

# HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome back our young people after the Easter Break. We have another busy term planned with The Stevenage fund raising concert for Ukraine, Sports Day, the Year 11 prom, Prizes and Awards day and various trips and visits, to name but a few activities that makes The Valley such an exciting and interesting place for our students.

## **Dates for the Year 11 diary**

We are planning for our Year 11s to leave us on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 although transport will run until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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, Mrs 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 21<sup>st</sup> July, which will be a celebratory occasion with final goodbyes and shirt signing.

The dates between Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June will be used to mop up any incomplete work and support students and they are then done.

The Year 11 Prom will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Stevenage Football Club. This will be an opportunity for students to dress up in formal wear, have a meal, music, speeches and celebrations of their time at The Valley.

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



## Services for Young People (North Herts Stevenage) Summer Term Offer

Copies of the Services for Young People promotional literature are attached. You'll also find these digitally on the [Services for Young People website](#).



### Children's Mental Health Week in Herts – 'Dove Walk'

Students and staff at The Valley School joined together to create our own response to the theme of **'Body Positivity'**, exploring ourselves in our physical and emotional states, and celebrating all that makes us, **'us'**. We used our bodies in a positive way to build a piece of collaborative artwork for all to enjoy. Students helped create trees by painting the trunks and branches, whilst everyone had the opportunity to add their handprints to represent the leaves. We decided to use lots of colour, symbolising our many **different** shapes, sizes, personalities and preferences, and have our personalised doves flying between the trees.



### **Mental Health Support Team**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May the Mental Health Support Team are running a coffee morning between 10am and 11am. On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May this will be held at The Valley School and on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May this will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

The main topic of conversation will be exploring the use of The Zones of Regulation. Further information can be found on the attached flyers that accompany this letter.

### **Unclaimed Raffle Prizes**

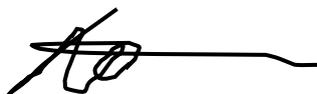
We have two raffle prizes from the Easter Extravaganza that are yet to be claimed. The numbers are Pink 144 and White 422. If you have either then please contact the school on (01438) 747274. If the prizes are not claimed by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April we will use them again in future competitions.

### **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

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Yours sincerely  
David Pearce  
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