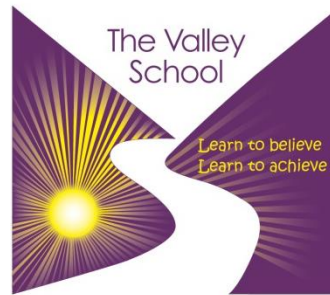


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## **The Valley Newsletter** **Friday 21st July 2023**

We have reached the end of another extremely busy term which has continued to see The Valley School go from strength to strength.

The students conduct around the school and on the numerous trips and visits we run has always been outstanding and frequently praised by our wider community.

During the summer term we have enjoyed our first whole school production since the start of Covid, taken all the students on a whole school trip and negotiated an Ofsted inspection. We have run tours of the school on a daily basis for prospective parents, continue to be hugely oversubscribed, and our external verifiers ratify that our students are making good progress in their academic studies and social development.

All of this has been achieved whilst negotiating the complexities of a new build, maintaining a building that is falling down around our ears, and supporting our parents through some of the most financially challenging times experienced in recent years.

None of this would have been possible without my amazing staff who invest so much into the school. They should all be commended for the hours they work, how hard they work in each hour, and the time they still find to build wonderful relationships with our young people.

### **Goodbyes**

It is always a sad time to say goodbye to staff that are leaving us at the end of the year. For some this is to explore new opportunities and for others it is about relocation to other parts of the country. For whatever the reason we wish Ms Faller, Ms Gross, Ms McWilliams and Ms Wilson every success in their future endeavours.

### **The New Term**

The first day back for staff will be **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September** which is an Inset Day.

The first day back for our new **Year 7 students** will be **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** where taxis will pick them

up to be in for 9:00am. Parents are invited to lunch with the students on this day and then take them home, as there will be an early finish.

The rest of the school will start at 9:00am on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** and finish at the normal time.



### **Year 7 London trip**

The Year 7 students explored the sites of London and then caught the cable car over the river Thames before heading home. The students had an amazing experience and thoroughly enjoyed the day.



### **Year 9 McDonalds and Bowling**

On Wednesday the Year 9 the opportunity to go bowling lunch as their chosen end of



### **Trip**

students thoroughly enjoyed and then have a McDonalds term trip.



### **Duke of Edinburgh**

The Duke of Edinburgh group went for a picnic and a stroll around Fairlands Valley Park. They used their map reading skills to navigate their way to the park and then accidentally found some ice cream!

The students had a great time on the play equipment.



### **Performing Arts Club**

Performing Arts Club finished their amazing year with a party this week. We celebrated with all our favourite songs and dances and enjoyed a little party food!





### **Year 8 Fidget Spinners**

The Year 8s completed their fidget spinners during their last lesson of the term. They were all very happy that the toys worked and they will now have hours of fun playing with a toy that they created themselves.



### **Year 10 Carpentry**

The Year 10 carpentry class put the finishing touches on the second tee pee for the outdoor learning area. This is a structure they built themselves utilising all the skills they have learnt throughout the year.



### **Year 8**

Year 8 have had a wonderful last week of the school year. Each group has been to McDonalds this week as well as on a whole year group trip to Fairlands!

Staff and students had a wonderful time and it was so lovely to see each and every one of them be kind, work together and look after one another throughout the day! Well done Year 8, you have been an absolute pleasure this year!



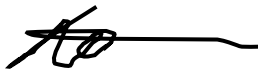
### **Consent**

We have recently updated our medical consents to allow our staff to support students and follow parental decisions should urgent medical attention be required. These will be used in the unlikely event that parents/carers have not been able to be reached.

These consents can be viewed via the Arbor Portal or App where you will be able to select your consent choice. If you require any support please contact the school office.

On behalf of the Staff and Governors at The Valley School, we wish you a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely

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David Pearce