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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Valley School have enjoyed another extremely busy week at school. Alongside our normal teaching and learning, there have been trips, visits and tournaments for our students to take part in, as well as rehearsals for the Mayor's charity concert for The Ukraine.

The school site

We are continuing to experience difficulties with our old building and I have to give thanks to Mrs Frost our Business Manager and the site team for keeping the school safe, and operational when confronted with more and more challenges on a day-to-day basis.

In the last couple of weeks we have experienced a flood, no hot water and no heating. The knock on effect of this being no/limited cooked food from the kitchen and continual issues in meeting hygiene standards.

The students and staff have been incredibly patient and understanding and I thank them all. Unfortunately, I can't see this being the last time I will be reporting on the state of the buildings.

Year 9 Trip to Kidzania

On Thursday our Year 9 had a wonderful trip to Kidzania, London! The trip was organised by Ms Adamson who was well supported by the rest of the Year 9 team.

On arrival the students had to wait to go through the airport checkout to begin their work adventure!

There were lots of activities for the children to choose from in the city and they were all excited to get involved with as many as they could. Some tried out the childcare centre where they were able to learn all about taking care of babies. The radio station was another popular venue where the students had great fun working for Capital Radio.





Students designed wraps, became policemen, delivered mail, wrote for a newspaper and even worked in a supermarket. The dance studio also emerged as a very popular venue for The Valley students.

Throughout the whole day the Year 9 were a credit to the school, their families and themselves. Everybody had a thoroughly enjoyable day!

Performing Arts

This is a further reminder to keep the evening of 20th May free for the Ukrainian charity concert which is being held at the Nobel School auditorium. We have a number of our

students performing and they would love your support.

Tickets are available through the Gordon Craig Theatre using the following link

<https://www.gordon-craig.co.uk/ukraine-charity-concert-i3079>.

At £10 for adults and £5 for children, we recognise that it is quite expensive and we are negotiating a considerably discounted price for our parents and



siblings. Further information regarding accessing discounted tickets will become available early next week.

Girls' Football Tournament

The Valley School football teams had a brilliant day where seventeen girls represented The Valley in the County inter-school tournament hosted at The Valley. We had the most representatives across the schools and had enough players for two teams, despite not having any Year 9 girls due to their trip to London.

Mr Walker was so proud of the girls for pushing themselves out of their comfort zone and putting themselves forward to represent the school and support each other. The girls had a very successful day on the pitch, with both teams reaching the semi-final, coincidentally having to face each other in a derby to try to make the final.



This however did guarantee The Valley School a spot in the final.

The last game finished in a draw and both teams decided that the spirit of the game was the winner, and rather than having penalties and one team losing they decided to share the spoils.

A special mention should be given to Lucy who scored seven goals in seven games which is tremendous.

All the girls were amazing and we are looking forward to the next fixture.

The next sports fixture is Junior Boys on Thursday 17th May, again at The Valley.

Sports Week

When we return after Easter we will be hosting a sports week at school. Within PE lessons there will be multiple competitions with a range of sports and opportunities. Competing in teams in their year groups, the learners will be able to represent a small group and earn points to enable their team to be successful.

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 long weekend.

Yours sincerely

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