

## **Parent Newsletter**

**Friday 26 January 2024**

Dear Parent and Carers

I hope you and your families are well.

Many families will remember being consulted in Spring 2022 regarding a partnership with HISP Multi Academy Trust and possible academisation. Our school has had a significant journey since that date. As Executive Headteacher I am immensely proud of the staff, pupils and community that make up our school. I am also aware that there has been a period of uncertainty. However, what has not changed is the commitment from HISP to the future of our school and community. I would now like to update you on where this work has got to and share some positive news that will bring consistency and certainty to our community.

On 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 Test Valley School will officially be a part of HISP Multi Academy Trust. HISP is a local MAT that has its roots in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Southampton, and Portsmouth. It has been a Multi Academy Trust with 5 schools (Thornden Secondary School in Chandlers Ford, Highcliffe School and Sixth Form in Christchurch and Crofton School in Stubbington, Tanners Brook and Portswood Primary Schools in Southampton) since July 2020. HISP has always held an exciting vision for Test Valley School as a hub for Teacher Training & Development as well as a centre of excellence which would directly support our teachers and students.

Along with the school's senior leadership team that will continue to be led by Ms Nicola Goodridge, our Trust has a clear vision and future ambition for Test Valley School and is committed to supporting us in focusing on delivering a high-quality education experience for all pupils.

Along with the Interim Executive Board, our Governors, we will ensure:

- High quality governance with a clear focus on strategic development, teaching and learning, and accountability
- Building growth and sustainability through strategic succession planning
- The opportunity for teachers and support staff to share good practice and to benefit from a common professional development programme that adds real value to the education of all students in the MAT
- The ability to work with other schools, in several different ways and particularly through the HISP Learning Partnerships
- Efficiencies in administrative functions and joint procurement, which will help us make the most of our resources for the direct benefit of the students

I am delighted to share this excellent news and look forward to our continued partnership to ensure all children at our school now, and in the future can be in pursuit of their personal excellence.

Yours Faithfully,  
Executive Headteacher

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](mailto:leisure@testvalley.hants.sch.uk) for all enquiries.

## Forthcoming Dates

### **w/c 29 January is Week 1 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

## Year 11 Mock Timetable February 2024

Date	Tutor P1 & 2 9:00am start	Period 3 & 4 11:50am start
<b>WEEK 1</b> Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Science Biology 1hr45 Combined Science Biology 1hr15	Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator 1hr30
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	English Language Paper 1 1hr45	<b>Option C</b> Animal Care 1hr30 French Writing Paper F 1hr5 H 1hr20 Drama 1hr30 Geography 1hr30 Computer Science 1hr30 R.E 1hr45  <b>Construction students to normal lesson</b>

Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Option B</b> D.T 2hrs Food 1hr45 Computer Science 1hr30 German Writing Paper F 1hr5 H 1hr20 History 45m  <b>Art students to normal lesson</b>	Maths Paper 2 <b>Calculator</b> 1hr30
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Science Chemistry 1hr45 Combined Science Chemistry 1hr15	Music 1hr30 <b>ROOM 42</b>
<b>WEEK 2</b> Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Option A</b> D.T 2hrs Food 1hr45 Geography 1hr30 P.E 1hr History 45m  <b>Music students to normal lesson</b>	Computer Science Paper 2 1hr30  French Reading Paper German Reading Paper Foundation 45m Higher 60m
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Science Physics 1hr45 Combined Science Physics 1hr15	<b>Catch Up</b>  <b>Session</b>  <b>ROOM 35</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	English Language Paper 2 1hr45	<b>Catch Up Session</b>  <b>ROOM 35</b>

## Music

**Pop Up Ensemble** NEW

**Pop Up Ensemble**  
**The Lights, Andover**  
3 West St, Andover  
SP10 1AH  
Sunday 3rd March - 9.15 - 13.15  
**Beginner to Grade 4**

**Come and be part of a  
'from scratch' orchestra**

Scan the QR code to register your place

www.hants.gov.uk/hms

**FREE Pop Up Ensemble** event being held at The Lights in Andover for children who are currently learning to play a musical instrument (this does not need to be from an HMS teacher) giving them the opportunity to play in a “from scratch” orchestra. This is being aimed at Beginner to Grade 4 level.

## Clubs – Environmental Club

If you enjoy working outdoors, and you don't mind rolling your sleeves up, working hard and getting dirty, then our Environmental club is for you! Our aim is to return the TVS gardens to their former glory and reflect the beauty and respect we have for the stunning countryside in which our school is placed.

