

Date: Friday 6th September 2024

The Valley Newsletter

We have really enjoyed welcoming back our Years 8 to 11, and extending an equally warm welcome to our new Year 7s. We had an amazing turn out at our Year 7 students and parents lunch on Tuesday during which the chicken pie received high praise. I would like to thank the kitchen team for all their support in making this event such a success.



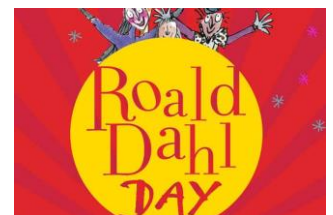
Year 10 Community Group

We have officially signed up to do a community litter pick on the 26th September through the organisation called Million Mile Clean-up. The litter pick will take place in the woods behind The Valley School, lessons 2, 3 and 4. In preparation for the task we have been discussing health and safety, equipment, environmental impact and a site survey to include a tally of items found. This information along with photos will be shared, if appropriate, with the organisation to promote the effort that the students are making towards supporting the local community.



Roald Dahl Day Friday 13th September

Please see the attachment showing the change of menu for this day.



Year 7 Maroon

We have had an amazing first week in Maroon. Students have started building friendships with their peers and developing a rapport with key members of school staff.

We have been incredibly busy, using watercolour paint, decorating biscuits and even following the picture instructions to build a salt powered vehicle.



The Year 10 Hospitality class

The Year 10 Hospitality class had a fantastic first lesson back in the kitchen! Students were set the task to show what they can do independently and they excelled. The burgers looked delicious and were enjoyed by all. Well done Year 10!



Year 11 Monkey Yoga

11 Orange enjoyed some Monkey Yoga to relax and reset after two busy days back at school. We practiced relaxing deep breaths and moved our bodies to help feel calm. Overall Orange class have settled brilliantly into Year 11 and have enjoyed their new lessons. Keep up the great work Orange class!



New Staff

The beginning of term also provided us with the opportunity to welcome some new staff to The Valley team.

Ms Hunt – Head of Maths and Numeracy Year 11 Form Tutor



Ms Overton- Year 7 Learning Partner

Mrs Doolin- Year 9 Learning Partner



Mrs Glynn –Teacher

Ms Svensson – SENCO and Year 8 and 11 Form Tutor



Mrs Pearce – Art Cover

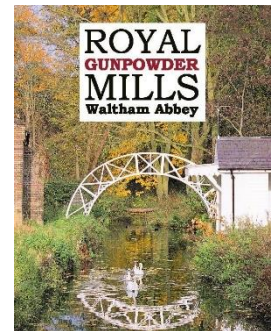
Mrs Quarterman – Year 9 Learning Partner



Year 9 Trip to the Royal Gunpowder Mills

As part of the Year 9 English and Humanities curriculums, our students have the opportunity to visit The Royal Gunpowder Mills at Waltham Abbey to complement their work on World War II.

The trip will take place on Monday 30th September between 9.20am and 2.50pm. Students will be transported by coach and will be supervised by The Valley School staff for the duration of the trip. Please look out for a letter containing further information.



Year 10 and 11 Information Evening on Thursday 10th October

On Thursday 10th October we have a Year 10 and 11 information evening where North Herts College will be in attendance, explaining the transition to Post-16 and what the options are for students when they leave The Valley School. Please keep an eye out for a letter with further details over the next couple of weeks.



School Photographs



Instrumental Sessions

These are run by our fantastic staff from Herts Music Service and will begin next week. Thank you to all our Year 7 parents/carers who have expressed an interest. Year 7 students will be receiving lessons on a rotation for this term to give every student who would like to the opportunity to have a go.

I will be speaking to the other years in Performing Arts lessons about whether they would like to start/continue.

Enterprise Disco

At the end of last year some of the Year 10 Enterprise team ran a whole-school disco. It was a fantastic afternoon and the year 10 students did a wonderful job leading games, selling refreshments, running the tombola and showing off their DJing skills. We particularly liked the DJ T Shirts!



Easy Fund Raising

If Parents and staff are willing to do their online shopping through the Easy Fundraising App, it doesn't cost anything but every purchase donates money towards the school.



Below is the link for our Easy Fundraising account:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thevalleyschool/>

The Easy Fundraising app. can be download through the app store. Please select The Valley School.

You can do your online shopping through this link. Thank you for your support with this.

After School Clubs This Term

We shall be starting our after school activities again from Tuesday 10th September 2024. The activities start at 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Parents will need to collect students at 4.15pm from reception.

The clubs on offer are as follows:

Tuesday

Mr Russell - KS3 Football (max 14)

Mrs Crosby - All year groups Performing Arts (max 30)

Wednesday

Mr Gomes - All year groups cycling (max 12 for students with zero cycling experience).

Thursday

Miss Barber and Miss Doyle - All year groups Inclusive Sports (max 14)

Mrs Duffy - All year groups Art and Craft Club (max 14)