

Valence News



Dear Parents and Carers,

Valence School Launches New Careers Advice Initiative to Support Student Futures

Supporting students beyond Valence as part of our wider vision for adulthood

Valence School is proud to announce the launch of an enhanced careers advice and guidance programme, a key step forward in supporting our students as they prepare for life beyond education. This exciting new development follows recommendations made during our recent inspection and reflects our commitment to continuously improving the opportunities available to our young people.

In partnership with Career Connect, a provider of independent careers advice, we are now offering tailored support to all year 11-14 students across Simmonds and Hawking. The first sessions took place this week and were well received by both staff and students.

Building on the momentum from last week's successful 'All About Me' day, these one-to-one careers meetings have given students a valuable opportunity to begin thinking about their next steps — whether that's further education, local college, employment, or supported living pathways.

This work sits at the heart of Valence School's vision: to prepare all our young people for their next steps into adulthood. Preparation for adulthood is already a strength of the school, with Ofsted recently highlighting this area as such. The introduction of formal, independent careers advice will only strengthen our existing provision.

We're excited about the positive impact this programme will have and are committed to ensuring that every student receives the guidance they need to make informed, ambitious and meaningful choices about their futures.

Look out for further updates on this important work as we continue to develop our careers programme over the coming year.

Have a great weekend

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Leading Parent Partnership Award

News from Computing

A massive 'Well Done' to all the students who absolutely smashed their exams, coursework, and earned those hard-earned accreditations!

Your dedication, hard work, and focus have truly paid off, and you should be incredibly proud of everything you've accomplished.

Let's keep the momentum rolling—onwards and upwards! The journey doesn't stop here, and we're all ready to tackle the next challenges with the same drive and determination!

In Term 1, students have been diving into some really important work! They've been updating their access plans and really digging into the Acceptable Use Policy to make sure they're using IT equipment safely and responsibly. It's all about making sure everyone's tech-savvy and tech-safe!

But that's not all—students have also been unleashing their creativity with personal projects that showcase their skills in presenting work. From bringing fresh ideas to life to mastering how to communicate them with flair, they're building up the confidence to present like pros!

It's been a jam-packed term of growth, learning, and getting ready to take on even bigger challenges!

Personal Project



Music



Video Games



Sport



Films



Fashion

Reminder: If a student is bringing in their own device, or has changed their device, please make sure that the relevant insurance form has been completed.

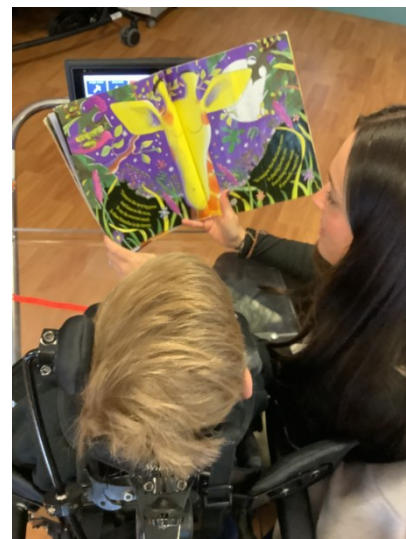
Thank you. Mrs McIntosh

Owl Class

In Owl class, we have had a great start to the year with lots of learning and messy play (very messy).



We have loved reading stories too!





Join us for the

Valence
CHRISTMAS

FAYRE

DECEMBER | **7th** | 12PM-4PM

£30 PER STALL
ONE TRESTLE TABLE PER STALL
NO POWER POINTS AVAILABLE

PLEASE EMAIL
FRIENDS@VALENCE.KENT.SCH.UK

VALENCE SCHOOL, WESTERHAM, TN16 1QN



**IMPORTANT
DATE
CHANGE**

**FRIENDS OF VALENCE
FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR STUDENTS
STAFF AND FAMILIES**

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

17:30 - 19:30 THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025

Senior Staff On-call Rota from 19th September 2025

Matt Strange **07894 483673**
Lisa Kavanagh **07912 124724**
Jo Chivers **07896 905095**

Date	Day	Time	DSL	DSL
26/09/25	Friday	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
29/09/25	Monday	07:30 To midday	Matt Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
30/09/25	Tuesday	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
01/10/25	Wednesday	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
02/10/25	Thursday	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
03/10/25	Friday	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	

Winning Numbers for September 2025

Took place on 25th September 2025



1st	2nd	3rd
43	21	30
Nicola Norris	William Ayles	Brian Davies