

Parent Newsletter

Friday 23 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well. We have had a jam-packed week here at TVS, so many positives to share with you.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our wonderful Year 11s for their conduct, hard work and resilience shown in their mock exams this week. What an incredible group of young people they are, we are so proud of them.

Our House Competitions continue to prove popular; this week's basketball competitions have taken place in the sports hall. Congratulations to all who took part. Thanks to Mr Langdown for organising these and for being 'King of the Bingo' on Fridays, more than half of the school now play... only at Test Valley!

Our Year 9s and Year 10s visited the Imperial War Museum in London on Thursday, this was an immersive opportunity to learn beyond the classroom. Pupils really enjoyed the day and behaved impeccably. Many thanks to Mrs Allsop for organising the trip and to Mrs Ellis, Mr Page, and Mrs Whitehead for accompanying the group.

It has been a busy week for Year 9 and 10, today they took part in relationships and sexual health education workshops. The engagement was excellent, and pupils enjoyed having an outside speaker to enhance their knowledge. Many thanks to Mrs Martin for organising this opportunity.

I would like to thank Year 7 Parents and Carers for attending our consultation evening this week, it was so lovely to see so many of you. We had our highest turnout of the year, 91%, amazing! Many thanks for your positivity and lovely comments about the improvements in the school, they mean so very much to us all.

Here are a few:

"We are so impressed at the start our child has made at Test Valley and the vision and direction the school is heading in. She loves school and it is amazing to see her settle so well. We love Class Charts."

"The recent changes have been incredible; we are so happy with the current provision and leadership."

"I cannot thank all the staff enough here for the positive influence you've had on my child. I would recommend this school to anyone. Thank you so much."

This week we received our SEND Review report, the review was carried out by the Director of SEND for the HISP Learning Partnership. We are incredibly pleased with the feedback, lots of positives, which is reassuring. We also have several developmental points, all of which already sit within our School Improvement Priorities.

Here is a snippet of the report:

"Leaders are analysing data and using this information to review and inform provision across the school e.g. planning for intervention groups, Easter School etc."

“Behaviour has improved considerably, and the vast majority of students move about the school calmly and engage in lessons.”

“SEND is very well led by the Assistant Headteacher/SENCo who is fully supported by the Head of School.”

“Both the SEND and Pastoral Departments are working more closely together and there is greater clarity about the support that is available and how it may be accessed.”

“Behaviour and engagement during lessons has hugely improved since the previous review. Positive relationships between staff and pupils ensure the vast majority of students engage with lessons and want to participate.”

The vast majority of our staff training this year has been focused on improving the quality of adaptive teaching strategies across the school. The report reflects the progress made so far but also provides new strategies which will help us on our school improvement journey.

We have two more reviews booked for this half term, a Safeguarding Review on Monday and a Teaching and Learning Review on Thursday. I will update you once we receive the feedback reports.

A few pupils have had nail extensions put on over half term, these are not permitted at school for health and safety reasons. In addition, a few nose piercings and eyelash extensions have appeared, again not part of our uniform policy. We are proud of our high standards of uniform; please can we work together to ensure this is maintained.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

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 26 February

Week 2 Timetable

Y11 Mock Exams continue.

Peter Symonds College – 1:1 Guidance Chat – Friday 1st March

HPV VACCINATIONS

A reminder to parents/carers that the School Age Immunisation Team will be in school on **Thursday 7th March** to administer the HPV vaccinations. This is for **Year 8 pupils** and those who have missed out previously. Pupils should wear short sleeved shirts, if they don't have these then they should bring their PE T-shirts.

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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Stockbridge Music

Stockbridge Music brings high class music to Stockbridge at affordable rates, with 5 concerts a year and now some outreach events so that we can engage further with the community and music lovers in general.

***Organ Master Class – St Peter’s, Stockbridge,
11.00 am until 12.30pm on Saturday 2nd March 2024***

David Hill has agreed to give this Master Class which is bound to be fascinating for all keyboard players, or those who are merely interested and are keen listeners to high class organ music. Hear about the life of a professional organ player, learn more about the three manual Viscount organ and enjoy a short recital.

***Concert - at St Peter’s Stockbridge
7.30 pm on Friday 1st March***

Crispian Steele-Perkins and David Hill Trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins is world-renowned for the brilliance and versatility of his playing. In this wide-ranging recital he is accompanied on the organ by David Hill. The programme will include:

Jeremiah Clarke - Suite in D

Handel - Trumpet Overture (Suite in C)

Mozart - Allelujah from Exultate Jubilate Goodall – Shackleton’s Cross Stanley – Trumpet Voluntary.

The event has been sponsored by Tim Lowden, enabling Stockbridge Music to hire the superb 3 manual Viscount organ.

Tickets

FREE for students

Adults £5 or £3.50 if bought with tickets for the Concert on Friday 1st March.

Student tickets secretary@stockbridgemusic.uk

Adult tickets go to www.stockbridgemusic.uk

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

College Interviews

Peter Symonds College – Friday 1st March

Year 11 students who have applied to Peter Symonds will have received an email with the time of their appointment.

There is information on our website regarding forthcoming College open events, including dates and how to book a place.

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

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

Andover College: [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



£500

to help improve health & wellbeing in Hampshire

- Aged 13-21 and living in Hampshire?
- Are you passionate about health & wellbeing?
- Want £500 to spend on a project to help improve health and wellbeing in your community?

We are looking for passionate young people with an idea to help improve health & wellbeing experiences for people in Hampshire.

Apply now for £500 grant money to help make your idea a reality & receive support from Unloc to make it happen.



 **APPLY NOW**



Prom 2024 Thursday 20th June.

Bishop Luffa PFA is running our hugely popular Prom Dress Sale again on Saturday 24th February from 12.30 midday until 2 p.m. This is a great opportunity to find the dress of your dreams at a fraction of the cost!

We will be selling a range of new and preloved dresses and accessories at amazing prices. If you haven't already sorted out your Prom dress, come and have a look at the beautiful dresses we will have on offer. And save yourself some money in a sustainable way.

If you don't know what to do with your beautiful prom dress languishing in a wardrobe, why not give it a new lease of life by selling it at our Prom Dress Sale. You can make yourself some money, but you'll also be doing your bit for sustainability. Contact Sam Pullen at sammy47J@hotmail.com for sellers' information.

The sale is taking place in Bishop Luffa School – please come to our main entrance doors and the PFA will take you to the Humanities area where the sale is taking place.

Parking is free and we will have a tea & coffee stand also.

Yours faithfully,

Sharon Quail & Julie Howard
Co-Chairs, Bishop Luffa PFA
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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

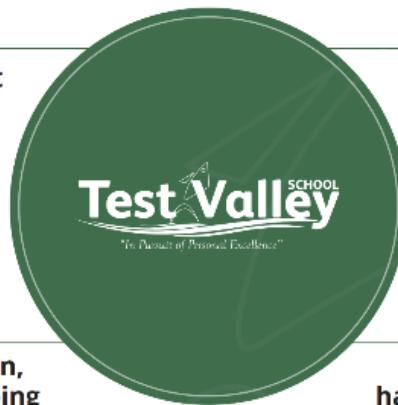
We show courage by not giving in, challenging ourselves, stepping out of our comfort zones and not fearing failure.

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.