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Dear valued parents, carers and members of the community

Welcome to the 17th edition of the TCS Tribune. This is our termly newsletter, dedicated to sharing the activities of the students and staff from our wonderful school with our wider community.

In many ways, we continue to face challenges in school. You will have seen in the news about the recruitment and retention challenges in the profession, the impact of Covid absence and the shortages of supply and other staff. Despite these challenges, I am proud to say that Testbourne's staff demonstrate superb levels of fortitude in delivering high quality teaching alongside extra-curricular opportunities. Our students demonstrate resilience and determination in their learning, as well as exceptional behaviour and attitudes.

School remains a positive environment and influence for our students. I still take great joy in visiting lessons, talking to our young people and seeing how they defy the negative

stereotypes about teenagers. They are an incredible testament to our supportive and engaged parents and the quality of experience students get both at home and school.

Recently, we have had two evaluative visits from the local authority. Both resulted in incredibly positive feedback. This included effusive comments about the quality of teaching and learning and, perhaps most importantly from a parent point of view, the exceptional behaviour and attitudes of our students, the calm and focused work ethos, and the maturity of our students in engaging with questions and showing their work. The quality of children's work was commented on specifically too, as well as our provision for SEND children.

We have also been conducting focus groups with children from all year groups and backgrounds. We are pleased to say that nearly all report never experiencing or witnessing bullying, never hearing prejudicial language, and feeling safe and happy in school. Those who had witnessed or been involved in any of the more negative experiences explained that things have been resolved to their satisfaction. We are very pleased with these outcomes but are not complacent, knowing that in all schools, some children's experiences are more negative. The battle against bullying, prejudicial language and unkindness, through good education and clear behaviour management strategies, is therefore never complete.

In September, we had our open events. Prospective parents attended an open evening to experience the school and learn about each subject, and open mornings to see the school in business-as-usual mode. They gave tremendously positive feedback about learning, behaviour, the prefect team, the tour guides, and other volunteers. Children here are so articulate, so welcoming and so polite it really does blow the minds of visitors. Comments about how welcoming and kind our staff are, and how good relationships are between staff and students, were also commonplace. I am pleased to tell you that the success of these events means that we have record numbers of applications for September 2023.

At the end of November, we had our first Year 12 Certificate Presentation since the beginning of the pandemic. We had a wonderful event, much enjoyed by staff, students, guests and parents. It was lovely to catch up with our class of 2022 students and find out how they were getting on at college. We welcomed our guest speaker, Mrs Abi Hayward, who is a palliative care doctor working at The Rowans Hospice in Portsmouth. She gave an inspirational speech about it being

OK to change your mind about your career but, to be able to do that, you must have the grades behind you and the resilience and determination to succeed.

We have also had mocks with our Year 11 students this term. We were very proud of their preparedness and their conduct during the exams. Some will have learnt that a little more investment in revision is required to prepare for their GCSEs, but now is the time to learn the lesson as there are a few remaining months to act.

Finally, we enjoyed having our first Christmas production at the school since the pandemic. I am told by the experts that our production of "Footloose" was a very ambitious production, but we have seen our students rise to the challenge. My thanks go to all the staff, students and parents that supported the preparations in any way. A big thank you to all of you that came to see the show.

The Tribune is, as always, packed with all the incredible things that happen at Testbourne. If you ever have any concerns or worries, I urge you to get in touch to talk about them. I would also encourage you to visit for yourself to reassure yourself of the quality education your children receive. You can always contact the school using admin@testbourne.school.

As always, I wish you a peaceful and joyful Christmas. I do hope you are able to spend some quality time with friends and family and look forward to welcoming your children back in January.

Best wishes

Mr Jon Beck
Headteacher

Headteacher's Recognition Letters

Every half term, our pastoral staff are asked by Mr Beck to nominate children who have been exceptional or highly consistent in demonstrating the Testbourne Standards of Excellence. Only two nominations are made each half term and Mr Beck formally writes to the students to recognise their nomination. At the end of every full term, the students are also invited for an afternoon tea and chat with Mr Beck to mark the occasion of their nomination. It is rare to receive one of Mr Beck's letters so any child in receipt of one has gone above and beyond in demonstrating kindness and respect, honesty and integrity, ambition in learning, leadership or a combination of these. Students in receipt of a letter should be aware that it is a fantastic achievement in its own right.

