

THE TCS Tribune

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Dear valued parents, carers, and members of the community,

Welcome to the 26th edition of the TCS Tribune. This is our termly newsletter dedicated to sharing the activities of the students and staff in our wonderful school with our wider community.

First and foremost, I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate our class of 2025 for their achievements last year. We celebrated these with the students and their families at our Certificate Evening this term. It was fantastic to see the students and hear about what they are studying at college as well as their future plans. The school performance tables, reflecting last year's examination results, have also been recently published by the DfE. Once again, we are proud of being a top performing school in the area with students achieving an average point score in their qualifications that is almost 8 points above the Local Authority average and 7.3 points above the National average.

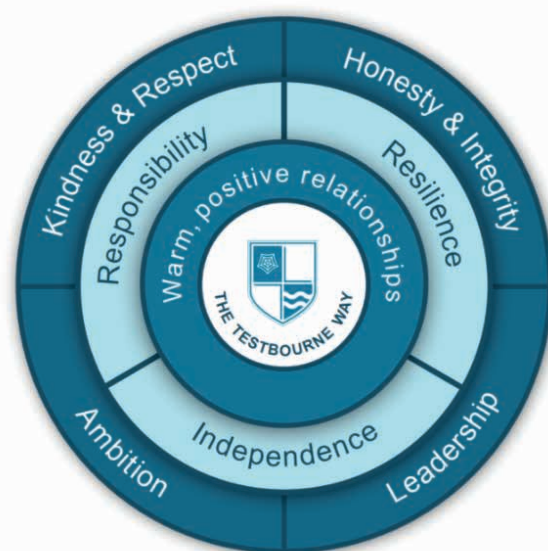
This term has been busy with activity including open mornings and evening our community fireworks display, our Christmas Fayre, the completion and opening of our two new classrooms, Remembrance and many more. There have been a range of trips

and visits including the half term voyage with the Ocean Youth Trust and adventurous trip to the Brecon Beacons which really brought out the leadership skills of our students. We've also had visits to the Wessex Rivers Trust, a careers fayre, Baylab, Bright Sparks (Music), the Power Boat Challenge, and so much more. All of this has taken place around the day-to-day running of the school where children will have participated in around 400,000 lessons and Year 11 have completed their mock exams! You can read more about many of these things in this addition of the Tribune.

I would like to thank parents and carers for supporting us by making donations and attending our events such as the fireworks display, the Christmas Fayre and our new tutor time initiative. Without you and the wonderful PTFA volunteers we wouldn't be able to run these amazing events.

In a landscape of significantly falling student roles in primary schools, and very few children in our catchment, we have 267 applications for places at Testbourne. This demonstrates the confidence our community and surrounding communities have in our school for which we are very grateful.

Over the past 12 months, we have been working on more clearly communicating our culture, ethos and mission to parents, students and staff. All of these are combined in what we call "The Testbourne Way". The components of The Testbourne Way can be found in the graphic below:



The outer layer contains our Standards of Excellence. These are the personal characteristics we expect of students and encourage them to demonstrate. They form the basis of our recognition system. The middle layer describes our mission: to help children become independent, resilient and responsible. We know that by helping students develop these skills, we best prepare them for their future; it is this philosophy that ensures Testbourne students are college-ready when they leave us and the reason why our local colleges speak so highly of Testbourne Students. The inner layer indicates that all of this is underpinned by the warm, positive relationships between staff and students and indeed all members of our community. Positive relationships are required for students to thrive.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their continued support with uniform, punctuality and attendance. School attendance is currently 94.1% which is a significant improvement on last year and the highest since the pandemic. We know that good attendance is key to success in many measures, not just exam results, and it's only with the support of families that attendance has improved. The students deserve a big well done for their achievements in this area too.

Students should also be celebrated for their fantastic behaviour and attitudes throughout this term. They are a credit to the school and their parents or carers. At the time of writing, your children have earned almost 35,000 recognition points and Oak house is leading the way with 9526. You can find a full house breakdown by reading ahead.

