

Parent Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you've had good weeks and are enjoying the beautiful sunshine! Many thanks to all our Year 9 Parents and Carers who come along to our Options Evening on Thursday, it was lovely to see so many of you. I do hope the evening was useful, please do get in touch if you would like further guidance on the options process.

We delayed our World Book Day until Friday as we had several other events happening on Thursday. Many thanks to Mrs Dunn who organised a range of events throughout the day to promote reading. During period 5 Year 7 attended a reading camp on the top field. Whilst Mrs Dunn and a number of pupils read, they were all treated to hot chocolate and were able to toast their marshmallows over the firepit. Many pupils made a real effort with their costumes as did staff, I've included some photos below!



Apologies for not sharing the proposed trips calendar for 2024-2025 with you sooner, we have been waiting for a few prices to come back, and wanted to add trips which are more accessible. I will share the link to the trips on Monday, we may add more local trips along the way, but the trips abroad won't change. Letters for the trips will follow in due course.

Have a lovely 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](#)

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 11th March

Week 2 Timetable

Year 11 – GCSE Food Practical 11th & 12th March

Year 10 – Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Fair – Sparsholt – Thursday 14th March

Year 7 – Core Exams (English, Maths, Science) – in Classrooms

Inspiring Future Teachers

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



Congratulations!



Well Done William!

On Sunday 3rd March William Griffiths competed for **WADAC (Winchester athletics club)** in his third indoor event of the season. He came **second** overall (out of 15 participants) and got a **new PB** in shot of 9.06m plus came first in the 4-lap race.



Key Stage 4

For Year 11 parents

Year 11 GCSE Self Study Programmes have been emailed to Year 11 and put in the Year 11 MS Teams site ready to keep the exam preparation momentum going.

Top of the pops for Week of 4th March 2024

Rosie	White	10PH
Oliver	Levy-Clinkard	10CE
Ben	Whitehead	10PH
Cain	Fenton	10GR
Jack	Goodridge	10GR
Dylan	Lyne	11PH
Keysha	Motlhabani	11PX
Ella-Mai	Kane	11CE
Jack	Freeman	11PH
Hadya	Baqi	11GR

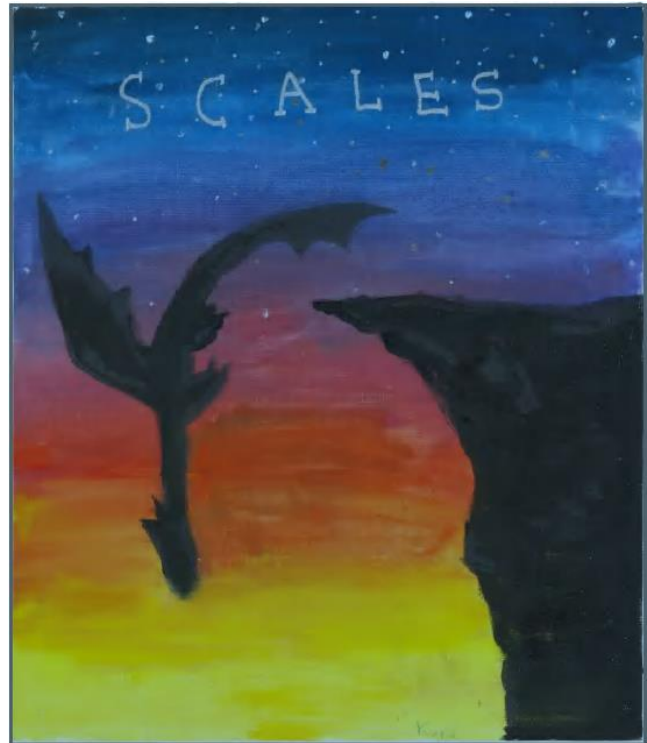
Key Stage 3

Year 7 have been studying myths and legends in English.

At the end of their creative writing assessment, they were asked to devise and write their own myth and create a book cover.