The following students were awarded with the Headteacher's recognition letter last half term:

- Eden Larsen
- Ted Verney
- Benjamin Calvert
- Aimee Davis
- George Robinson
- Lily Ellis
- Grace Hitchcock
- Isaac Hodges
- Lucy Walters

TCS Open Evening 2022



Every year we hold an incredibly busy and exciting Open Evening, and 2022 was no exception!

You may have seen estate agent boards up around the community, advertising the event, held on Thursday 22 September. We soon ran out of parking space as there were more than 300 visitors, and the Prefect team and Year 10 helpers were kept busy showing parents and students around the departments. During the evening we were also able to show off our beautiful new Scola building, with the re-clad project complete,

and the Science department enjoyed hosting experiments in the newly refurbished labs. To show prospective parents the difference, we had one room displaying 'before' and 'after' photos of the building, as well as posters with our fantastic GCSE results.

Some highlights of the evening were:

- Fun activities in the English Department with a come and try 'Taste Description' and 'Elizabethan English' as well as challenges like homophones and matching different quotes to plays.
- In the Maths Department, visitors were encouraged to try out isometric drawing, and explore sequences represented by cubes and more. They got involved in predicting loci (drawing predicted patterns on student whiteboards) and saw the results displayed using Dynamic Geometry Software as well as taking part in other maths activities, games and estimates.
- In the Science Department, visitors experienced some of the exciting practical experiments our students carry out while at Testbourne. There were wave demonstrations, flame tests and a rat dissection, as well as acid experiments and electricity kits on hand.

At the end of the evening Mr Beck held a talk in the Sports Hall for more than 200 families and we were delighted so many people could join us for the event. Thank you also 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 Mornings

From 27th – 29th September 2022, we held our very popular Open Mornings. These provide a chance for prospective parents and students to visit the school and see lessons in action. Year 9 students took the visitors on tours around as many lessons as possible, and it was a joy to see so many different subjects all being taught by our experienced and skilled teachers.

We welcomed over 120 families into school for the days and, besides a tour of the site and seeing lessons in action, all the visitors got a chance to speak to Mr Beck and some of the senior staff. Questions about SEND were answered by our SENCo Mrs Gray and any questions that the fabulous tour guides couldn't answer were directed to Mrs Sudds as Head of School.

Special thanks has to go to Mr Warren who gave up his classroom to be the tour base, where the visitors were able to look at some of our photos and have a drink before or after the tours. If you know someone with a child in Year 5 this year let them know our school tours will be happening in early October next year: they will be able to book a tour closer to the time.



Exams



We are very proud of the Class of 2022. With their results well above National averages, overall attainment also improved across all subjects as compared to our examination results in 2018 and 2019. In both English and Maths, over 85% of students achieved a Grade 4 or higher, whilst over 65% of students achieved a Grade 5 or higher. Nearly a quarter of all students achieved a Grade 7 or above in both English and Maths, whilst over 91% of students in Maths and over 88% of students in English Language were awarded a standard pass (Grade 4) or higher.

In 2022, students achieved 135 Grade 9s (equivalent to beyond A* on the old measures) across all subjects, with 43 (almost a quarter) of our students awarded at least one Grade 9 – a phenomenal achievement! With brilliant results enjoyed in many subjects at Testbourne, we are well placed to help our students in the Class of 2023 prepare for their final examinations. Enhanced Learning and Knowledge (ELK) revision sessions will begin in earnest in the New Year, with each subject area providing a programme of weekly support on key topics for the final exams.

For more information about our GCSE results and the countdown to exams, please visit our school website.

