

The Valley Newsletter

21st June 2024

The staff and students have enjoyed a week of finer weather with lots of P.E. lessons, outdoor learning and breaks being enjoyed outside. The cast of Aladdin have been rehearsing hard for the show and we are all looking forward to the performances next week. The highlights of the week have been the first Year 6 into 7 transition morning and the school's Year 11 Prom.

European Championships Success for Miss Barber

This week has seen The Valley School welcome back Miss Barber from the Virtus Open European Championships in Sweden. Miss Barber was away representing Team Great Britain within Athletics. Her results were as follows:

A personal best of 24m 99cm within Discus coming 6th overall

A season's best of 14.32secs within 100m coming 6th overall

A season's best of 4m 71cm within Long Jump coming 6th overall

Everyone at The Valley would like to congratulate Miss Barber on her amazing achievements!



Sports Day - Provisionally 4th July 2024

The Physical Education Department would like to make parents aware of an Olympics Sports Day taking place on Thursday 4th July. Children will be brought out in Year Groups for an hour to participate in a number of different Athletics Events. Each event will be scored, leading to an overall winning team.

Due to the needs of our students, we are not permitting parents to attend the event as we would like to keep the experience as close to a normal P.E lesson as possible for the students, with the hope of maximising participation and reducing anxieties. Please can you ensure your child comes equipped in the correct P.E kit with a drinks bottle and sun lotion depending on the weather on that day.



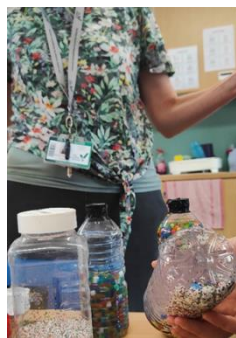
Year 6 into 7 Transition Morning

Thursday 20th saw the start of our Year 6 into 7 transition programme. Students from eleven different feeder schools descended on The Valley to begin their journey into the school.

Throughout the morning, students had the chance to tour the new school grounds by playing a game of 'Tour Bingo' as they explored.

As well as getting to know the new environment, they had the chance to meet and get to know all of their new classmates and teachers who they will be sharing their time in Year 7 with. In the classroom, the students were also given the opportunity to learn about water density and create sensory bottles to take home with them.

It was a great morning and it was lovely to see so many enthusiastic, young smiling faces as they departed. Same time again next week!



Design and Technology

In Year 8, Callum finished off his aeroplane project. He was extremely pleased with the results. The Year 10 Carpentry Group have been making 'small end tables' for year group areas.



Liam has been making wooden dowels to fill in the countersunk holes on the tables. He loved making them: 'It's like a giant pencil sharpener!'

Year 11 Prom (Year 10 students invited)

The Year 11 Prom was an amazing evening celebrating The Class of 2024. The students looked amazing, dressed up in their very best outfits and arriving in all manner of transport, from hot-rods to stretch limousines.

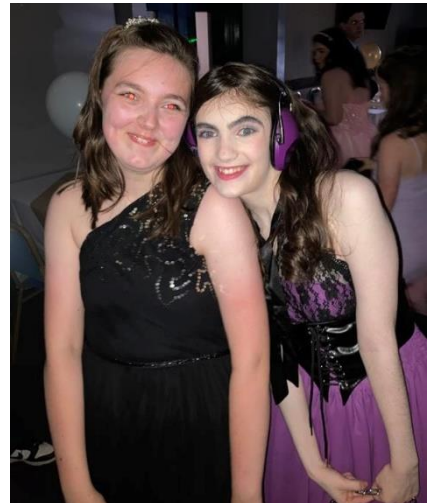
It was wonderful to see our young adults conducting themselves with such maturity, chatting, laughing, dancing and socialising with each other and The Valley School Staff.

The evening consisted of a disco, food, speeches and an awards ceremony.

The whole event was enjoyed by all. Special thanks need to be given to Stevenage Football Club for hosting us, Ms Heller and Ms O'Brien for the catering, the office staff for leading the administration, all the staff that attended, and in particular, The Year 11 team and Ms Wells for pulling the whole thing together.

Below are just a few of the photos, celebrating the event.







School Clubs

Please note that there will be the following changes to after school clubs over the next two weeks due to the Year 11 Prom and The Whole School Production of Aladdin.

Tues 25th - Clubs as normal

Weds 26th and Thurs 27th - No clubs due to staff commitment to Whole School Production of Aladdin.

Performing Arts Club will be running as additional rehearsals for Aladdin. Only students with principal roles will be required to attend. Please see the list attached to the newsletter. The club will resume as normal on Wednesday 10th July.

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.