This design is called 'Scales' and was created by Kyra Ward.

Fantastic Kyra !



Year 9 – KS4 Options

Please remember to **complete your options form and return as soon as possible**, if you didn't come to the Year 9 Curriculum evening you can pick up your Options Form and information booklet from the School Office.

Creative Arts

A poster for Southampton Dance College. At the top, it says 'SOUTHAMPTON DANCE COLLEGE' in white text on a black background. Below this is a circular image of a dance troupe performing on stage. To the right of the image is a white circle containing the text 'LIMITED SPACES. REGISTER TODAY!'. Below the image is the website 'www.southamptondancecollege.co.uk'. The main text reads 'Free Experience Day' in large green letters, followed by 'Dancers aged 14+'. Below that, it lists 'Classical Ballet, Jazz Tech, Street, Commercial, Musical Theatre Tap'. The bottom section says 'JOIN IN WITH CLASSES, MEET THE TEACHERS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COURSE' and 'April 12th 10am- 3.30pm at DM Studios'.

A poster for the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra Open Day. At the top, it says 'Hampshire County Youth Orchestra OPEN DAY' in white text on a blue background. To the right is the logo for 'Hampshire Music Education Hub' and 'Arts Council England'. Below this is a circular image of a person playing a stringed instrument, with the text 'ENJOY PERFORMING' and 'WANT TO IMPROVE' around it. Another circular image shows a person playing a brass instrument, with the text 'MAKE NEW FRIENDS' around it. The main text reads 'Saturday 23 March 2024, 10.15am - 2.30pm' and 'Thornden Hall – Chandler's Ford'. Below this is a list of bullet points: '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', and 'The day is aimed at String players grades 4+ and Brass/Wind/Percussion/Harp players grades 6+'. At the bottom, it says 'Hampshire County Council' and 'www.hants.gov.uk/hms'.