Presentation Evening



Wednesday 23rd November 2022 was a special evening for our Testbourne Alumni. Now studying as Year 12 students at various colleges, our ex-students returned to Testbourne for an evening to celebrate their achievements and collect their GCSE Certificates. Our guest speaker Dr Abigail Hayward gave an inspiring talk about her career and the twists and turns in her road to her current job as a Speciality Doctor in Palliative Medicine at a Portsmouth Hospice. She then presented all the students with their certificates and they had a chance for a photo

with the Headteacher Mr Beck, as well as a chance to fondly share memories with the many staff who were present for the evening.

We also awarded two special certificates, for Overall Achievement and Overall Progress, to Emma Bishop and Sophie Ellis respectively. Additionally, Subject Awards were presented to students who excelled and impressed the Department leads. A selection of canapés and drinks rounded off a wonderful celebration of hard work and achievement from our class of 2022. Good luck for the future to all our former students!

Remembrance



On Friday 11th November, Testbourne Community School held its Remembrance and Armistice Day two-minute silence to commemorate those who had fallen in conflict. This was the culmination of a week of reflection and commemoration in year group assemblies. These were led by Dr Hall and incorporated a mixture of imagery, music, and poetry including Brooke's 'The Soldier' and McCrae's 'In Flanders Fields'. The assemblies closed with footage from the annual Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall – the poppies dropping as the auditorium fell silent.

The two-minute silence itself was held at 11am, during the morning break. In the playground, a group of Cadets lowered their standards, Ben Ward played 'The Last Post' and Dr Hall read the famous lines from Binyon's 'For the Fallen':

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*



Anti-Bullying

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022!

**REACH
OUT**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

This year, the theme for anti-bullying week was 'Reach Out', and during the week, at break and lunch, students filled out kind word letters, participated in the kind word hunt, and the anti-bullying mentors ran a drop-in safe space in the Library during lunch, that any student could attend.

Thank you to the anti-bullying mentors who were incredibly brave and stood in front of peers and other year groups as part of our anti-bullying assembly, and Thomas for designing

the custom 'Reach Out' background for the school computers.

We also appointed new anti-bullying mentors from Year 8, who have completed their training, and as a team will be doing various activities in the upcoming year. We are proud of the team's committed stance against bullying behaviour.

Finally, thanks to all who took part in 'Yellow day', which raised money for Children in Need and the Diana Award.

PTFA Christmas Fair



On Saturday 26th November TCS hosted a fantastic Christmas Fair, organised by our brilliant PTFA. The stalls included Jewellery Club, where students from school sold their creations; The Science Department, who sold homemade bombs (of the bath kind!); and a Bottle Tombola, where bottles of cordial, wine and spirits sat alongside bottles of water and shampoo!

Whitchurch Scouts also contributed a great number of stalls to raise money, joining local artists and entrepreneurs selling their goods in

a wonderfully festive atmosphere. Students from school played music to entertain the visitors, and the PTFA ran a very popular café with cakes, hot drinks and snacks.

Visitors arriving in the afternoon were shocked to see that all the tombola prizes had already been won, such was the appetite for winning festive gifts! The raffle was also incredibly popular, with Mr Beck making a guest appearance to read the winners of the fantastic prizes, including tickets to the pantomime at the Anvil, vouchers for Hardy's Plants, free coffees from Kudos, money to spend at No. 1 George Street in Overton, and even a prize from Ryan Dickinson Plumbing! We are incredibly grateful to all the local businesses who so generously donated prizes, and special thanks go to Parnell Jordy and Harvey in Overton who collated tombola donations from local residents.

In all, the PTFA raised over £1,800 to put towards purchases for the school, including a second covered area for those wet breaks and lunches. The PTFA is a small group and we are really keen to have more volunteers to help us run events at school. If you are interested in joining us – even just to help every now and again – please email us on ptfa@testbourne.school and we will add you to our mailing list.





DofE Expedition Successes

Testbourne's biggest ever Duke of Edinburgh's Award group completed the final expedition in September, with 43 students being assessed and passing this section of their Bronze Award. This expedition took place in the northern part of the New Forest, with Tom's Field campsite near Fordingbridge hosting our seven DofE teams for the overnight camp.



