Science Daily, "During the holidays, kids spend about 12 minutes less each day in moderate to vigorous physical activity (almost an hour and a half a week) and get more than an hour's extra screen time each day." If your students were to take part in Stairway to Everest, they could keep active whilst fundraising for local cancer support services.

We understand that you may not have the time to take on this challenge as a school initiative (if you do, group discounts are available), however it would be extremely helpful if you could promote Stairway to Everest in your first newsletter of 2024, or via ParentMail.

Wessex Cancer Support helps anyone affected by cancer regardless of age, gender, or type of cancer. Our dedicated team are committed to offering free emotional and wellbeing support for as long as people need it, away from a hospital environment. A team of specialist counsellors are on hand at our four centres in Chandlers Ford, Waterside (Hythe), Newport (IOW) and Bournemouth to help deal with the emotional impact of cancer, and our complementary therapies aim to improve wellbeing, help with pain management, and increase self-confidence. We also offer drop-in sessions in Andover and online support for anyone who prefers remote access.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Marshall".

Jess Marshall

Events & Challenge Fundraiser

We have evolved from Wessex Cancer Trust to Wessex Cancer Support – everything else remains the same.

Chief Executive: Rachel Billsberry-Grass

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Stairway to Everest 2024



Date: February 2024

Registration: £15

Goal: Climb 44,250 stairs (the height of Everest!)

For more information or to sign up, visit:

www.wessexcancer.org.uk/event/stairway-2024

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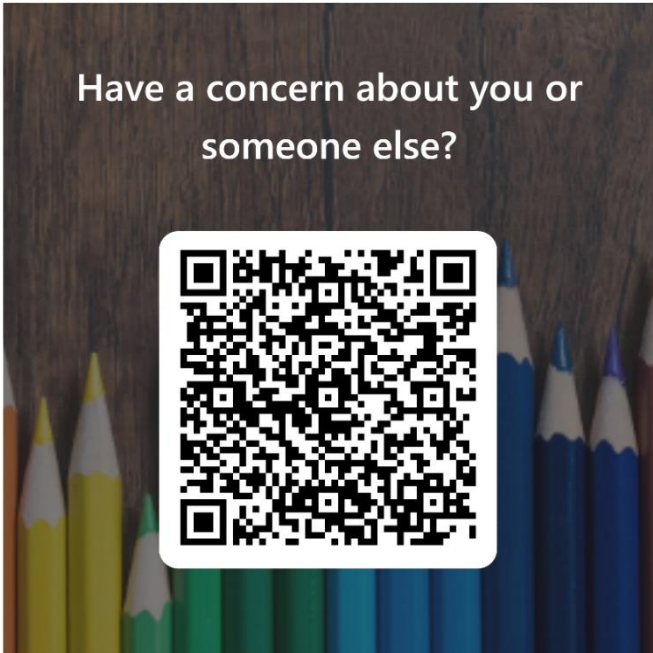
Afternoon Tea with Mrs Goodridge



This afternoon, Mrs Goodridge hosted her first 'Afternoon Tea' with scones, cream, strawberries, hot chocolate and more!

The lucky pupils purchased tea with positive ClassCharts reward points they had earned in the ClassCharts shop.





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

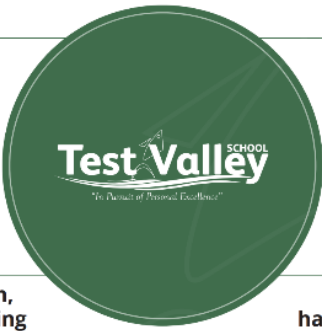
We are relentlessly determined to strive for the best in all we do; developing excellent learning habits which help us to grow.

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.