We have a **lot** of work to do in preparation for the spring.

This includes cutting, composting and pruning

- Clearing, lifting and shifting
- Building and maintaining
- Repairing and fixing
- Helping with animal care
- Painting and digging
- Planting and propagating

There are probably a few jobs that I have missed! **The Club will run on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30 until 4:30.** If you are interested in participating, please collect a permission slip from **Mr Atkins in Room 22.**

## KS3 and KS4

Shout outs to our top  points earners w/c 15 January

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ethan B	Michelle A	Beau D	Oliver L-C	Mollie S
Leo H	Darcy B	Nicola S	Will W	Sam J
Ellie O'S	Joseph B	William W	Ailsa S	Ella-Mai K
Amy-Lyn W	Kian B	Flora R	Elliot W	Lily W
Tom H	Carter B	Leon D	Ben W	Adam L
				Keysha M

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Science – EDUCAKE – Triple Points Week!

Next week we want to shine a light on and reward those pupils who are consistently completing their science Educake homework to a high standard.

Educake is a fantastic platform for teacher-set homework and pupil-led revision and in recent pupil voice surveys, the majority of pupils said they found it easy to access and a large number said they found it enjoyable to complete!

We use Educake to retrieve knowledge from lessons and strengthen pupil learning. As teachers we use it to identify gaps in learning and plan how we can address these.

To celebrate those who are outstanding in their approach to science home learning, we will be awarding triple class charts points to all those with a 100% completion rate for this year.

To support pupils who are still finding it hard to complete their science homework, we are running catch-up sessions in computer rooms during break time. They will be invited to attend and once they have caught up with their quizzes, any negative points will be removed from class charts.

Please contact Mrs White or Mrs MacArthur if you have any questions about science homework.

## National Apprenticeship Week

**Don't Forget: Live Online Q&A session for Students and Parents on National Apprenticeship Week!**

Register by using:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-apprenticeship-week-parent-and-student-qa-session-tickets-800041113507>

**NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**  
**STUDENT & PARENT QUESTION TIME**

**TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2024**  
**5.30 - 6.00PM**

SPARSHOLT  
COLLEGE GROUP

5-11 FEBRUARY 2024  
NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

**Tuesday 6 February 2024**

**5.30 – 6pm**

Join us this National Apprenticeship Week for a Live Q&A session dedicated to parents and students hosted by our Apprenticeships Manager, Helen Mitchell and Senior Apprenticeship Liaison Officer, James Clements.

Just a quick one to remind everyone our Apprenticeship Fair will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 16:30 to 19:00. I have attached our yearly events poster as we also have one more open event for full time courses in April as well, but our Apprenticeship Fair is a great opportunity for students who are thinking about the apprenticeship route to meet employers who are actively looking for apprentices. Tell them to bring a CV and dress for an interview! We will be having another one in June if anyone can't make it or are still making decisions. They can book their space here: <https://shorturl.at/fwFP0>

**BASINGSTOKE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY** **BCoT**

**GO FAR GO FURTHER**

**OPEN EVENTS**  
**Monday 2 October 2023**  
4.30pm to 7pm  
**Saturday 25 November 2023**  
10am to 12.30pm  
**Monday 29 April 2024**  
4.30pm to 7pm

**APPRENTICESHIP FAIRS**  
**Monday 5 February 2024**  
4.30pm to 7pm  
**Monday 17 June 2024**  
4.30pm to 7pm

For any enquiries please contact our Schools Liaison Team at [schools.liaison@bcot.ac.uk](mailto:schools.liaison@bcot.ac.uk)

**REGISTER NOW**  
**BCOT.AC.UK/**  
**OPENDAYS**

## Health & Wellbeing

### RESOURCE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS GROWTHMINDED (BIG LIFE JOURNAL)

Hypothetically, if someone falls out of a boat, it's probably not the best time to teach them to swim.

It's instead time to throw them a life preserver and get them to safety.

This idea is really important to remember with our tweens and teens.

#### What do I mean?

Many of us have heard about the value of "teachable moments." But we need to be careful. Not every challenging moment needs to become an opportunity to impart a life lesson.

**Our brains can only take in so much. So in a stressful situation, a lesson might not even stick.**

Plus, when our kids make a mistake, they know it. They are already feeling bad, and don't need the lecture.

So this week, if you see your tween or teen struggling - procrastinating on homework or breaking your agreement, for instance - throw them an emotional life preserver.

Try phrases like:

"Everyone makes mistakes. We can find a better way to handle things moving forward."

