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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that all our staff and students are very much looking forward to the half-term break after another 'full-on' week. We have hosted three very successful open mornings, welcoming over 140 guests, as well as holding a Key Stage 4 Information Evening.

These events have all been extremely well received and the students have conducted themselves superbly throughout. A special thanks goes to Miss Heller, Ms O'Brien and Miss Kitchener and the students from the Enterprise and Hospitality groups that served teas and coffees during these events.

Outdoor Learning/Forest School

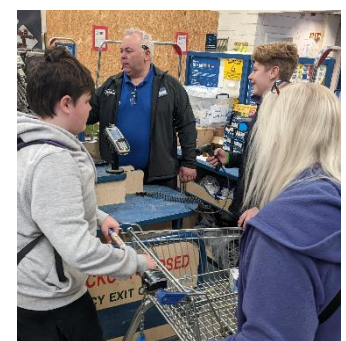
There was a very successful trip to Wickes with the Year 10 Forest School cohort. They are taking the lead on planning, building and decorating the woods shelter for the school to enjoy.

The trip to Wickes was a wonderful experience with students not only representing The Valley School with outstanding behaviour but also having the courage to talk to Wickes colleagues to ask questions about the materials.

They met the Manager who greeted them with a warm welcome and was so very kind to all of the students. He rang up the products at the tills and even offered David a job when he turns 16 for being so helpful!

To everyone's surprise at the end of ringing up the bill, he shook Mr Holop by the hand and said it was all "on the house!"

The students were so excited they ran back into the store to say a massive "thank you" to Michael, the manager. It was an amazing moment!



Year 10 Enterprise Halloween Event

The Year 10 students are creating a business model within their Enterprise lessons. They have to come up with ideas about which products to make and sell, how to use profit to generate further profit, take orders and handle money.

This year the students would like to hold a Spooky Halloween Event. This will take a form of a Disco and a Halloween themed fayre, during which they will sell their products.



This Disco will be held on Friday 4th November between 1.30pm-3pm. It will be a non-uniform day and all students are invited to dress for the occasion in appropriate Halloween costumes. There will be a prize for the best spooky outfit. A contribution of £2 is requested for the non-uniform day, entrance to the disco and fayre. Payments can be made via Arbor Parent Portal at <https://login.arbor.sc/> or if you have activated your account and downloaded the app, the Arbor App on Apple or Android.

If you need any support with this, please contact the school office.

Please note students can use their reward money for the £2 non-uniform, fayre, disco contribution and to buy things at the fayre.

Cinema Trip

We have the opportunity for the whole school to attend free screenings of a couple of films at Cineworld Stevenage. Years 7 and 8 and the Year 11 Sky Form would be able to see an autism friendly version of Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG) on 18th November between 10.00 and 11.45 and Years 9, 10 and 11 to The Croods 2 (U) on 17th November between 10.00 and 11.45.



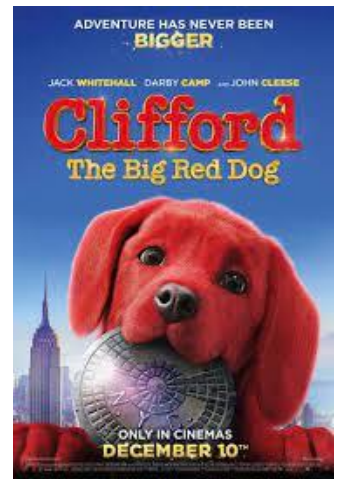
We will be walking down to Cineworld, unless this is not viable for specific students and staff, who would then be given a lift.

Arrangements will be made in school for any students who would struggle to access this opportunity.

EHCP Annual Review Day

Following the success of this day last year and listening to feedback received, we will be holding the EHCP annual review day on November 10th.

Please put this date in your diaries. Amended draft plans will be with you in advance of the review day. A separate message has been sent via SchoolComms regarding the EHCPs.



Term dates and reporting schedule

We are heading towards October half term, which begins on the 19th October. Students return to school on the 31st October.

All term dates for the coming year can be found on the school website.

The Year 10 reports will be published on Friday 16th December.

New Build Progress

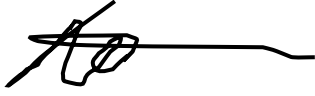
The build team has installed a timelapse camera that looks across the rebuild site and takes a picture every three minutes. The link is below if you would like to see what is going on behind the large mud mound.

<https://api.t-lap.se/5b2136/>

Wishing you a relaxing, safe and very enjoyable weekend.

There will be no letter next week as it will be half-term

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Pearce', followed by a long horizontal line that tapers to the right.

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