The teams were spread far and wide for their expeditions, enjoying a variety of adventures – getting lost (quite a lot!), getting wet in bogs, encountering the local wildlife, making vlogs and taking photos as they walked. Above all though they managed to keep smiling through blisters and heavy rucksacks. A special mention goes to Sienna for being incredibly resilient even after a nasty wasp sting, and to all those who found the walking really tough but kept on going!



Well done to all 43 Year 11s for being a brilliant DofE group since January this year, and particular recognition to the 20 who have so far completed their Bronze Awards and will be receiving their Awards at a presentation in March.

Congratulations to Amelie B, Xander C, Emma D, James D-B, Chloe E, George G, Eva K, Lucy L, Gracie L, Josh L, Jenny M, Madison N, Thomas O, Jack P, Iris R, Mor R, Emily S, Lucy W, Ben W and Alannah Y.

Thanks once again to the amazing 2022 team of volunteer leaders – Dr Wilson, Miss Plunkett, Caroline Orange, Andy Key, Dave Holmes; and thanks too to Mrs Harper for supporting the DofE group this year and assessing teams for the final expedition.

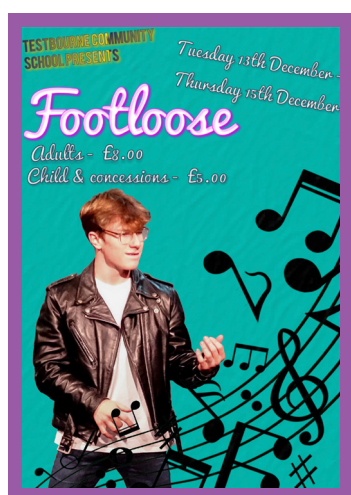
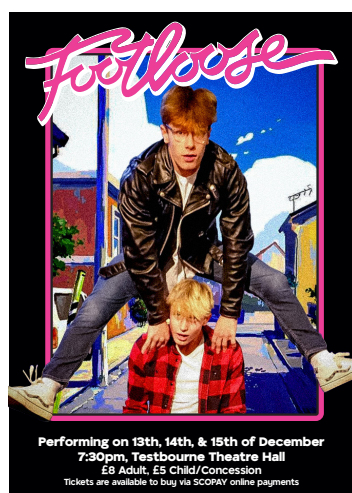
DofE Volunteer Leaders Needed!

Any parents interested in volunteering with the DofE group next year, please do get in touch with our DofE Manager, Mrs Nottingham on s.nottingham@testbourne.school. You will need enthusiasm, some map reading and campcraft skills, and an interest in helping our DofE students develop and learn as they take part in their DofE Bronze Award. It's great fun and really worthwhile to be able to help give our students new experiences in the outdoors. Please get in touch if you are interested and have skills and enthusiasm to offer – DofE Expedition Supervisor training and First Aid training can be provided to any volunteers who can help regularly, too.



All the Performing Arts team would like to say a huge well done to everyone involved with the 'Footloose' production. Having not had any school shows since Christmas 2019, it was amazing to have so many people come and support the students - every night was sold out! A tremendous amount of hard work by the students meant that fantastic performances were well received by the audiences. This was well supported by the superb student technical team and helped ensure a great evening for all.

Thank you also to our Testbourne PTFA for providing snacks and refreshments in the canteen during the show.





Testbourne Christmas Dinner



From Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th December, Testbourne hosted our Christmas lunches which are always some of our favourite events of the year. A range of teaching and support staff were on hand to make the meals all the more special, helping to serve the children their festive feasts. The trimmings of Christmas were all present, including crackers, music and – of course - the traditional turkey roasts. Students threw themselves into the spirit of the event, and many were still proudly sporting their paper

crowns as they made their way off to their afternoon lessons – perhaps inspired by Mr Beck’s dancing Christmas hat!

A special thanks goes to the amazing catering team for really stepping up in terms of the logistics of cooking hundreds of delicious Christmas dinners while also continuing to provide a selection of non-festive food for our other outlets.