“What would help you right now?”

“Do you want help working this out, or do you need space?”

The goal is to discern when it’s time for a life lesson, and when it’s time to just be there.

It only helps if your tween or teen knows that they can come to you for support and not always end up hearing a lecture.

If you are looking for more ways to build a stronger connection with your tween or teen, be sure to check out our newest masterclass, [Connect With Your Child and Build a Magical Relationship](#) available [inside GrowthMinded](#).

A closer connection with a child leads to improved behavior and cooperation, boosts their self-esteem and emotional well-being, reduces anxiety, and much more.

[Join GrowthMinded](#) to gain instant access to our new **Connect with Your Child Masterclass** and all our resources.

I hope you found this helpful. As always, thank you for reading and sharing!

## PROM 2024

### UPDATE:

**Prom 2024 will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June.**

**COMMUNITY CLOTHES PANTRY**

**Prom Goers - 2024!**

**Open to All Schools**

Do you need a Special outfit?

You can borrow a dress, suit and accessories

At Unit 12 Winnall Valley Road  
SO23 0LD

Thursday February 15th  
7.30pm-9.30pm

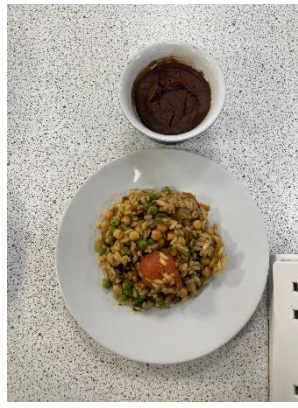
Contact Lara: [ccp@unit-12.com](mailto:ccp@unit-12.com)

**UNIT 12 WINNALL**

# Young Chef Competition

Evie L , Evie K, Zack SJ and Max T,  
took part in the Young Chef Competition yesterday.

Please find photos attached of their beautiful dishes!!!!





## STICKY TOFFEE PEAR MUFFINS

recipe



### Ingredients

- 125g dates chopped quite finely
- 1 pear chopped
- 250ml boiling water
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 75g brown sugar
- 100g butter
- 250g self raising flour
- 2 eggs



### Equipment

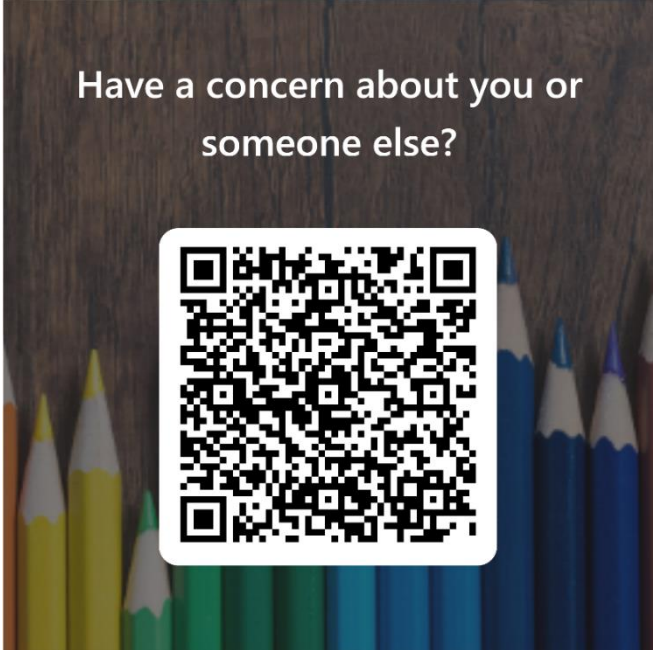


Preheat the oven to 180 degrees, gas mark 4.  
Chop the pears and dates.

Soak the dates in boiling hot water, and add the bicarbonate of soda for 10 minutes.

Mix all the batter ingredients together and then add the soaked dates with the water. Add in the pears and Mix until combined.

Line a 12 hole muffin tin with paper cases. Fill the cases with the muffin batter and bake for around 20 minutes until risen and golden. Leave to cool completely on a wire rack



*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**

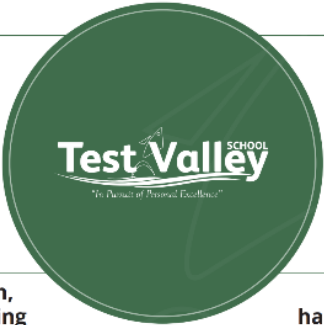
We are relentlessly determined to strive for the best in all we do; developing excellent learning habits which help us to grow.

**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.*