Every half term, I write Headteacher recognition letters for two children nominated in each year group for being fantastic examples of the Testbourne Standards of Excellence. This is always a great pleasure and gives me opportunity to focus on children who are very representative of Testbourne students: polite, kind, thoughtful, resilient and hard working. This term's Headteacher recognition letter recipients are:

Summer Term

Emily Griffiths
Sonny Joyce
Devesh Kumar
Alexis Minikin
Vanya Mykhailetskyi
Eva Rainbow

Autumn Term

Noah Armstrong
Alice Bown
Lucas Cottrell
Annabel Davis
Chloe Forsey
Charlotte Haddon
Abigail Harper
Samant Hmelnika
Digby Hough

Autumn Term cont.

Gavril Kurk
Daisy McGinty
Imogen Murray
Ashton Poffley
Keeley Rae
Gethin Ridge
Ollie Shipway
James Wycherley
Junior Yeboah

Christmas can be a magical time of year but is also fraught with difficulties for some. If you are suffering from financial hardship, we do have access to a very small emergency fund. Should you wish to request assistance, please email Lauren Cartwright, Pastoral and Safeguarding Support Manager, l.cartwright@testbourne.school in the first instance. If you live in Basingstoke and Deane, you may wish to get in touch with the Queen Mary Foundation: QMC Foundation Basingstoke - Providing grants to local students

All that remains is for me to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing your children in 2026. I hope you can enjoy some quality time with family and friends.

Best wishes,

Mr Jon Beck





Headteacher



House Recognition Points: Autumn Term 2025-2026

Recognition points are awarded when students demonstrate our Testbourne Standards of Excellence:

- Kindness and Respect
- Honesty and Integrity
- Ambition
- Leadership

House	Recognition Points
	9070
	10038
	10501
	8592



Congratulations To All Our Amazing Students!

GCSE Exam Results 2025

Congratulations Class of 2025!

We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible success of our Year 11 students in their GCSE examinations this year. The Class of 2025 has truly set a high standard and their hard work and determination have paid off in remarkable ways.

This year, students achieved an impressive 161 top grades at level 8 or 9 across all subjects. More than one in six students earned at least one grade 9, the highest possible mark. In fourteen subjects, over seventy five percent of grades were between 9 and 4, reflecting consistent excellence across the curriculum. Core subjects saw outstanding results with 85% of students achieving grades 9 to 4 in English and 84% reaching the same benchmark in Mathematics. Science was another area of distinction. Across Biology, Chemistry and Physics, students secured 103 grades between 9 and 7 and 86% achieved grades 9 to 4 in two or more sciences. Over half of our students studied the full EBacc suite of subjects, demonstrating a commitment to a broad and balanced education. We are also proud to report that students with Education, Health and Care Plans made above average progress in their EBacc subjects, a testament to the inclusive and supportive environment at our school.

You should all be so proud of how far you’ve come and the hard work you’ve put into your GCSEs over the past few years. Thank you for being part of the TCS family, and you will all continue to be a huge part of our community beyond your time here as students. We wish you all success in your futures ahead.



Open Evening 2025

Our annual Open Evening in September is always one of the busiest and most exciting events of the year. Hundreds of parents and students visit to explore the fantastic opportunities available at Testbourne Community School. Earlier this term, we were thrilled to host another successful evening, which would not have been possible without the incredible support of our student volunteers. These students played a key role in welcoming guests and guiding them around the many activities we had set up around the different departments. One of our student volunteer's even shared their thoughts on the event:

" I was lucky enough to help in the science labs, and honestly, it was the best part for me. The younger visitors, especially the Year 5 and Year 6 students, were amazed by the experiments. It was amazing to see the excitement on the children's faces, it reminded me of how fascinated I was when I first saw these experiments in Year 7.

Throughout the evening, I spoke to many parents who asked questions about what our school is like, and I enjoyed talking about my own experiences. It made me realise how much confidence I've gained since starting Testbourne, because I'm certain that in Year 7 I would never have had the courage to do this!"

- Oliver Noble, Year 9



At the end of the evening Mr Beck and two student speakers gave a talk in the Sports Hall and we were delighted so many people could join us for the event. Thank you to the huge number of staff and students who worked so hard to show off our wonderful school – we really appreciate everything you do.



Open Morning 2025

In the first week of October we held our very popular Open Mornings, which provide a chance for prospective parents and students to visit the school and see lessons in action. Volunteer students took the visitors on tours around as many classes as possible, and it was a joy to see so many different subjects all being taught by our experienced and skilled teachers. We welcomed a lot of families into school for a tour of the site, with visitors having the opportunity to speak to staff before or after the tours. Visitors gave wonderful feedback about how articulate, polite and kind the tour guides were, and we are very proud of the sterling job that they did.



