

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many students and staff dress-up for Comic Relief and make a substantial contribution to our food bank.

The morning started with one of our students arriving to school with the Kaotic Angels, a biker group that does a tremendous amount of good work in the community.



The riders and their bikes were a massive hit with the whole school. Many of the students and staff relished the opportunity of being able to sit on the bikes whilst they were being revved.



Football

We had the first round of inter-school fixtures, playing against other local Hertfordshire Special Needs schools on Thursday this week. The boys performed extremely well finishing third in the tournament.



Congratulations to all the students involved. It is the Junior team's competition next Thursday and we wish them every success.

Year 8 and 10 - Parents' Evening

Attendance to our Year 8 and 10 Parents' Evening was extremely high, and the feedback received was positive across the board. As a school we appreciate your support but if you have any ideas about how we could do more, please let us know. We are always looking at ways in which we can improve and develop as a school.

Coffee Mornings

We had our second coffee morning on Thursday 17th March, which will continue to happen every fortnight to share information about SEND, supporting children with various needs, online safety and much more. The morning runs from 10am to 11am in the dining room. Our Enterprise group and Hospitality group in Years 10 and 11 host the morning, providing coffee, cake and biscuits. Our hope is that parents will continue to find the sessions, relaxed, comfortable, informative and supportive. Our next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 30th March. To book a place for catering purposes please email us at admin@thevalley.herts.sch.uk

Easter Extravaganza

Again a brief reminder that the new date for our Easter Extravaganza is Thursday 31st March 2022 between 6pm and 8pm. We have rebooked the Mayor, Fire Service, Police and a Magician.

The students that have been rehearsing and practising are very excited about their performance and we hope you can keep the date free to join us.

Dates for the Year 11 diary

We are planning for our Year 11s to leave us on Friday 10th June 2022 although transport will run until Friday 17th June.

All of the Year 11 students will be provided with a sign off sheet which, when complete will allow them to leave school. Every member of staff that teaches a Year 11 will identify the work that needs to be completed for them to finish their course. The teachers will sign these when the work is completed to an appropriate standard.

When all the teachers have signed the sheets off, Miss Small will check and counter-sign them, allowing the student to finish their education at The Valley School. They will not have to return until our Prizes and Awards day on the last day of the summer term, Thursday 21st July, which will be a celebratory occasion with final goodbyes and shirt signing.

The days between Friday 10th June and Friday 17th June will be used to mop up any incomplete work and support students until completion.

If you have any questions about the Year 11 leavers dates then please contact us to seek clarification.

Hirings

If you are a member of a club or society that are looking for a space to perform, practice or rehearse then please contact our Business Manager Paula Frost by calling (01438) 747274. We have a hall and a gym which we would like to hire out at £30 per hour each. The money accrued would be directed back in to the school to improve the learning experiences of our young people.

Wishing you a relaxing, safe and enjoyable weekend

Yours sincerely

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David Pearce
Headteacher