

The Valley Newsletter

19th April 2024

After a really productive INSET day on Monday, it was lovely to welcome all our students back on Tuesday this week.

All the staff and students hit the ground running with exciting and interesting lessons, supported by trips and visits around the local community.

We have a packed term ahead of us with our Year 11s finishing off their qualifications, enjoying a celebration week and their prom, a whole school trip, and welcoming the Year 6 students through transition visits in preparation for September.

Ark Farm visit 1st May 2024

On Wednesday 1st May, Ark Farm will be coming into school for a full day visit. They will be bringing along a range of different animals and across the day all our students will have the opportunity to spend time with them, learning about how to take care of the animals and have the opportunity to pet the animals. It should be a fantastic day and we know lots of students are already looking forward to it!



Immy Smashes It Again at the Trampolining East Regional Finals

Congratulations to Immy who won her division in the East Regional Finals.

She scored an amazing 49.6 to finish in first place.

We wish her luck in the Inter-Regional Cup Final which will take place on 5th-7th July in Birmingham.



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Double Points Tuesday

As a school we are having a drive on school uniform.

We are rewarding students for 'getting it right' by offering double points on Tuesday next week.

Please support your child in making the most of this opportunity.

Remember that points equate to real money that the students can spend at the tuck shop, on Amazon or on trips out.



Swimming

Swimming went off with a splash this morning. Despite the students having a three week break they jumped into the pool as if they were in there just yesterday!

Four students: Sienna, Destiny, Ezra and Jake completed a 10 metre swim. Before Easter we had some superb performances with some students swimming over 30 metres unaided. Every week the students amaze us with their continual energy and enthusiasm.



Year 11 Transition Evening

On Thursday 25th April we will be holding a Year 11 information evening for parents and carers. The evening will explain the transition programme, preparing students for life after The Valley School.

The staff from North Herts. College, Megan McHugh from the Mental Health Support Team and Bridie McDonald from Services for Young People (Personal Adviser SEND Team) will also be there to explain what happens within the transition process.

Please arrive for a 6pm start; it should last no longer than an hour. Please confirm your attendance through your child's form tutor.



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 student 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.

Outdoor Learning

In Outdoor Learning this week we have been working on teamwork and communication skills. Year 7 Green organised themselves into a cohesive unit by giving each other specific jobs, getting everyone involved and communicating effectively to build the tallest structure they could using the basic equipment given. Great job Team Green.

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.