House of Dragons For One Day



On December 6th Testbourne Community School became the venue for the second annual DRAGONS' DEN.

The event, based on the TV show, takes both the Year 10 Design Technology groups and asks them to create a product with an eye to raising finance from investors.

This year's Dragons came from Positech (Jim Kirkwood, Director of Project Management) and The Whitchurch Silk Mill (Amanda Wiltshire, IT manager), and they were joined by Jonathan White and our own Ian Wingfield (TCS Business Manager).

The Year 10 students were placed in groups and had to find a way to collaboratively design a product for the following areas of study.

- Multifunctional living
- The environment
- Waste land rejuvenation

The tasks closely follow the GCSE model for non-examination assessment. Students had to develop ideas for an end-user and show progression to a final design.

These ideas were then prototyped with members of the team deployed to cost, model and present to the Dragons, whose knowledge and experience would then be shared with the groups.

The process ended with our students looking to cut a deal with the Dragons to raise finance in order to produce the product.

The event took our students out of their comfort zone as, with some trepidation, each group stepped up to the plate and delivered entertaining and revealing presentations.

As their teachers, Mr Ralls and myself had anticipated good-quality presentations, but even we were surprised at how riveting they were.

It was clear that the groups had developed a passion for their projects and spoke about them as if they were the real deal.

It was really great to see that our students were not intimidated by age and experience but were able to communicate with erudition and inspiration.

The Dragons themselves were fully engaged and offered advice and constructive questioning in order to help our students to shine. It was very gratifying to hear their comments regarding our students, with words such as "amazing," "innovative," and "creative" in abundance.

Once the pressure of presenting and demonstrating their products was passed, the students realised just what they had achieved, and a euphoria came over them. Positive feedback on the experience included, "That was really good" and "I'd like to do it again!"

The process clearly had an empowering effect on the participating students: it is that feeling of confidence, collaboration, and constructiveness that we want to be the essence of our Design and Technology Department. Mr Ralls and I look forward to seeing what they do next as they prepare for GCSE.

On behalf of the Design Technology Department and the Year 10 students, I would like to thank everyone who took part, and particularly to recognise the support from Positech who as well as being generous with their time have sponsored our development of Dragons' Den 2022.



Winchester Science Centre Trip



On the 18th October, Testbourne's Science Department took some very excited Year 7 students on a trip to the Winchester Science Centre. The event included a visit to a planetarium, a fun workshop making slime and plenty of time to examine the interactive exhibits. Read more, from our students, to find out what they got up to on the trip:

Devesh:

Personally, I thought that the school trip was certainly fascinating and enjoyable as there were many fun activities during the trip. First, we created slime and mixed ingredients together learning how different chemicals react with each other seeing how strong bonds can be compared to ones with different fluids. Later, we went back into the lobby area. There were many activities to explore in the lobby area; some of my favourites included the voice tube and the sand frequency shaker. Honestly, this trip was amazing - there were fantastic experiences throughout, with lots of factual learning to go along with them.

Chloe:

The Science Centre was amazing. First, my group went to the planetarium and saw all the constellations and learned about their development. Then we had some free time roaming around the upper area of the museum where we saw all sorts of different research. After that, we went and learnt about non-Newtonian fluids - for example, slime! At the end, we explored the space area and saw different kind of travel, creatures and gravity.

Lucas:

I really enjoyed the fun learning experience and interactive take on learning. It was extremely fun chance to gain knowledge about not only space (in the interactive space exhibit) but how sound travels, physics and more in the amazing facilities they have.

Samara:

I enjoyed the Science trip because I thought the activities we did were really fun - especially making slime! The planetarium I liked because I liked the seats that were angled up at the ceiling. In the planetarium I enjoyed looking at the stars, planets and constellations.

Rosa:

Our trip to the Winchester Science Centre was great! It was an opportunity to explore lots of hands-on experiments and visit the planetarium. My favourite things were trying out all the activities in our free time and making slime in our science workshop. I also really enjoyed the planetarium where we explored outer space - the overall experience was great!



