

Valence News

Welcome Back



As we begin a new academic year at Valence School, We would like to take the opportunity to welcome both new and returning families. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you, but for those whom I have not yet met, my name is Kate Bayman, and I joined Valence School in April as Vice Principal (Education).

Over the past few months, I have enjoyed getting to know our students, staff and families, and I have been continually impressed by the warmth, dedication and strong sense of community that makes Valence such a special place. This term has got off to a fantastic start, with students returning full of enthusiasm and positivity, quickly settling back into routines and embracing new opportunities for learning and personal development. We are particularly delighted to welcome our new students and families, who have already begun to make a valuable contribution to our school community.

Across the school, students have been participating in activities designed to help them settle in, build relationships and prepare for a successful year ahead, while staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that every child feels safe, supported and ready to thrive.

We are excited to continue developing opportunities for student leadership through initiatives such as the Student Council and Post-16 leadership roles, alongside a rich programme of assemblies, enrichment activities and learning experiences that support both academic achievement and personal growth.

We have a new Common Room that has been refurbished and contains new equipment and activities for down-time.

Our commitment remains firmly focused on providing an ambitious, personalised curriculum that empowers every student to develop independence, confidence and the skills they need for the future. It has been wonderful to see our students already demonstrating our values of respect, resilience, independence, positivity and passion, and we are incredibly proud of the positive start they have made.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. By working together, we can ensure that every student enjoys a successful, fulfilling and rewarding year, and we look forward to celebrating their many achievements with you throughout the months ahead.

Kate Bayman Vice Principal Education

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Hawking 1 News

The class has recently welcomed a new student into

the group and are making him feel very welcome.

Hawking 1 have also been tasked with very important jobs to make our 'Valence on the Green' shop display to look fresh and ready to welcome visitors this bank holiday weekend. The theme was very much the lovely weather, creating sun catchers and personalised ice-cream cones. Looking for something to do? Come and visit to see our wonderful display and amazing treats we have in store.



Senior Staff On-call Rota from 14th September 2026

Matt Strange	07894 483673
Lisa Kavanagh	07912 124724
Jo Chivers	07896 905095
Kate Bayman	07827 961903

Date	Day	Time	DSL	DSL
14/09/26	Monday	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
15/09/26	Tuesday	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
16/09/26	Wednesday	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Kate Bayman
		Midday to 4pm	Kate Bayman	
17/09/26	Thursday	09:00 To midday	Kate Bayman	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
18/09/26	Friday	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	

Sporting opportunity in the local community!

Charlies Angels Boccia Club is starting up next week on Friday 18th September at the Hermitage Park Community Centre in Maidstone from 16:30pm to 19:30pm.

The first visit is always free and then it's £2.50 for under 18 and £5.00 for those older. Everyone is welcome, it doesn't matter the level of disability as they can cater for all.

They also welcome their siblings to come and have a go as well. If you are interested of would like more information please contact Jacquelin on 07850 687054 or email her on wackyj@sky.com

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