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**Date: Friday 17th January 2025**

### **The Valley Newsletter**

We have had another busy week with the hosting of two open mornings alongside our normal weekly commitments. These were extremely positive events with nearly two hundred people visiting and looking around the school across the two days. The feedback from parents was superb, commenting on the vibrant, happy atmosphere within the school, the lovely children and the excellent relationships between the staff and students.

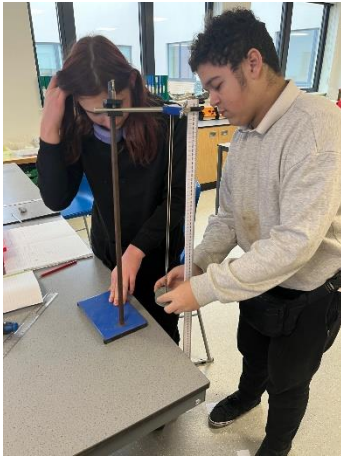
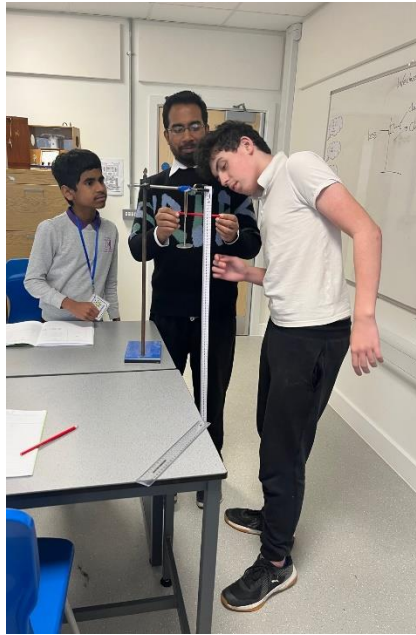
### **Year 10 EHCP Day**

The Year 10 EHCP Day is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. All Year 10 students will work from home on this day as their staff will be conducting meetings and will not be available to teach them. We apologise if this causes any inconvenience.

### **Key Stage Four Science**

Our KS4 scientists have been working exceptionally hard on their new units of work for this half term. Year 11 have been learning about our electricity supply by making different circuits and measuring their voltage and taking apart UK plugs. Year 10 have enjoyed learning about forces and the work of Sir Issac Newton. They have investigated elastic force by testing its strength and its ability to return to its original shape. Great work KS4!





### Royal Albert Hall Concert

Students from Performing Arts Club have been invited to participate in a concert in March at the Royal Albert Hall. Letters have been sent out previously regarding this.



### School lunches

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to pre-book their child's school lunches. Thank you!



## Lost Property

Our Year 10 community group displayed the lost property in each of the year groups in the hope of reuniting items with their owners. Unfortunately, they were only partially successful. Here are some photos of some unnamed coats and jackets which are yet to be claimed. If you recognise any of them then please contact the office so we can return them to their owners.

If the items remain unclaimed by the end of the month then they will be donated to one of our local charities.

Please can you ensure that students attend school with names in their coats, jackets and jumpers. Thank you.



## After School Clubs

After-school activities started Tuesday 14 January 2025. The activities are from 3.15pm until 4.15pm.

Parents/carers will need to collect students at 4.15pm from reception. The clubs on offer are as follows:

**Tuesday** [Mr Gomes](#) - KS3 (Years 7, 8 & 9) multi-sports (max 14)

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

Please note that if your child is already attending the Performing Arts club, then they automatically have a place (this club is at full capacity). We will be preparing for the Royal Albert Hall Concert, and all students are welcome even if they may not be attending the concert.

**Thursday** [Miss Barber](#) – KS4 (Years 10 & 11) multi-sports (max 14)

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

Please note that the clubs have a maximum number of students and therefore requests for after-school clubs will be on a first come first served basis.

We will send out a list of the students who are attending a club for the following week as an attachment every Friday in our Newsletter email.

If your child is not on this list but wishes to attend a club, please contact the school office. If your child is listed to attend a club and for any reason cannot attend, please let us know by contacting us.

