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Dear Parents and Carers,

All at The Valley School had a reasonably quiet beginning of the week without too many trips and visits going out. We did have a significant Thursday evening however, with us celebrating the Year 11 Prom, held at the Stevenage Football Club.

The evening was very well organised by Ms Small, the Year 11 team, Ms Heller and Ms O'Brien. I would like to thank them all for their efforts along with a big thank you to the staff and parents that also supported the event. The evening was enjoyed by all, with the Year 11 and 10 students being a credit to themselves, the school, and their families. Over 1500 photos were taken on the night by our amazing photographer Lewis Hollingsworth, meaning we should have fabulous display up in school over the next few days.



Year 6 into 7 Transition

Year 6 to Year 7 transition is well underway. Miss Shears has started visiting our feeder schools and has met some wonderful young people who will be joining us in September. Next week we have provided opportunities for all of our new students to visit us accompanied by staff from their current schools.

Our Welcome Evening Event and Secondary Transfer Day are set to take place in the 2nd week of July, both of which will provide opportunities for visitors to have a tour of the school and meet various members of staff.

We have a coffee morning and afternoon planned for our new parents so they have an opportunity to meet socially and network with each other over a drink and a biscuit in a relaxed setting.

Plans for Summer School are progressing, staff are planning a programme of fun and engaging opportunities which may include cake making and rocket building!

Kids Week

We would like to bring your attention to Kids Week which is where a child will be able to go free with every adult ticket purchased when going to theatres in London. Please see the link below.

[Kids Week: Free Theatre Tickets for Kids | Official London Theatre](#)

Year 8 trip to Fairlands

On Thursday the Year 8s went to Fairlands Valley Park. They were going to have a “Splash Park Day” but unfortunately when they got there the splash park had a broken pump. This didn’t ruin the day though and the students were brilliant! They



played at the playground for the morning and then they had lunch by the lake, quickly followed by a roll down the hill and made their way back to school.

When they arrived back at school the Year 8 staff then put on their own “Splash Park Day” with paddling pools, water guns and anything else they could fill with water. The Year 8s did amazingly and they were all well and truly worn out and drenched by the end of the day.



PE Department Swimming

As we come to the end of the school year, the PE department are very impressed with the progress the students have been making since reintroducing swimming. We have students making significant progress and the swimming teachers are also pleased with the outcomes.

We are investigating ways we can alter swimming to generate even more progress in the future. The way the students have conducted themselves whilst swimming this year has been incredible and we cannot wait to provide more students with the opportunity to learn this valuable life skill.



Stevenage FC Family Open Day

On Sunday 10th July at The Lamex Stadium from 10am to 1pm Stevenage FC are having an open day. The event is free and it will have a kids' zone, a players' training session and a meet and signing session with the players.



If you choose to attend, please could you take pictures and share them with us; allowing us to continue to build a strong working relationship with Stevenage FC.

Herts Music Service Stevenage Schools' Concert

A letter has been sent out to the students who are performing on the night. The key information is as follows:

Dress: Please wear school uniform.

Time: Doors will open at 6.30pm, with the performance starting at 7.00pm. Total performance time should be around 1 hr 30 minutes, with an estimated finish time between 8.30pm and 8.45pm.

Tickets: Tickets are priced at £12 - These are be available from the Theatre box office - 01438 363200 or to book online www.gordon-craig.co.uk @ [Stevenage Festival: Stevenage Primary Schools | Gordon Craig Theatre \(gordon-craig.co.uk\)](http://Stevenage Festival: Stevenage Primary Schools | Gordon Craig Theatre (gordon-craig.co.uk))

Prizes and Awards Day - Thursday 21st July

As explained last week, we are trying to establish travel arrangements for our Prizes and Awards day which will be held on the last day of the summer term. Due to the capacity of our hall, the plan is for our Years 7 & 8 to attend between 9am and 11am and Years 9, 10 & 11 to attend between 11:45am and 1:15pm. We have so many awards to give out (over £4000 worth) sponsored by the construction companies ASHE and MACE. We are very much looking forward to sharing this occasion with you.

Unfortunately we are negotiating a headache with regards to travel arrangements. The transport to and from school will run as normal, but there needs to be a switch of year groups at the end of the Year 7 & 8 ceremony and the beginning of the Year 9,10 & 11 ceremony; school taxis will not be running at this time.

We are calling for any support possible to help with bringing the Year 9, 10 & 11 students in and dropping the Year 7 & 8 students off between 11am and 11:45am. If there are any opportunities where you could collect or bring in your child between these times, or car share with a student who is a neighbour, that would really help us out and ensure the day runs more smoothly. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

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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