

Pupil Awards

This academic year, we will be celebrating three pupils each week who have been nominated by staff for demonstrating our school principles. We are pleased to announce that this week's winners are:

Thoughtful—Demetrius Uvetie has been awarded for always holding open the door for others, and for displaying such polite manners around school.

Value – Chase Durrante has been awarded for showing amazing resilience towards his learning

Safe – Aaron Tofts has been awarded for showing other pupils how to keep the classroom safe and tidy.

A huge congratulations to these 3 pupils from all the staff.

RHSE Policy Consultation

As we progress through the academic year, we will be reviewing and updating our policies. Over the Summer Term, the Relationships, Health and Sex Education Policy was reviewed by Liberty Academy Trust and we are sharing this with you this week for your feedback, comments and questions. Please find attached a copy of this policy and we look forward to hearing from you.

School Census

Our school Census day is approaching whereby the data is collected by the Department for Education. If your personal circumstances have altered and you feel you may be eligible for free school meals, do please get in touch with the school office where a quick online check can be carried out for you.

Please do let us check for you, every little helps in these financially difficult times.

Happy 10th Birthday Thames Valley School

Today marks ten years since the doors of Thames Valley School first opened to pupils! The school has been on quite a journey since 2013, with HRH The Countess of Wessex officially opening the school in 2015, and we are proud to have supported so many young people from across the surrounding area. Pupils celebrated with a slice of cake (or an ice lolly!) and have begun contributing to a whole school mural which we hope to display in our school hall when completed.

We would also like to highlight a special member of staff in our celebrations – Mrs Becky Guy has been with the school since it's opening and has been a huge part of so many of our pupil's successes.



Letter from the King!

Last academic year, our Primary pupils wrote letters to King Charles to congratulate him on his Coronation!


The pupils were thrilled to return to school to find that they had received very special envelopes marked with the royal seal. Upon opening, they found that they had received personal responses thanking them for their letters!

Educational Psychologist


This week, Phoebe Edmond, our Assistant Psychologist, met with our link Educational Psychologist from Brighter Futures for Children, Sarah Jervis. They have begun discussing how we will utilise this vital resource across the school, including providing additional training for staff and supervision for key individuals as well as direct support and assessment for our pupils. We look forward to working with Sarah again this year.



Middle Leadership Team

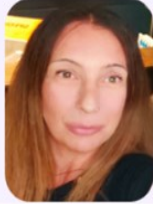


Staff Profile



Name: Miss Akrivopoulou

Role: Head of English



Fun fact:

- I like collecting shells from every beach that I go to.
- I am studying Egyptology.

Bio:

I studied English and American Literature at university and, when I finished my studies, I went back to my hometown and founded an Independent English School for both mainstream and SEND students. In 2014, I moved to the UK. I have worked in both primary and secondary schools as an English teacher and Head of Faculty. For the past 8 years, I have worked closely with SEND and alternative curriculum students. I have also successfully completed my NPQSL project which was based on how educators can help Pupil Premium pupils make progress.



Staff Profile



Name: Mr Shephard

Role: Catering and PSHE teacher & Careers Lead



Fun fact:

- I met David Beckham in 2006 and had a conversation with him.

Bio:

I began my working career in Sales and Marketing for a number of TV companies in London. After a few years I left the industry and decided to become a teacher. I completed my PGCE and worked as a primary school teacher initially. I studied my MA in the Psychology of Education at the Institute of Education in London and soon after moved into SEN teaching at a school in South West London. Most recently I set up and ran a sixth form provision at a large SEN school in Wimbledon. Having relocated to Berkshire in the past few years, I have worked as a specialist teacher and head of sixth form.



Staff Profile



Name: Miss Johnston

Role: Assistant SENDCo & Wellbeing Lead



Fun fact:

- I played football for Aston Villa Ladies FC as a goalkeeper.

Bio:

After completing a number of placements in educational provisions whilst at university, I developed a passion for providing strengths-based support to pupils and enhancing the quality of life and education of young people. I completed my BSc in Psychology and began working at Thames Valley School 8 years ago, working in different roles such as Learning Mentor, Assistant Psychologist, Transdisciplinary Team & Wellbeing Lead and now the Assistant SENDCo. I have completed a Master Practitioner Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Senior Mental Health Lead training, as well as being a Mental Health First Aider.

Updates from the Senior Leadership Team

It has been a busy first full week back for the Senior Leadership Team as we settle back into school life!

This week, Miss Archer has attended the next set of sessions as she works towards achieving a Diploma in Trauma Informed Practice. These sessions were focused around supporting the mental health of pupils and how we can work to increase the protective factors and 'safety cues' in the school culture.

Mrs Dudgeon has been working alongside our Exams Officer, Sharon, to ensure we are a registered centre to enable our pupils to complete Entry Level, Functional Skills and BTEC qualifications alongside our GCSE offer.

Miss Mallon has been supporting teachers in implementing our new Marking and Feedback policy, ensuring we are effectively informing our pupils of what they are doing well and how they can continue to improve.

The office has been a hive of activity as Mrs Saunders continues to ensure our online systems and processes are set up and accessible for parents and carers – you may have spoken to her on the phone this week taking your child's lunch orders as she smooths out some of the final details!

Mrs Buley has been continuing to collaborate with members of our school community to ensure our School Development Plan outlines our actions and priorities for this academic year as we continue our journey of improvement. We look forward to sharing our plans with you later this term.

Key Dates—Reminder

Month	Date	Time	Description
September	4 th & 5 th		Inset Day
	15 th		TVS 10 th Birthday Celebration
	19 th	5.30pm - 6.00pm	TVS Satellite Site – meeting with Dr Nicola Crossley, CEO
	22 nd	2pm – 3.00pm	Welcome Event – for new parents and carers
	22 nd		Jean for Genes Awareness Day
	28 th	2pm at TVS, 5pm virtual	Curriculum Information Session

We would really like the opportunity to meet you all and, if you are able to attend any of our events, please do confirm your attendance by emailing office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk

TVS Parent Feedback Form

To embed and support the communication with parents/carers, we want to hear from you.



We have designed a very short survey and would ask that you complete at a convenient time.

The form can be accessed by clicking the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/A8egGRgcwR>

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend

