

Parent Newsletter

Friday 9 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well.

I can't quite believe another half term has flown by and we've reached the holiday already.

TVS has been a busy place over the last few weeks, lots of inspiring visitors have led assemblies and workshops. We've also started to run a wider range of interventions across our core subjects, this is something which has been welcomed by our pupils and we will grow over time.

I'm excited to welcome back Mrs Knight to the MFL department, Mrs Knight has been on maternity leave, I know the pupils were excited to see her today. We are very pleased to welcome Miss Christine Rea to our Maths Department, Christine is a very experienced teacher, with a huge passion for her subject.

It was great to see so many parents and carers at our consultation evening this week, the consensus amongst parents was they preferred face-to-face evenings as opposed to online meetings. To ensure I consult with as many parents and carers as possible, please can I trouble you to complete the questionnaire below, thank you for your feedback.

[Parent & Carer Consultation Evening Questionnaire](#)

After half term our Year 11 students will start their last set of mock exams before their GCSEs in May, they are well into their revision programmes now, I hope they continue with this over half term but balance their revision with some down time too! Congratulations to our Y11 MFL students who did a brilliant job with their Mock Speaking exams.

I'd like to give our school production '*She Stoops to Conquer*,' a quick plug, Mrs Brush and the cast have been working hard devising the show during rehearsals, it's coming together! It promises to be another great show, please do come and watch if you can, your support would be appreciated. Tickets go on sale after half-term.

Congratulations to all our sports teams who've represented TVS this half term, we've won more matches than we've drawn or lost, awesome work!

I hope you and your families have a great half-term break, we look forward to welcoming our wonderful students back on 19th February 2024.

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 12 February – Half term

w/c 19 February is Week 1 Timetable

Tuesday 20 October – Y11 Mock Exams start

Wednesday 21 February – Year 7 Parent & Carer Consultation Evening

Thursday 22 February – Y9 Trip to Imperial War Museum

23rd Feb - Yr 9 and Yr 10 contraception lessons

Inspiring Future Teachers



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

Year 11 Mock Timetable February 2024

Please be prepared for your Mock Exams and ensure you have your exam packs ready
Packs are available for order on Scopay

Date	Tutor P1 & 2 9:00am start	Period 3 & 4 11:50am start
WEEK 1 Tuesday 20 th February	Science Biology 1hr45 Combined Science Biology 1hr15	Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator 1hr30
Wednesday 21 st February	English Language Paper 1 1hr45	Option C Animal Care 1hr30 French Writing Paper F 1hr5 H 1hr20 Drama 1hr30 Geography 1hr30 Computer Science 1hr30 R.E 1hr45 Construction students to normal lesson
Thursday 22 nd February	Option B D.T 2hrs Food 1hr45 Computer Science 1hr30 German Writing Paper F 1hr5 H 1hr20 History 45m Art students to normal lesson	Maths Paper 2 Calculator 1hr30
Friday 23 rd February	Science Chemistry 1hr45 Combined Science Chemistry 1hr15	Music 1hr30 ROOM 42
WEEK 2 Monday 26 th February	Option A D.T 2hrs Food 1hr45 Geography 1hr30 P.E 1hr History 45m Music students to normal lesson	Computer Science Paper 2 1hr30 French Reading Paper German Reading Paper Foundation 45m Higher 60m
Tuesday 27 th February	Science Physics 1hr45 Combined Science Physics 1hr15	Catch Up Session ROOM 35
Wednesday 28 th February	English Language Paper 2 1hr45	Catch Up Session ROOM 35

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.

Pop Up Ensemble **NEW** **HAMPSHIRE MUSIC EDUCATION HUB**

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

Hampshire County Council

www.hants.gov.uk/hms

Hampshire County Youth Orchestra OPEN DAY



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Saturday 23 March 2024, 10.15am - 2.30pm
Thornden Hall – Chandler's Ford

- Thinking of joining the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra?
- Come along to join in and see what it's all about!
- Play alongside current members, meet other players, and take part in a short, informal performance for parents at 2.00pm.
- Orchestral musicians welcome- including harps and percussion.
- If you are unable to come along, but would like to audition later this term, do get in touch
- The day is aimed at String players grades 4 + and Brass/Wind/Percussion/Harp players grades 6 +

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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.**

College Information

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](#)

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

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

Careers

Careers decision-making how can parents help?

As parents, you will have the opportunity to support your child's decision making at several points in their education, and these decisions will impact their future career choices. So how can you help them make decisions that are right for them?

- Talk regularly about careers, aspirations and interests.
- Share your experiences.
- Encourage your child to be curious.

Talking Futures has a range of resources to help you do further research and develop your careers conversations.

- www.talkingfutures.org.uk/parents/
- www.icould.com

Congratulations to the Homework Heroes!