Visitors were also impressed with the school's calm and purposeful atmosphere when walking around site. In January we will be inviting existing parents to have a tour of the school, so please watch out for this invitation soon. Year 6 parents have now made their applications for secondary schools and they will find out which school they are allocated in March.

Year 12 Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 26th November 2025 we arranged a special evening for our Testbourne Alumni. Now studying as Year 12 students at various colleges, completing A levels, T levels and Apprenticeships, our former students returned to Testbourne for an evening to celebrate their achievements and collect their GCSE Certificates. The evening was introduced by, Mrs Gray, Dr Hall and Mr Alderman and students then signed to collect their certificates. There was also a chance to speak to the many staff who came to find out more about the further studies their ex-students have gone on to take. It was wonderful to see so many students sharing their next steps and their hopes for their future. Good luck for the future to all our students – your results were amazing and we wish you all the best!



Year 11 Mock Exam Results Day 2025

In November, our current Year 11 students, the class of 2026, completed their first round of mock exams. On Wednesday 3rd December, students had their own 'mock results day', where they had to collect and sign for their results, in the same way they will for their real results in August next year. This was a great event, with Year 11 students collectively opening and celebrating their results with their peers. There were plenty of happy faces across the room, and we couldn't be prouder of the hard work and dedication our Year 11s have shown. The mock exams are an important step, helping students reflect on their progress and identify the areas they want to focus on over the coming weeks. Well done, Year 11!

Our mock results day was followed by Year 11 Parents' Evening, which provided parents the opportunity to discuss their results with their subject teachers. More information about our GCSE results, exams and ELK revision sessions can be found on our school website – www.testbourne.school.



Wessex Rivers Trust Visit

Our Year 9 students recently stepped out of the classroom and into the great outdoors for an exciting Geography fieldwork experience. As part of their studies on ecosystems and biomes, they partnered with the Wessex Rivers Trust to investigate the health of our local chalk stream at Millennium Meadow.

During the trip, students applied a range of fieldwork techniques, including kick sampling, habitat observations, and water temperature testing. These hands-on activities allowed them to assess the river's condition and gain a deeper understanding of the vital role chalk streams play in supporting biodiversity.

The day was a fantastic success, showcasing learning beyond the classroom. A huge well done to all our students for their excellent behaviour, curiosity, and enthusiasm throughout the experience. This fieldwork not only strengthened their geographical knowledge but also highlighted the importance of caring for our local environment.



Extra Curricular Activities

The autumn term has seen a huge variety of activities taking place in tutor time, lunchtime and after school from STEM Clubs, Clay Club and even School of Rock, Folk Club and Brass Ensemble to tempt Testbourne's musicians to play together. PE and Sports activities have included basketball, table tennis and trampolining as well as the ever-popular football and netball sessions. Why not take the next step and join one of our many sports teams to get involved even more?

Please look out for information which will be sent to parents by email and for students will be available on their year group Teams pages. New year's resolutions could include trying something new next term, so do encourage the students to come along and get involved!





Testbourne Community Fireworks Dis-

On Saturday the 25th of October, our school proudly welcomed staff, students, and members of the local community to the annual fireworks celebration. Over 800 guests joined us for an evening filled with fun, entertainment, and community spirit.

Our talented catering team delighted everyone with a tempting selection of Mexican treats, while staff kept spirits high at the ever-popular bar and hot chocolate stall. The PTFA stall was a huge hit once again, offering a dazzling array of light-up toys that brought joy to children of all ages.

The highlight of the night was an incredible 18-minute fireworks display by Pyrotastic, a local Whitchurch company, which wowed the crowd and rounded off a truly memorable evening. A special thank you goes to the local Cadet Group for their invaluable support throughout the event.

Thanks to your generosity, the evening raised vital funds to provide additional resources and equipment for our school. We are deeply grateful to everyone who attended and supported us, your contribution makes a real difference!



