

The Valley Newsletter

15th March 2024

It is hard to believe how quickly this term is rushing by. We only have a week and a bit left before we break up for the Easter Holidays. Please take note of the last day arrangements shown below. I would also urge parents of Year 11 students to read through the Year 11 Leaving Arrangements that are also shared later on in this letter.

End of term arrangements (Thursday 28th March 2024)

Our last day of term is Thursday 28th March 2024.

Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:20	Registration and Breakfast
9:20 - 10:25	Periods 1 and 2 as normal
10:25 – 10:50	Break
10:50 - 11:10	Form time
11:15 – 12:00	Assembly in the hall
12:00 – 12:35	Lunchtime
12:35 – 12:40	Form time
12:40 – 12:50	Departure



The students will have the choice of pizza or a ham sandwich for lunch on this day. The booking system will reflect this change in food options.

The first day back for staff will be **Monday 15th April** as it is an Inset Day. Students will be back on Tuesday 16th April at the normal time.

Fitness Suite Installed!!!

On Tuesday, all systems were go with the installation of our very own Fitness Suite. As you can see the school have invested heavily into ensuring our students get the very best equipment on offer. The Fitness Suite includes; 2 treadmills, 2 rowers, 2 bikes, 4 resistance machines and a free weights section. The Physical Education department will take time within each class' PE lesson next week to provide an induction to all students on how to be safe within the Fitness Suite and how to use the equipment with the



correct technique. Students can then have full access to the facilities during break and lunchtimes moving forward.



Year 11 Students Leaving Arrangements

Our Year 11 students leave us on Friday 7th June 2023 although transport will run until Friday 14th June.

The students and staff will plan 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, Mrs Wells will check and counter-sign them, allowing the student to finish their education at The Valley School.

The dates between Monday 10th June and Friday 14th June will be used to mop up any incomplete work and support students until they are done.

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

The Year 11 Prom will be held on Thursday 20th 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.

Coffee Morning

I am very excited to invite you to a Coffee morning on **Monday 25th March at 10.00am.**

We are being joined by the Dental screening team to support us all with managing the dental care of our young people. I look forward to seeing you there.

Any questions please get in touch



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Year 7 Cinema Trip

On Tuesday 12th March Sky Class headed out for the day. They watched 'Trolls Band Together' at Vue Cinema in Bedford, which was a free showing for schools. They then travelled to Baldock Services where students used their reward money to purchase their lunch from McDonalds. Sky class had an amazing time, thoroughly enjoying the film and the food.



Year 9 Humanities

In Humanities we have been learning about significant people in history including Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. Today we were learning about the Suffragettes; in particular Emeline Pankhurst and Emily Davison. The children were shocked at how wild these ladies could be but understood they were passionate about the cause. Here is a picture of some of the girls dressed as suffragettes (excluding the big hats and fancy gowns!)

Year 9 Teal had also been practicing for the science assembly where they made rockets out of balloons and inflated balloons without blowing or pumping them up.

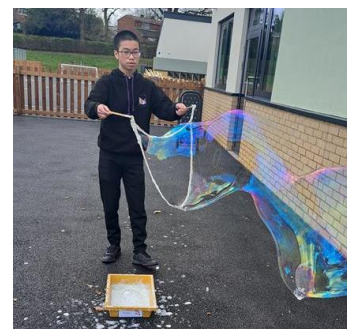




Science week

This week we have had a fantastic time celebrating the 30th British Science Week. The students have spent time with our ducklings, carried out investigations involving time and enjoyed an extra special assembly from Year 9.





Whole School Production

We are delighted to announce that our show this year will be Aladdin! Performances will be on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 June at 6.00pm.

Enterprise Football Tournament

Staff vs Students Football Tournament and BBQ - Friday 22 March

On Friday next week Year 10 are planning a football tournament, outdoor games and BBQ event as part of their Enterprise BTEC. Students have been asked whether they would like to play football against the staff; we have eight teams competing. Students will be using their reward money to buy items such as hot dogs and popcorn from the BBQ. There will also be a tombola with fantastic prizes, all of which have been donated to us by the charity Happy Days. The event promises to be a wonderful experience for all.



School Clubs

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.