

Vale

Views



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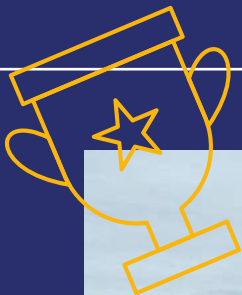
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Sports Day

Friday 30th June saw Vale's first full day Sports Day. The students had the opportunity to compete within their tutor groups. It was fantastic to see so many students and staff enter the field with banners and posters ready to support their athletes. Whilst KS4 took to the track and field first, KS3 were competing in the games including kick rounders, dodgeball, bench ball and football. The atmosphere was fantastic from start to finish. Congratulations to all students who were involved in the events, and a huge congratulations to the individual winners and the tutor winners on the day.



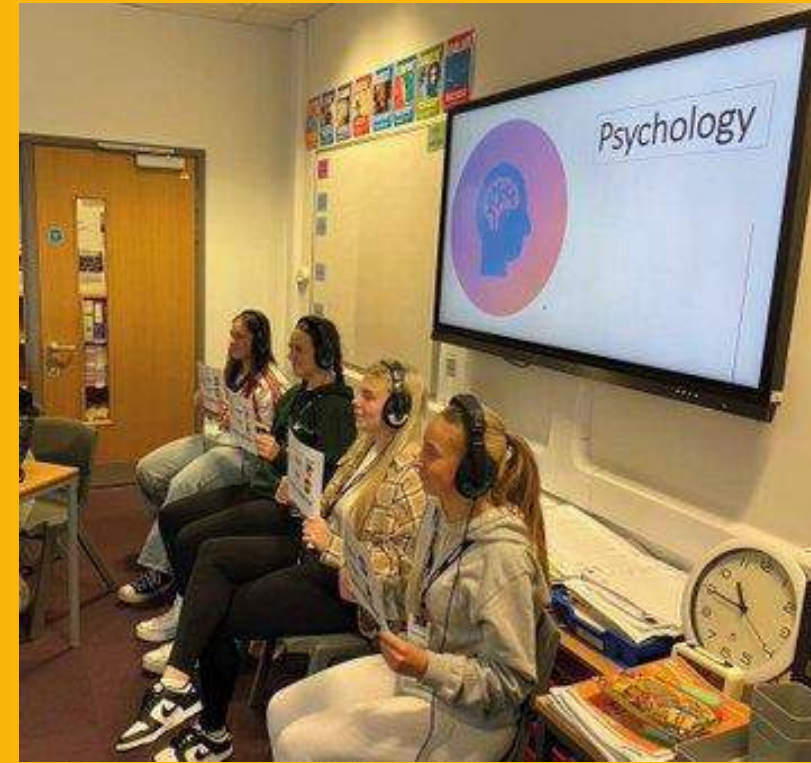
Adam Simms' Memorial Cup

Our Key Stage 3 Athletics Team enjoyed a great day out at the Adam Simms' Memorial Cup at Quibell park, Scunthorpe. The Adam Simms Cup is an annual Athletics competition to celebrate the life of a local student who tragically lost his life in a car accident. Each team consists of 5 students, and they compete in the 100m, 800m, Long Jump and either the High Jump or Javelin. Our Y7 Girls team finished 2nd overall, competing against 7 other school. Our Y8 Boys team finished 6th overall.



Post 16 Induction

In June welcomed prospective 6th form students to the academy for their induction days, which included taster sessions, ice breakers and team building activities. A lot of fun was had by all.



GCSE Geography Field Trip

In June 2023 100 GCSE Geographers in Year 10 visited Hornsea, Bridlington and Flamborough Head to collect valuable fieldwork data for their Paper 3 exam where they will answer the enquiry questions 'Are groynes effective in Hornsea?' and 'Housing quality increases further from the CBD in Bridlington'. We had beautiful weather, and the conduct of the students was excellent. Once the hard work was done we had time for fish and chips and ice cream before exploring Flamborough Head where we saw first-hand the erosive power of the sea and coastal landforms including caves, arches and wave cut platforms. Well done Year 10.