Sailing with the Ocean Youth Trust



Fourteen Testbourne students kicked off their half term with an unforgettable adventure aboard Prolific, the sail training ship operated by Ocean Youth Trust South. Over four nights, they navigated the Solent, braving blustery winds and rain showers while learning the ropes in every sense. From hoisting sails and setting up mooring lines to cooking meals for twenty two people in the ship's galley, the students embraced every challenge. Living in close quarters with the crew taught them teamwork and resilience, and evenings were filled with games and laughter after busy days at sea.

The voyage began on Friday evening with introductions and safety briefings. By Saturday morning, they were ready to set sail on a windy beam reach to Lymington, practicing tacks and even venturing onto the bowsprit. A man overboard drill capped off the day, followed by dinner and games under a rainbow sky. Sunday brought a guided tour of Lymington before the group sailed downwind to Portsmouth, mastering gybes along the way. Monday focused on theory including knots, weather, boat parts and safety before the students planned and executed a sunset voyage back to Southampton, navigating in the dark with impressive skill.

In total, they covered seventy eight nautical miles and every student earned the RYA Start Yachting certificate, a nationally recognised qualification. Beyond sailing skills, this achievement reflects vital transferable skills such as teamwork, problem solving, perseverance and adaptability. Students learned to cope with unfamiliar situations, take responsibility and support one another, skills that will serve them well in life. A huge thank you to Prolific's skipper and the volunteer sea staff who made this experience possible. The next sailing voyage is scheduled for Easter 2026, an opportunity not to be missed!





Brecon Beacons Geography Trip

Our GCSE Geography students traded the classroom for the breathtaking landscapes of the Brecon Beacons!

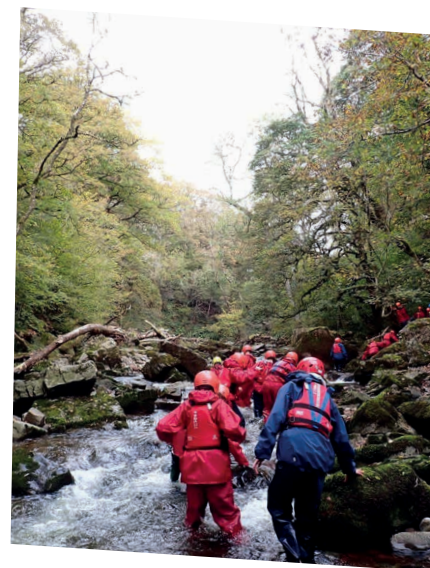
The trip began at the Argoed Lwyd Outdoor Education Centre, where students settled in before heading out to visit the source of a river and explore a fascinating bog within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). These hands-on activities brought to life key concepts from the GCSE curriculum, deepening their understanding of river systems and the importance of protecting fragile environments.



Over the following days, students embraced every challenge with enthusiasm. A waterfall walk proved to be a highlight, as they waded through rivers and got thoroughly soaked on the way to spectacular falls. The adventure didn't stop there—students also navigated underground during a thrilling caving expedition, experiencing the dramatic landscapes they've studied in class, from v-shaped valleys to winding meanders.

Beyond the academic learning, the trip showcased the resilience, independence, and teamwork of our students. They kept rooms tidy, helped set dining tables, and took ownership of their roles throughout the stay. Their maturity and positive behaviour made us incredibly proud.

This residential was more than a field trip—it was an opportunity to connect classroom knowledge with real-world geography, and our students rose to the occasion brilliantly. A huge well done to everyone involved!



Remembrance Day 2025



This November, Testbourne Community School proudly joined local and national acts of remembrance to honour those who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict.

On Remembrance Sunday, Mrs Gray and two of our Year 7 students represented TCS at the Whitchurch Remembrance Parade. At the same time, Mrs MacAulay and three Year 9 students took part in the Annual Basingstoke Remembrance Parade, where they laid a wreath in tribute to those who gave so much. It was a privilege for our school to be part of these meaningful community events, which remind us all to pause, reflect, and express gratitude.

On Remembrance Day the school remembered the sacrifice of those who have given their life in service to this country to maintain the freedoms we now enjoy. Our students and cadets gathered at Testbourne for our own Remembrance Day service. Volunteer students placed poppies at the soldier silhouette, a striking piece crafted by our DT department, while our cadets performed a short drill demonstration. As flag bearers lowered their banners, the Last Post played and the entire school observed a two-minute silence in respectful reflection.