An Inspector Calls English Trip

Earlier this term, many Year 11 English students travelled to Southampton to watch 'An Inspector Calls' performed in the Mayflower Theatre. Overall, it was a wonderful evening, and an even better performance!

Here is an article written by two of our students who attended the trip:

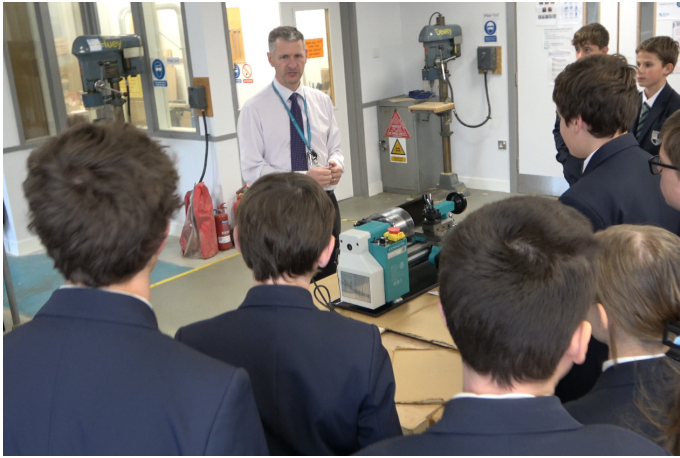
On Thursday the 3rd of November, 90 Year 11 students set out to see 'An Inspector Calls' at the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton. On arrival, there was an excited atmosphere in the theatre as a mixture of schools and members of the public gathered ready for the show to begin. When the play began, we were slowly introduced to all the characters as the plot unfolded, allowing us to see how the writer - J.B. Priestley - wanted their mannerisms to come across. In particular, the personalities of characters such as Sheila were well portrayed by their actors, creating a sense of drama in the play by exaggerating her childish nature. There were also several moments in the play which kept the audience involved in the characters' development such as when Sheila shockingly slapped her fiancé in the face, arguably showing an early feminist attitude by taking control - rare for women in 1912 when the play is set.

In the midst of mock exams, the trip was extremely beneficial to students in aiding their revision by helping to visualise the play we had studied in depth in a different form. As well as this, following the Covid pandemic it was great to finally take part once again in a school trip after almost three years without such an opportunity.

- Emily and Jenny, Year 11

Not content with a theatrical visit to Southampton, however, the English Department have been busy making plans to take further Year 11 students to a poetry conference in Oxford during the Spring term. The 'Poetry Live!' conference sees many of the poets studied at GCSE – including the Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage – reading and presenting on their poems, alongside seminars and guidance sessions from senior representatives from the exam board. It promises to be another excellent and enriching event – watch out for the write-up in a future edition of the Tribune!

Year 10 Engineering



Year 10 Engineering students have made a great start into their new qualification this term by developing their understanding and application of different tools and equipment used within engineering and how to accurately use a wide variety of machine and hand tools. Students have successfully made a set of aluminium dice and presentation box as well as develop their drawing skills by creating accompanying isometric and orthographic projections. Although this qualification is challenging and the learning curve is steep,

students should feel proud with how well they have engaged with the qualification and persevered to solve technical problems and find appropriate solutions.

New technology in the Dance Department!



Within the Dance department, I have been using my new tablet as a way of giving students feedback in nearly every lesson. The tablet allows students to see positive and constructive corrections visually, rather than just hearing it verbally. It also increases the amount of elements on which I can give feedback. Using the tablet allows me to put a performance into slow motion, pick out specific moments, to zoom in and then to draw and annotate the movement. It has been a hugely positive addition to student progress within Dance lessons.

CREST Club



This term, several students from Years 8 and 9 have been researching and planning their CREST Award projects. Projects currently include:

- What killed the dinosaurs?
- Which crisp is the crispiest?
- What is the best way to detect fingerprints?
- Does the year of production affect the density of coins?

If you are in Year 8 or 9 and have a question or theory you would like to investigate, do come

along to CREST Club, held in Room 30 every Week 1 Tuesday at lunchtime. More information or suggested projects can be found at <https://secondarylibrary.crestawards.org>.