Reading Routes

We continue to work hard to increase the number of books our students read. Well done to two of our Y7s who have completed this term's reading route and have now been rewarded a book of choice from our book vending machine.



Year 11 Last Day

We enjoyed a lovely final assembly with our Y11 students. We celebrated their successes by enjoying ice-cream, music and sharing lots of happy memories of their time at The Vale.



Flower Festival

We entered the 180th Anniversary Flower Festival 'A Right Royal Do' at St John The Evangelist Church, Brigg. We were very proud to take second place.



Leadership

We are developing leadership roles within the academy and are very proud of our year 10 pupil who delivered an assembly about Pride Month and why it is important to be proud of who you are.



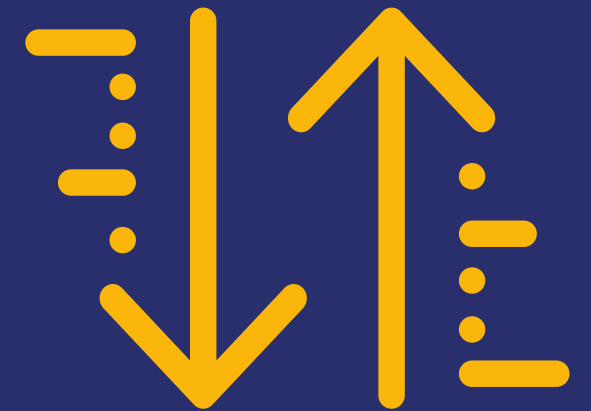
Rounders

Our U14's Rounders team finished second in the annual North Lincs competition.



Flood Management

In the summer term Year 7 Investigated and evaluated flood management strategies on the River Ancholme using a range of fieldwork methods. Before the trip students completed a risk assessment and participate in a safety briefing. During the 2 hour trip, students visited the old and new Ancholme rivers.



Wellbeing

We have been working hard to establish links with other professionals in our community with regular drop ins to Wellbeing Wednesday from the school nurse.



Science

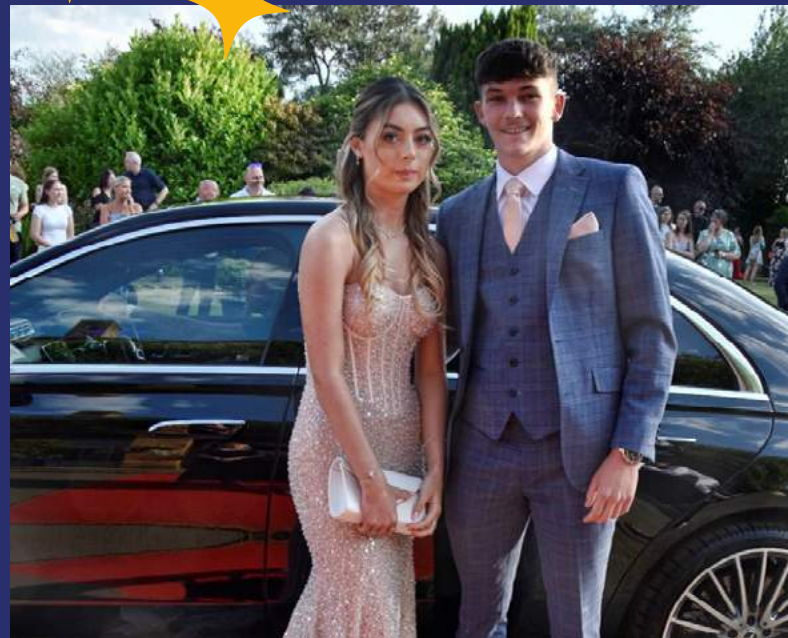
This term The Royal Institution came to the Vale Academy to deliver an exciting show to key stage 3 students. Energy Live was an exciting experiment led show delving into the 8 energy stores and how they affect our lives. It included exciting fire-based demonstrations and even some rocket science!