We are incredibly proud of the students who represented TCS with dignity and pride, and we thank everyone who contributed to these important commemorations.





RC Powerboat Competition

On Friday 21st November, four TCS students competed at the QinetiQ Haslar Marine Centre in Gosport. After weeks of preparation in STEM Club, they raced their ambitious trimaran design against seven other schools and secured an impressive 3rd place in the 'Gold' race. A fantastic achievement showcasing teamwork, creativity, and engineering skills!



James Miller Wins National BMX

Congratulations to TCS student James Miller, who became Andover BMX Club's second-ever national champion by winning the Open 13s title in the 2025 National Series. After six wins in ten rounds, James helped the club achieve its best-ever result, finishing 6th out of 54 clubs nationwide. An incredible achievement — well done, James!



Jubilee Garden Gets a Fresh New

Our tranquil Jubilee Garden has been beautifully transformed thanks to the incredible efforts of the SEND team. During the holidays, they gave up their time to restore this peaceful space, making it vibrant and welcoming once again. This act of kindness reflects the true spirit of Testbourne — community, care, and dedication. A huge thank you to the team for their hard work.



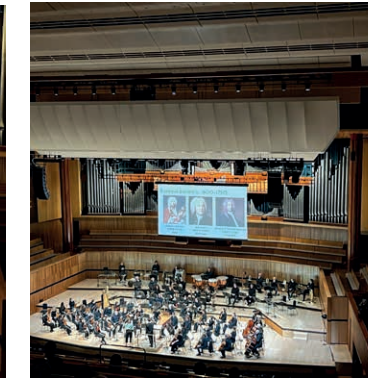
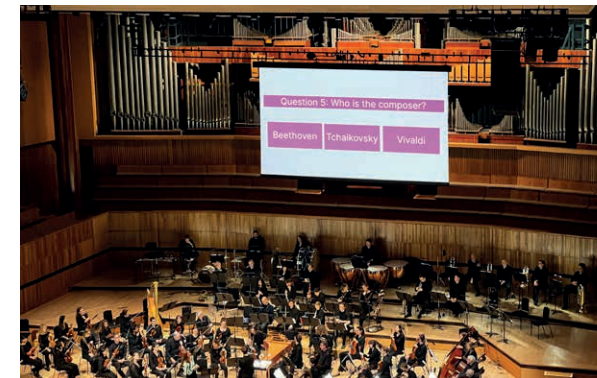
Baylab Laboratories

On Friday 14th November, thirty Year 10 students visited Baylab Laboratories in Reading for an exciting enzyme workshop. They used real lab equipment to investigate whether enzymes are proteins, explored factors affecting enzyme activity, and even created a gel-bead column to produce lactose-free milk. A fantastic hands-on experience for all involved!



Mental Health Awareness Week

On Friday 10th October, we marked World Mental Health Day with an assembly exploring this year's theme, Access to services — mental health in catastrophes and emergencies. Students also enjoyed an extra Mind Kind Club session at lunchtime, focused on activities to promote wellbeing and positivity. Throughout the week, we highlighted the support available in school, including ELSA drop-ins, the Boys' Mental Health Club, Wellness Wednesdays in the Library, and our Student Wellbeing page available on our website: <https://www.testbourne.school/>



Bright Sparks Trip

Our students had an incredible opportunity to attend the London Philharmonic Orchestra's Bright Sparks Concert at the Royal Festival Hall. They performed a range of music that would help further musical knowledge in line with the GCSE music syllabus. The concert was accompanied by a very knowledgeable compère and was an interactive experience, with quizzes and information appearing on the screen behind the orchestra as the music was being played.

The concert had something for everyone, with music from 1700s right up to the 2000s; it catered for musicians of all levels, using the wide range of musical vocabulary that our students need to know at GCSE level. Bright Sparks is part of the London Philharmonic Orchestra's education programme, and we hope to be successful in the ticketing ballot for future performances.

New Modular Building

We're thrilled to announce that over the October half-term work was completed on two brand-new modular classrooms, bringing fresh learning spaces to our school community. Alongside this, we also made improvements to our outdoor areas, including an extended canteen patio and a new canopy to create a welcoming outdoor seating space for students.



Robotics Club and Lego

A team of ten Year 8 students have been taking part in a Robotics Club learning how to program using Lego Spike Prime. They will be using these skills to take part in the first Lego League Challenge tournament in March 2026.