The Maths and Science departments would like to thank all our pupils who are making the effort to complete their homework tasks on time.

We were delighted to be able to award so many positive points on class charts over the last 2 weeks.

Keep up the good work!



Sparx Maths

 **ClassCharts**

Sparx Maths



Homework Catch-up Sessions

In order to support pupils in completing their Science and Maths homework, we are now providing catch-up sessions in Room 1 on Tuesday and Thursday break times.

They will be able to get help with logging into their [Sparx](#) or [educake](#) accounts and completing the tasks set.

If they have missed a homework they will receive a notification via class charts to attend and once the tasks are completed, any negative points will be removed from their total.

Please encourage your child to attend if they need any support and get in touch if you have any questions.

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Your **health**. Our **help**.
Whenever **you** need it

PARENTS & CARERS webinar

21st
February
2024

Not all Parents/Carers feel confident or knowledgeable when it comes to talking to their young people about relationships and sex.

FREE

Effective sex education helps to equip young people with the skills and confidence to empower them to make informed and well-thought-out decisions that are right for them around relationships and sex.

18:00
-
19:00

During this webinar we will cover:

- Who we are and what we do as a Sexual Health Service supporting young people.
- What does safeguarding and confidentiality look like when accessing sexual health services.
- Understanding young people's sexual health rights.
- What services are available to young people including contraception and STI screening.
- Online services including Personal Health Record (PHR)
- How we support young people including discussions around positive relationships, sexuality and gender and the impact of social media.
- How we can support you to support your young person with their relationships, sexual health and wellbeing.

You must order tickets prior to the event.

www.LetsTalkAboutIt.nhs.uk/Webinars

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@LetsTalkHampshire

[PACE 22nd February 2024 – CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](http://PACE 22nd February 2024 – CAMHS (hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk))



UPDATE:

Prom 2024 will be held on
Thursday 20th 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



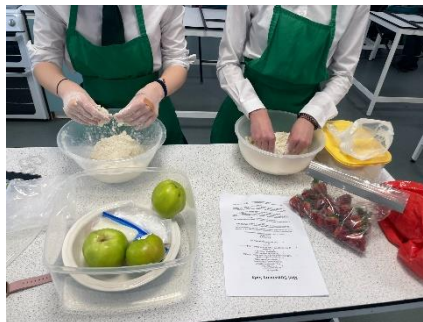
Class Charts Rewards

Class Charts rewards baking group this week.
We made Rocky road rice krispies cakes.



GCSE Food

Year 10 made some delicious shortcrust pastry products in their lesson this week. They have been learning about the science behind shortcrust pastry and what technique we have to use to make it short and crumbly!



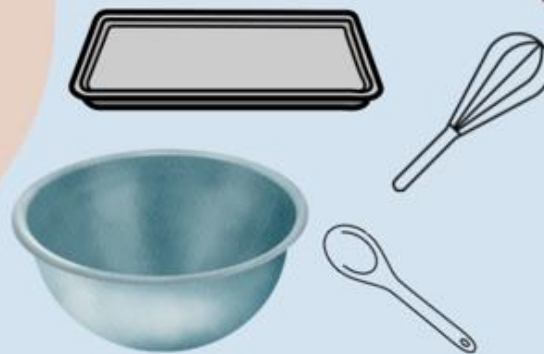
PANCAKE CAKE

Ingredients

240g plain flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
100g sugar
2 eggs
350ml milk
50g butter, melted
100g chocolate chips

recipe

Equipment



1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 12×17-inch half sheet pan with non-stick cooking spray and set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl, add the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and sugar. Whisk to combine.
3. Make a space in the center of the flour mixture and add the eggs and milk. Whisk until just combined. Gently whisk in the melted butter until the batter is well combined.
4. Stir half of the chocolate chips to the batter.
5. Pour and spread the batter evenly into the prepared sheet pan. Sprinkle with the remaining chocolate chips, if desired.
6. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until the pancake has risen, is starting to turn light brown on top and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Have a concern about you or
someone else?



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

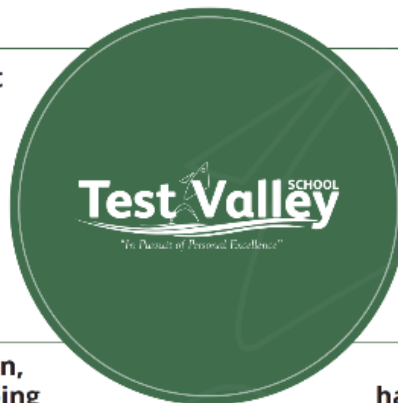
We show courage by not giving in, challenging ourselves, stepping out of our comfort zones and not fearing failure.

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.