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Dear Parents and Carers,

The half-term seems to be disappearing fast, but it has been extremely positive and productive. I am happy to be able to report that we will be fully staffed in September, with an extremely well qualified, strong and supportive team. We recognise that our staff are our greatest asset, who create our positive and purposeful learning environment without detracting from the caring and supportive nature of our Valley family. We have invested heavily in attracting well qualified and experienced staff that will see The Valley School go from strength to strength.

### **Donation of over a dozen cycle helmets**

We would like to thank Pip - a Year 7 parent - for donating over a dozen helmets for our students who like riding bikes and scooters on the playground during breaks, lunchtimes and afterschool clubs. We are very grateful and know that the students will appreciate them.

### **Performing Arts**

This is the final reminder to keep this evening 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 but we have negotiated a considerably discounted price of £3 for our parents and £1 for siblings if you would like to book some last minute tickets. Please contact the school for the discount code.

### **Year 11 Students**

A brief reminder that our Year 11s leave us on Friday 10th June 2022 although transport will run until Friday 17th June.

The students and staff have planned a number of trips and visits in the first few days after half-term, in celebration of their time at the school.



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 dates between Friday 10th June and Friday 17th June will be used to mop up any incomplete work and support students until they are done.

The Year 11 Prom will be held on Thursday 23rd 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 School.

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

### **Work Experience**

We have a number of Year 10 and 11 students working at a charity Garden Centre called Waste-not-Want-not. They have been busy clearing the car parking area. They also work in the kiosk learning to use the till and serve customers. The manager and centre staff have been extremely impressed by their work and the students should be really proud of their efforts.



Destiny and Brooke have been working at The Best-Before Cafe in Letchworth. They help to display all the food which has been donated from various supermarkets before the shop opens and then they serve the customers.



Cameron has been working with Frank Coopers & Sons and they have been extremely complimentary about his work ethic, punctuality and reliability whilst working for them.

**Sports Week**

When we return after the summer half-term break 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 weekend.

Yours sincerely

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