The challenge is a global STEM programme for teams of young people, to encourage an interest in real world themes and develop key skills that are crucial for their future careers. This year the theme of the challenge is 'Unearthed'. The team has been researching issues relating to archaeology and exploring ways in science and innovation may aid archeologists in their field.



Anti Bullying Week

We were delighted to host anti-bullying week as part of the national campaign. Monday 14th November. It was fantastic to see students arrive to school in odd socks to show their support and allegiance to the campaign against bullying. This year Testbourne signed the anti-bullying pledge in support of the anti-bullying alliance. This shows how seriously we take bullying and how we support the wider cause for children and young people across the UK. During the week we also hosted a range of activities. Students in their PD lessons enjoyed watching a theatre production called "Hope" endorsed by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The purpose of this was to help educate students on the impact of bullying and how it can have a lifelong impact on both victim and perpetrator. Across the school students completed a range of tasks in lesson all focussing on the theme of anti-bullying but in particular how we can use our power for good and how bullying



can have a significant impact on our social, emotional and mental wellbeing. In our tutor programme that week, students also completed a range of activities and have produced their own poems and captions about bullying and how we can use our power for good.

Hampshire FA 3G ATP Pitch of

We're proud to announce that Testbourne has been awarded the Hampshire FA 3G ATP Pitch of the Year! This prestigious award celebrates the highest-quality artificial playing surfaces across Hampshire. Winners are chosen by a panel of industry experts, including Hampshire FA's facilities team and partners such as Technical Surfaces, heres what they had to say:

"Testbourne's 3G Pitch was officially opened in March 2019. It is a much valued and much used resource for the community and is hugely beneficial in developing grassroots sport at a local level. The pitch provides the school's PE Department with a first-class facility, enabling activities to take place in all weathers. The local community and sports organisations enjoy the opportunity to play on a FA registered pitch and provide sport and physical activity for all. Partner clubs including Whitchurch FC and Overton Youth FC are fantastic clubs to work alongside and their membership numbers in both girls' and boys' teams have increased vastly over the last 4 years. The Testbourne Site Team are committed to ensuring that the pitch is well maintained all year round and the school and partner clubs are incredibly grateful for their efforts."



Testbourne Riders Shine in National Equestrian Competi-

Testbourne Community School is celebrating equestrian success as two talented students proudly represent the school in competitions across the region. Gemma O delivered an outstanding performance at the School Equestrian Games One Day Event held at Calmsden, securing 1st place in the 90cm class riding Sunkist, and earning a coveted qualification spot for the 2026 Championships. She continued her strong run by placing 12th on her horse Rio in the 100cm class. Rio remained in excellent form at the NSEA (National Schools Equestrian Association) Arena Eventing competition at Rectory Farm, where the pair achieved a clear round and finished 7th in the 90cm event. The school also celebrated a confident performance from Catherine E, who competed in the 50cm class on her pony Lucky Boy, showcasing promising talent and enthusiasm for the sport.



Schools Rifle & Pistol

Six members of Testbourne represented the school at the schools shooting regional qualifier at Bisley during half term. Great performances with the rifles saw 3 qualify for the National Finals in February. The team of Aidan W, Tristan W and Gemma O were 2nd and qualified and Sam O, Olivia B and Eddie R were 3rd. Gemma O also competed in the 10m pistol qualifying individually for the National Final. Huge thanks to Nikki Farley at 1st Whitchurch scouts for sourcing rifles and offering training.



PTFA Christmas Fayre 2025

Our Annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 29th November was a wonderful showcase of community spirit and festive cheer. With nearly 800 visitors attending, this year's event was one of the busiest yet, offering plenty of opportunities to prepare for Christmas, enjoy delicious food, and take part in fun activities. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our PTFA, the fayre raised an impressive £2,616, and with match funding this total will increase even further. Their commitment to planning and delivering such a successful event is greatly appreciated.

Our students played an important role throughout the day. Year 7 students ran eight creative stalls featuring games and festive items, raising nearly £250 to add to the PTFA total - a fantastic achievement for their first school event. Our Year 10 transition prefects supported the PTFA by welcoming visitors, assisting on stalls, and guiding younger students. Their professionalism and enthusiasm were outstanding.