Food Bank Donations



Tutor Group 8-2 would like formally to thank you for your kind and generous donations to our Christmas Food Bank collection. We were able to donate 79.5kg of food to Basingstoke Foodbank to support people in crisis over the Christmas period.



Jewellery Club



Beginning this half term, Testbourne has a jewellery making club run by Ms Horne on Thursdays after school. Initially open to Years 7 and 8, it had a limit of ten places and was soon full.

The regular members, all from Year 7, have made memory wire glass-beaded bracelets and are moving on to charm bracelets, earrings and necklaces. The jewellery, whether to wear themselves or to give as presents, is very impressive and the standard of their work improves every week.



We ran a stall at the Christmas Fair to raise funds to buy extra equipment as we particularly need more pairs of good quality pliers!

Ms J Horne



TCS Mind Kind



Taking Time for Testbourne Minds

Every Monday, Mrs Day and the Mind Kind team run a lunchtime group. This group is held in Room 39, where members of the Mind Kind team are available to have a chat with people who need to get away from it all for a bit. We supply a listening ear and advice to those who want to talk. For others, it's simply a nice space to go, where they can relax and feel safe. We have fidget toys and all sorts of other tools to help relaxation. Anyone who has been having a challenging time can come and have a chat and we try and resolve the issue; overall, the Mind Kind volunteers can be that sympathetic listener that sometimes we all need!

Recently, the Mind Kind team have promoted World Mental Health Day, Stress Awareness Day and we have created 'Mindful Moments' - a positive-thinking newsletter for all tutor groups.

Mimi P., Mental Health Ambassador

News from Community & Hire



Testbourne Holiday Camp

Testbourne School is running a multisport and football camp during the Christmas Holidays. It is available for ages 4 -12yrs and it will be run every weekday throughout the holidays from 9am to 4pm. The cost is just £25.00pp and sibling discounts are available.

Please book via Gol Elite www.goleliteprocoaching.co.uk

Out and About Club relaunched

On the 26th October, 55 members of the Out and About Club enjoyed a day out at Redfields Garden Centre, kindly financed by the Hampshire Housing Trust. It was the first trip organised this year and the feedback from all who went along was fantastic. The Club has also organised a Christmas meal on the 16th December at the Wyke Down Pub for members to enjoy.

New sports clubs

A variety of new sport clubs have been started at Testbourne for members of the local community, so please do visit the School Community website for more information

www.testbourne.school/community/

TESTBOURNE FITNESS GYM

The gym has a variety of cardiovascular, resistance, functional and free weight equipment for a complete workout. A fitness instructor is on hand to guide you and assist you to achieve your fitness goals.

Opening Hours	
Monday - Friday	Saturday
06:45 - 21:30	09:00 - 14:00



Joining fee: £10, with no minimum contract, then a monthly Direct Debit of:		
	Individual	Joint*
Standard	£26	£42
Concession**	£20	£35
Family***	£67	

* two members of the same household

** includes: students, over 55's, NHS workers, or members of the armed forces

*** four members of the same household

All new members must first have a safety induction before you use the gym equipment, which includes an opportunity to discuss your fitness goals and programme requirements.

Contact gym@testbourne.school, or phone 01256 892 261 for more details.



Teen Gym for school students aged 14-16.
Every Monday, 15:15 - 16:15
Book at: go.testbourne.school/teengym



Free to gym members, £5 to non-members.
Most Wednesdays, 18:00 - 19:00
Book at: go.testbourne.school/bootcamp

Football

The Year 7 football team have had a great first season in the league. They have shown a real togetherness and improvements in every match so far, showing their battling qualities in some tough games against very strong opposition. The team has played some free-flowing football at times, creating lots of goal scoring opportunities. They have been involved in a thrilling 4-4 draw with Harrow Way, a battling 3-1 defeat to John Hanson, as well as a very impressive 7-1 victory against The Clere.