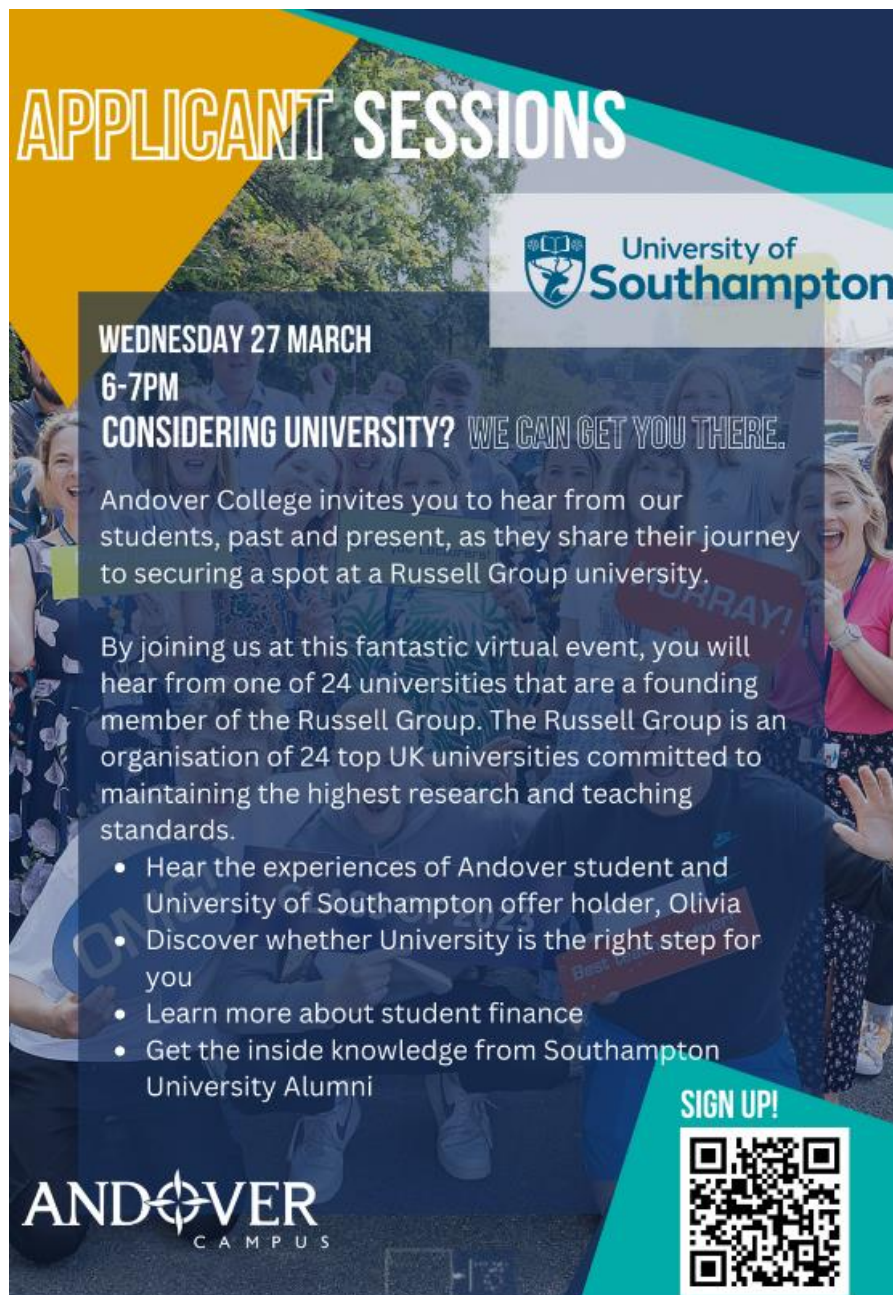
College Information

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](#)



APPLICANT SESSIONS

 University of
Southampton

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH
6-7PM


CONSIDERING UNIVERSITY? WE CAN GET YOU THERE.

Andover College invites you to hear from our students, past and present, as they share their journey to securing a spot at a Russell Group university.

By joining us at this fantastic virtual event, you will hear from one of 24 universities that are a founding member of the Russell Group. The Russell Group is an organisation of 24 top UK universities committed to maintaining the highest research and teaching standards.

- Hear the experiences of Andover student and University of Southampton offer holder, Olivia
- Discover whether University is the right step for you
- Learn more about student finance
- Get the inside knowledge from Southampton University Alumni

SIGN UP!



ANDOVER
CAMPUS

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



**Engineering Apprenticeships
Vacancy Bulletin**

Vacancies live as at 26 February 2024

All the vacancies listed can be found on the [SETA Apprenticeship Vacancy](#) web page. Throughout the coming months more vacancies will go live. Make sure you visit our webpage regularly for the latest additions!

Employer	Vacancy	No. of positions	Level	Location	Duration (months)	Closing Date
Konecranes	Service Technician <i>(Must be 17 at start of apprenticeship)</i>	1	3	Andover	42	29 Feb 24
Score (Europe) Group	Valve Technician (Mechanical Maintenance Technician)	2	3	Southampton	42	1 Apr 24
Sulzer Electromechanical Services (UK) Ltd	Electromechanical Apprentice (Electrical & Mechanical Engineering Fitter)	4	3	Southampton	42	1 Mar 24
GEA Pharma Systems	Mechanical Fitter Apprenticeship	2	3	Chandlers Ford	42	14 Mar 24
GEA Pharma Systems	Electrical Fitter Apprenticeship	1	3	Chandlers Ford	42	14 Mar 24
Williams Engineering Solutions Ltd	Apprentice Plate Welder	1	3	Hardley, nr Hythe	42	24 Mar 24
Cyclife Aquila Nuclear Engineering Ltd	Mechanical Design Engineer	2	3	Twyford, nr Winchester	42	31 Mar 24
Inductotherm Heating & Welding Ltd	Electrical/Electronic Apprentice	1	3	Basingstoke	42	1 Apr 24
ETA Connect Ltd	Cable Joints/Electrical Fitter	1	3	Romsey	42	3 May 24
RHH Franks	Metal Fabricator	1	3	New Milton	42	31 May 24



Scan the QR code to visit SETA’s vacancy webpage



www.setatraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/current_vacancies

Future Events



ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS 2024 RECRUITMENT CLINICS

- Tues 5 March
 - Wed 24 April
 - Thurs 16 May
 - Tues 11 June
- 4.30 - 6pm **Booking advised**

Why attend?