Christmas Carol Service at All Hallows Church

The Testbourne Carol service is an important event in the music department's annual performance calendar. We are grateful that we have the use of the beautiful All Hallows church, which provides such an atmospheric setting for our musicians. Our carol service is modelled on the traditions of 9 lessons and carols that has been broadcast from Kings College, Cambridge since the 1930s. We had readings starting with our youngest students in Year 7 all the way up to a reading by Mrs MacAulay. The choir sung Christmas music including Midwinter by Bob Chilcott and well known traditional carols such as Silent Night to help us convey a magic retelling of the Christmas Story. The Brass group played carols outside the church which rung out to the neighbouring residents as well as the congregation in the church. Reverend Russell Smart provided a prayer for a moment of reflection, and we enjoyed refreshments provided by the PTFA at the end of the service. If there is a moment that defines the start of the Christmas season for us at Testbourne, this really is it. Thank you to all of our students that worked hard to produce such a polished performance.



Christmas Lunches

Testbourne's Christmas lunch was a wonderful celebration of the festive season, bringing joy and warmth across three memorable days. Students and staff came together to enjoy delicious meals crafted by our fantastic canteen team, whose creativity and effort made every dish a treat. The atmosphere was alive with laughter and holiday spirit, turning each day into a true celebration. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make it special, and we wish you all a joyful holiday season!



Netball

Year 7 & 8 Netball Club

There has been an amazing turn out to club this season for Thursday night training and we are very grateful to Mrs Cooper for taking these sessions but also to the Year 9 girls who have helped and the Year 10 sports leaders. We are indebted for their help with such huge numbers each week. These practices have enabled us to get ready for the upcoming league games which will start on Wednesday evenings after Christmas. Training will split into 2 evening. Year 7's will be on a Tuesday and Year 8 training will be on a Thursday. We are entering 2 teams for Year 7 and 3 teams for Year 8 which is the most we have ever been able to do. We are very proud of you all already!



Year 9 Netball

We have had a fantastic rise in students playing netball this season that we could have had enough for 3 teams!!!! We entered the local Andover league and have also managed to have lots of other friendly matches amongst local schools. Overall the team have been successful in most of their games fighting to the end whistle each week!



Year 10 Netball

We have 2 teams at this age group and competition for places has always been very strong. Most of the girls who started in Year 7 are still playing for the A&B team with hardly any change and Mrs Chewins and I commend them for their dedication to matches and training despite all the out of school activities they also carry out.



Year 11 Netball

Although training has been limited due to the usual Year 11 commitments of mocks etc the girls have been very dedicated at playing their league matches. It is always sad to have the last Year 11 game and despite a narrow loss to Danebury spirits were high at the annual post McDonalds match whereby certificates of memories were presented!!!



Netball League Result

Year 9	Year 10A	Year 10B	Year 11
4 TB V JHC 21	14 TBA V TBB 2	2 TBB V TBA 14	TB V Win
21 TB V JHD 4	27 TBA V RW 3	14 TTB V RW 7	TB V JHC
14 TB V RW 11	18 TBA V JHC 6	12 TBB V Win 11	TB V Dan
14 TB V WIN 13	16 TBA V WIN 8	TTB V JHC	
10 TB V HWB 5			



PGL Netball

Twenty-seven Year 9 and 10 girls attended a fun and adventurous netball trip to PGL, taking part in both outdoor activities and a competitive netball tournament. The students were split into three teams: Year 9, Year 10, and a mixed team. All groups demonstrated strong teamwork and resilience against tough opponents.

The Year 10 team reached the semi-finals, ultimately finishing joint third and earning medals presented by a Loughborough Lightning professional player. The mixed team showed impressive improvement throughout the tournament, ending with a close final match of 3-0. The Year 9 team competed in a separate session, achieving three wins, one draw, and two losses, placing 5th overall.

Beyond netball, the girls challenged themselves with activities such as zip lining, abseiling, the giant leap, and the giant swing—many overcoming fears of heights. The trip was a memorable and enjoyable experience, and we would like to express gratitude to everyone who made the weekend so much fun.



Boys Football

Year 7

Our Year 7 development team came away in second place at the Andover district tournament. The boys only conceded one goal in 5 games which demonstrates their dominant performances.

Year 8

The Year 8 football team enjoyed an outstanding term, delivering an unbeaten run of four wins from four to finish at the top of the league. The standout performance came in a commanding 7–0 victory over The Clere. Additional results included a hard-fought 2–1 win away at Harrow Way, a 1–0 triumph in the reverse fixture against The Clere, and a strong 3–1 home win over Harrow Way.

The Year 8 Boys' B team also enjoyed valuable match experience this term, taking part in two 5-a-side tournaments. Both events were played in great spirit, with the boys showing strong determination throughout.

In the first tournament, the team impressed by reaching the final without conceding a single goal. Although they were narrowly defeated 1–0 in the final, it remained a standout performance. The second tournament proved more challenging, with the team recording one win, one draw and three losses, but their effort and resilience never wavered.

The boys have played an excellent brand of football throughout, and we look forward to seeing them back in action with more fixtures after Christmas.

Year 10

Although Year 10 faced three tough defeats against strong opposition, the players showed real character throughout. The resilience they demonstrated in challenging matches was impressive, and it highlighted their determination to keep improving and growing as a squad. Training nights on a Thursday have been well attended, and we look forward to the group developing as the season progresses.



Girls Football



The Year 7 & 8 Girls Football

Girls football has been a real highlight this term, with more than 20 girls regularly turning up to play. It's our best-attended football club, and the enthusiasm shown each week has created a lively and welcoming atmosphere. The commitment of the players is fantastic to see, and it's clear that this strong participation is helping to build both skills and confidence across the group.



Year 7 Joint Winners of Andover

The Year 7 girls celebrated a fantastic achievement by winning the district competition, a reward for their commitment and enthusiasm. Their regular attendance at training sessions clearly paid off, as the team played with confidence and energy throughout. This success provides a brilliant foundation to build on, and with continued dedication, we look forward to seeing the girls develop into a formidable team.

Y10/11 Girls Win Over Andover District &

The Year 10 and 11 girls combined their talents to secure a brilliant win against Andover District. Their determination and teamwork shone through in every match, with players stepping up to support one another when the pressure was on. It was a hard-fought success that reflects their commitment and skill, and it sets a fantastic example for the younger teams to follow. Additionally, the team produced an excellent performance with a convincing win over Wellington Academy. Their passing football was sharp and effective, creating plenty of opportunities, and the goals were taken with real confidence. It was a display of skill and teamwork that highlighted the strength of the squad and gave them a well-deserved victory.



Boys Rugby

Year 7 & 8

The Year 7/8 rugby squad demonstrated impressive resilience this term when they faced two exceptionally strong sides. Despite a 6-try defeat to John Hanson and a 4-try loss against Wellington, the team continued to battle hard. The Wellington fixture offered particular encouragement, with our players crossing the line for three well-earned tries. Training will start after Christmas, with more fixtures lined up for the new year.

Year 9 & 10

The Year 9/10 rugby team met Wellington twice this term, producing two very different but equally memorable encounters. The first fixture was a superb spectacle, with our side edging a thrilling contest to claim a 12–10 victory.

The return match proved more challenging. Playing 10-a-side, Wellington's physicality and power ultimately made the difference, resulting in a convincing win for the visitors. Training will resume after Christmas, with additional fixtures already planned for the new year.

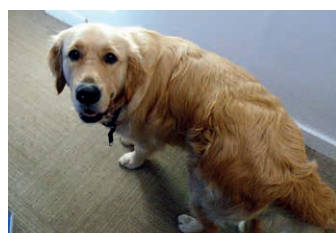


Year 11 Basketball

We were delighted to welcome Mr Cooper and his team from Everest Academy for a friendly fixture. Their squad included players at both county and national level, and this quality was reflected in the score line. Despite the challenge, it was a valuable experience for our players to try a new sport against such a well-drilled opposition. The match provided excellent learning opportunities and gave our team a taste of the standards required at the highest level.

Year 11 Table Tennis

Two teams represented the school at the district table tennis competition, which featured 11 teams overall. Our boys performed brilliantly, securing a well-earned 3rd place finish. With many of the players currently taking GCSE PE and being assessed in table tennis, it was fantastic to see them rise to the challenge and compete against some of the best in Andover. Their effort and achievement reflect both their hard work in lessons and their commitment to the sport.



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