Year 8 have had a great season, going unbeaten in the league which will see them promoted to the Year 9 District Premiership for next year. Some stand-out performances have been seen, including Olly Shipway scoring four goals in one game! The team has played good football throughout the year and all students have been a credit to the school. The team has been captained by Bertie G. and Amiee D. to great effect.



Year 9 have played well, with a large number of students having had the chance to play for the team. In a tough District Premier Division, they have won two and lost two.

Well done to Mason H. who has captained the squad well.



The First XI have had a successful season so far. The team has developed a fluid style of play, controlling games well. The players are strong and physical, helping them to be able to win the ball back quickly. The high quality of passing enables this team to stretch their opponents and create lots of goal scoring opportunities.



The U16 Girls Football team have had an amazing cup run, reaching the last 16 of the Hampshire County Cup. Despite their best efforts they lost 0-1 to Bohunt Liphook in the dying minutes of the match.

Well done to all involved, and we wish the Year 11 girls all the best in their future football!



The U14 team have had a busy schedule of fixtures and, despite being out of the Cup, have notched up some fantastic wins. Their season will continue after Christmas.

The U13 Girls Team made their footballing debut with a fourth place finish in the District Tournament. The girls had never played together before and really did well to score lots of goals.

Well done – there will be more fixtures in the January!



Netball

It’s been a tough season for our Year 9 squad this year. However, we are very proud of the resilience and determination shown from all players during the matches which have been played in many tricky weather conditions.

Training will continue after Christmas on a Thursday, so please continue to come along to further develop your skills ready for next year’s matches.

Some of the match results are given below:

Testbourne	3	John Hanson B	13
Testbourne	5	Harrow Way	20
Testbourne	4	Winton	13
Testbourne	2	The Clere	6



The Year 10 girls have been outstanding this season! We have watched them grow from strength to strength, both in skill and confidence. There have been times when, due to illness, they have had to pull in extra players to the squad at the last minute but despite this the girls gave 100% effort in every game!

Some of their results include:

Testbourne	15	John Hanson B 6
Testbourne	0	Rookwood 12
Testbourne	11	Harrow Way 9
Testbourne	16	Wellington 15
Testbourne	23	Winton 14
Testbourne	10	The Clere 4

Well done to all you! We look forward to seeing you at training on Thursdays in the New Year!



Year 11 Netball is arranged slightly differently to allow for the extra time required for studying. In the three matches played, the girls have shown high levels of skill, focus and effort. They won their first match against Wellington (23-14) comfortably. Their second match was against a very strong John Hanson team, but this did not worry them: they approached this match with positivity and each individual member of the team give 100% for 40 minutes. John Hanson narrowly won the game but had to stay ‘alert’ every second of the last quarter to ensure they won! The third and final match was against Test Valley; the final result was 28-6 in favour of TCS!

A big well done to all the team!



Table Tennis

Having entered the District table tennis tournament as individuals in both KS3 and KS4, all competitors did well against some tough opposition. Pick of the team was Aly J. in KS3 who finished 6th and Charlie K. in KS4 who finished 4th. Well done all!



Outside of School Sports Achievements

A huge congratulations to both Ollie S. and Max A. in Year 10 who have been selected for London Irish Developing Player Programme (DPP). They were selected after intense trials and this is a credit to their efforts at their Rugby Club (Overton RUFC). Well done, we look forward to seeing how you get on in your fixtures this year.

Remember that School Rugby will start in January; we look forward to seeing you there!



A huge congratulations to Archie T. who has been selected for the National Age Group Development Programme. He is a phenomenal swimmer who captained our District champions, and this shows just how good he is and how committed he is to his sport. A massive well done, Archie!



New Music GCSE Stage Piano

Year 10 GCSE Music students had the task of unboxing and setting up our new Roland Stage Piano. The piano was purchased with a full grant from the Universal Music UK Sound Foundation. We are very grateful to the Foundation for their support, and to Testbourne’s PTFA Chair for spotting the opportunity and applying for the grant on our behalf. The piano will be used to support our GCSE Music students and in performances at school and in the wider community.



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