Year 11 Prom

We celebrated the end of year 11 with an amazing evening at Hemswell Court. Students made a spectacular entrance on a variety of transport including motorbikes, sports cars, limousines, vintage cars, HGV's and tractors. Students enjoyed a two-course meal and a disco whilst also enjoying the stunning gardens and surroundings. We wish all of our year 11 students every success in the future.







Paris

Year 8 and 9 experienced a wonderful weekend exploring the sites of Paris. We travelled from Brigg via the Ferry to Chateau Romaine. On Saturday we made an early start and students climbed the Eiffel Tower. We then enjoyed a relaxing cruise along the River Seine. Our evening entertainment included a team building competition which resulted in Mrs Dyson getting soaked.



On Sunday we went to a local market and visited Chateau de Fontainebleau. In the evening the students sampled escargot and danced the night away.



Dallowgill

In July some of our Year 9 students went on an adventure to Dallowgill in North Yorkshire. On the way to the centre they stopped at Ripley castle and they participated in a number of activities including paddle boarding, Kayaking and rafting.



Whilst at Dallowgill students stayed in our purpose built outdoor residential facility and enjoyed river sampling, walks in the woods and marshmallows on a fire pit.



The students thoroughly enjoyed their visit and we are working hard planning our next adventure to Dallowgill.



STEM

The Design & Technology department took a group of students to the WiME event which was held at the Baths Hall. The girls had the opportunity to talk to a range of different employers from a range of sectors. They developed their understanding of how their interest in STEM subjects can lead to a possible future career and different pathways they could take after their finish school.



Throughout the event the students in a range of hands on activities, including using VR headsets and a quiz. In the quiz they had to ask the employers set questions about their industries and record the answers, they were then asked to answer a tie breaker question. One of our year 8 students won the competition, which over 200 students entered. The prize is a fantastic opportunity for female students to learn about the clean energy industry. A representative from Orsted will come into the academy and meet with our students.



Athletics

42 students across 4-year groups represented the Vale Academy in the annual athletics competition held at Quibell Park.



We are extremely proud of the whole team with some excellent individual performances on the day plus a great team effort from both the year 7 boys and girls relay teams who finished 1st or 2nd on the day.



Poetry

In May, all of our KS3 students spent time crafting poems to submit to the Delta Poetry competition. Year 7 wrote poems in response to the big question "What qualities allow people to survive in difficult circumstances?" Students then wrote a poem to submit to inspire positivity in the face of challenge. In Year 8, students were asked to write a poem to answer the big question "How do you overcome adversity?". Students wrote poems that inspired courage in the face of adversity or about someone who inspired them to remain strong.

The entries from our students were overwhelming. They were heartfelt, at times amusing, and all of the highest quality.



Six entries were sent to head Office at Education Exchange, Knottingley. Pupils took part in the whole Trust Poetry Competition. June. Pupils had a lovely day with activities and guest speakers and were certainly not disappointed. Darren Simpson, writer of Scavengers, Furthermoor and The Memory Thieves, was absolutely, brilliant. He was so inspiring as he spoke about his inspirations and answered students' questions. This was followed by a marvellously entertaining session from Rob the poetry rapper! All 100+ students in the auditorium wrote raps and two of our students got up and performed theirs on stage. We were overjoyed and very proud of the results of the students who travelled back to The Vale Academy joyous and feeling very inspired.

Music Summer Spectacular

The academy summer spectacular went with a swing despite having to move inside to avoid the wet and windy weather. The concert band, samba band and choir pulled off outstanding performances including renditions of 'All of me', 'Smoke on the water' and 'Somewhere only we know'. The ensembles were joined by incredible soloists and groups including a trio of year 7 flautists, a year 11 rock duet and the 6th form brass quartet, and an array of stunning vocalists. The whole evening was superbly compèred by Jayden and Leo, who guided us through the musical acts with ease and professionalism.





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