The Valley Newsletter

26th January 2024

We have had a lovely week at The Valley School. The students have engaged well in their learning, the Year 11s have settled well into their Thursday College afternoons and there is a good spread of students enjoying extracurricular activities across all year groups.

The Witches at the National Theatre - Wednesday 24 January

A group of Performing Arts students were lucky enough to travel to London on Wednesday to see a new production of Roald Dahl's 'The Witches' at the National Theatre. We travelled by train and walked along the river Thames to the South Bank Centre. We had amazing seats in the stalls and the students loved the show. "Brilliant", "amazing", "fantastic", "scary" and "not scary" were all used to describe the production! Well done to everyone who attended, you were a wonderful group.

Open Mornings

On Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March we are holding two open mornings to provide an opportunity for visitors to look around the new school.
An email with booking information has been sent out so that you can sign up.
A plan of the morning can be seen below.

Parents/carers will be divided into different coloured groups on arrival. To mitigate against visitors being rushed/having to hang around, we have organised a 'mop-up' group for late arrivals.
Please do not arrive before 9:30am as this will disrupt our 'Taxi Drop Off' arrangements.

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School Lunches

Please remember to pre-book your child's school meal before 8am. You can order meals up to 10 weeks in advance to save you time doing this each morning.
If your child attends college on Thursday, we are not able to offer them a hot lunch due to the time they leave. We are able to provide them with a school packed lunch to eat before they go, but this must be pre-booked on School Gateway.

Year 7 Food Technology

Year 7 used the claw and bridge grips to safely cut potatoes whilst following a recipe to make Dauphinoise potatoes.

Year 7 Science

Year 7 are conducting experiments around floating and sinking. We designed and built boats and then tested them on water.

Year 7 Outdoor Learning

Students have been working hard, planting bulbs ready for the Spring.

Hiring Facilities

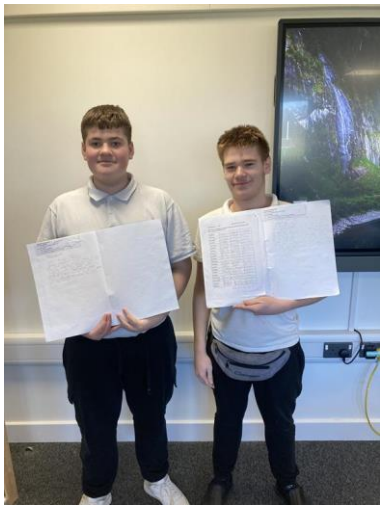
We are exploring opportunities to let our facilities to create another funding stream for the school.

If you know of any groups or clubs that might be interested, please encourage them to contact the school.

The details regarding prices and availability are listed below.

Year 10 PE

Students have been honing their riding skills on a bicycle in Year 10. They have been taking advantage of our new playground area and mock road.



Year 9 Extended Writing

Dylan and Aleks produced some amazing creative accounts in their extended writing class. Aleks confidently read his aloud, explaining how various creatures killed their prey, with much enthusiasm.

Year 8 Humanities

Year 8 Lime have been learning about the Trojan Horse and have thoroughly enjoyed building their own in class.

The end result was almost as big as some of the children.

It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, and the creativity of the staff, in bringing the lessons to life.

Facilities Available and Pricing

Hourly Rates

Area	Community Use	Commercial	Dimensions
	Out of School Hours	Out of School Hours	
Hall	£25	£30	12.6m x 9.5m
Sports Hall	£25	£30	18m x 10m
Fitness Studio	£20.00 p/m (mship)	£30 per class	12.46m x 5.90m
Natural turf playing pitch	£25.00 per match	£30 per match	60m x 30m

Hours of Access

Term- Time			
Users	**Days**	**Times**	**Notes**
Community	Mon - Fri	16:30 to 22:00	Daylight Permitting
	Saturday	08:00 to 22:00	
	Sunday	08:00 to 22:00	
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Subject to the School providing appropriate justification to the management committee, the School may restrict the use of grassed sports areas to protect them to fit in with the school requirements.

School Clubs

These will continue to be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The list of students expected to attend clubs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be sent as a separate email to this newsletter. If your child is on this list then it means that we have received your permission and that arrangements regarding transport home for your child have been agreed with you. If this is not the case you need to contact admin@thevalley.herts.sch.uk so we can address any anomalies well before the evening. Students will not be able to join a club after this list has been published, until the following week, as organising transport and supervision is too complex to do well with very short notice.

Thank you for your support with this.