- Join us at one of our Recruitment Clinics to provide practical support & guidance to anyone from Year 11 upwards wishing to apply for an engineering apprenticeship starting in September 2024 (parents are welcome too).
- Come along to discuss the current vacancies, what the roles involve & get guidance on writing a great application!

Who should attend?

- Anyone looking for an engineering apprenticeship starting in September 2024
- School or College leavers in 2024
- Those just thinking about a change in career, this event is for you!

Where is it taking place?

SETA Apprenticeship Centre,
First Avenue, Millbrook,
Southampton, SO15 0LJ

REGISTER ONLINE:



<https://www.setatraining.co.uk/seta/events-recruitment-clinic.html>

www.seta-training.co.uk info@seta-training.co.uk



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[New Maudsley Training Course Dates \(charliewaller.org\)](http://charliewaller.org)

[Supporting a child with an eating problem \(charliewaller.org\)](http://charliewaller.org)



£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**



P.A.C.E. (Parent, Carer and Professionals Events)

A free event to help families better understand the needs and difficulties that young people can face and how to manage potential issues/concerns they have about their young person.

P.A.C.E.

2024

MARCH 11TH

TESTBOURNE SCHOOL, MICHELDEVER RD,
WHITCHURCH, RG28 7JF

11TH MAR
2024

Year 11 Prom!

Prom Outfit Event - Unit 12 Community Clothes Pantry, Winchester

Please forward to anyone that may find this useful. We hope to make sure all students are able to go to Prom looking and feeling great, regardless of their financial situation.

Friday April 5th 2pm – 4pm

Unit 12

Winnall Valley Road

Winchester

SO23 0LD

Come along and borrow a dress, a suit and accessories. We have over 100 outfits and our collection keeps growing!

Free of Charge!

If you have any questions please contact me on this email or Lara the Community Clothes Pantry Manager on ccp@unit-12.com.

**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

Friday April 5th
2pm-4pm

Contact Lara: ccp@unit-12.com

**UNIT
12
WINNALL**



BLUEBERRY AND LEMON MUFFINS

recipe



Ingredients

1 medium egg
65ml vegetable oil
125ml semi-skimmed milk
125g sugar
200g self-raising flour
50g blueberries

Equipment



Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Line a muffin tray with paper muffin cases.

Add vegetable oil and milk and beat until just combined then add sugar and mix until you have a smooth batter. Add in the egg.

Sift in flour and mix until just smooth. Be careful not to over-mix the batter as this will make the muffins tough.

Stir in the blueberries and the lemon essence

Fill muffin cases two-thirds full and bake for 20-25 mins, until risen, firm to the touch and a skewer inserted in the middle 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

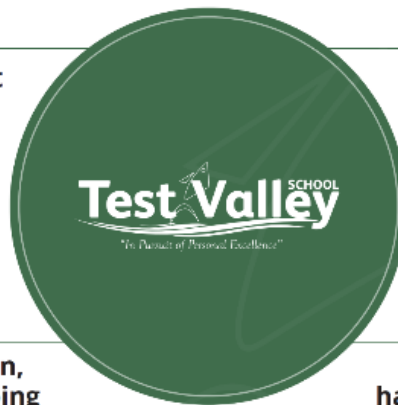
We show courage by not giving in, challenging ourselves, stepping out of our comfort zones and not fearing failure.

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.