

Valence News

Dear parents and carers

You should have now received a letter from me and a copy of the OfSTED Social Care inspection report which the school has just received. The overall outcome of outstanding is summed up on the front page of the report:

The residential special school provides highly effective services that consistently exceed the standards of good. The actions of the school contribute to significantly improved outcomes and positive experiences for children and young people.

Outstanding!
Ofsted Social
Care Inspection
2024

The report is comprehensive in its praise of what the school does and this is so evident from the opening comments of the report: *Students experience exceptionally well-planned care from a skilled and knowledgeable staff team. Staff truly understand students' needs and ensure that their care arrangements remain under constant review. Students respond well to this and make exceptional progress. Staff support students to achieve and disability is not considered to be something that should limit their aspirations.*

Equally, comments about health care and students' educational progress are worth highlighting: *Staff understand students' complex health needs well. A truly multi-disciplinary team is available to support students including nurses, physio and occupational therapists, a speech and language therapist and a school counsellor. Innovative education plans and a positive culture mean that students make strong educational progress. The embedded 'preparing for adulthood' programme has helped create a 24-hour curriculum.*

Warmest congratulations to students and staff on this tremendous outcome. I would also like to thank governors who are commented upon very positively in the report. We can be proud of this inspection outcome and should celebrate the outstanding work that the school does. Thanks to parents who were contacted by the inspectors and who spoke about the school so positively!

You should have now received a communication from Matt Strange about changes to the school day from September 2024. There is a very informative video presentation that goes alongside the letter he has written.

I hope that you have a nice bank holiday weekend.

Roland Gooding - Principal

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Leading Parent
Partnership Award

'Wear it Green' Day

As part of mental health awareness week, Valence will be taking part in 'Wear it Green' Day on **Thursday 16th May**.

Students and staff are invited to come to school wearing something green. This could be anything from a t-shirt, accessory, or snazzy pair of socks! Green ribbon pin badges are also available from Reception or Cedars room 4 for a donation of £1. Donations are also welcomed on the day.

The theme for Mental Health Awareness Week in 2024 is Movement: moving more for our mental health. Movement can have positive effects on our mental health by reducing stress and anxiety, improving mood, and enhancing our sleep quality and cognitive function. Moving more has many benefits for our mental health and wellbeing including:

We will be running different movement-based activities throughout the week as well as discussions around how to improve our mental health and build resilience.



Parent Conference Monday 17th June

We are holding an all day conference for parents on Monday 17th June. This will be an opportunity to hear from the speakers who have delivered sessions for all the coffee morning presentations this year. We looked at parent feedback and the suggestion to place them all on one day to make attendance easier.

*Dates for
the Diary:*

You do not have to stay for all of the day and can drop into the sessions that you want.

The PLC main room will have the timed presentations and the PLC small room will be a breakout space for tea, coffee and general socialising for those not attending the presentation.

The proposed speaker schedule is as follows

8.45-9.30	Welcome tea and coffee, meet with the Friends of Valence parents
9.30-10.00	Literacy at Valence
10.00-10.30	Numeracy at Valence
10.30-11.00	PE at Valence
11.00-11.30	Therapy at Valence
11.30-11.45	Break
11.45-12.15	Communication / AAC
12.15.-12.45	September 2024
12.45 -1.30	Lunch (provided) and time to Meet the pathway leads
1.30-2.00	Music at Valence
2.00-2.30	Social media
2.30-3.00	Residential experience
3.00-3.30	Coffee break with Question and Answer session and planning for parents training / coffee mornings in the future
3.30	End of Conference

Please put the date in your diary and nearer the time we will be asking you to sign up so that we can plan the number of chairs and the numbers for lunch.

FRIENDS OF VALENCE

GOLF DAY 2024
WESTERHAM GOLF CLUB

22 MAY 2024

£95 Per Player to include:

Coffee & Bacon Roll on Arrival

Putting Competition

18 Holes Stableford Competition

Live 'on Course' Scoring

Quality Prizes (Team & Individual)

Nearest the Pin - Longest Drive

Two Course Presentation Meal - Games

To register email:
friends@valence.kent.sch.uk



Friends of Valence and
Sevenoaks & District Motor Club



Festival of Motoring

A celebration of all things
automotive, including an auto solo
competition, a display paddock
and the chance to parade up the
traditional hill climb course.

9am to 5pm
Sunday 12th May
Valence School
Westerham
TN16 1QN

Adult spectator - £7.50

Child spectator - £5

(aged 4 - 16 years)

Family £20

(2 adults and up to 4 kids)

Bring a picnic or enjoy
one of the many food
vans or bar!

 motorsport uk

 StreetCar



scan to book

Email to book:
friends@valence.kent.sch.uk



Do you have a vintage,
performance or unique car
that you wish to display in
the paddock?
To pre book a car please email as below
£10 a car
to include up to 5 people

If anyone is interested in volunteering on the day
please contact friends@valence.kent.sch.uk



Valence School's Festival of Motoring 2024.

This promises to be a fantastic occasion and we hope to see
many of you there! Admission tickets
will be available to buy on the day at
the entrance.



Senior Staff On-call Rota from 3rd May 2024

Contact details:

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Day	Date	Time	On-call	Overnight
Friday	03/05/24	Inset Day		
Monday	06/05/24	Bank Holiday		
Tuesday	07/05/24	07.30 To 2.30pm	Matt Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		2.30pm to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
Wednesday	08/05/24	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
Thursday	09/05/24	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
Friday	03/05/24	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	

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