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## Happy Restful Break to all schools

We know the pressure you have been under during lockdown. This is our gift to you, from the VbE Team.

## Messages From the VbE Team



### Neil Hawkes

*Founder of Values-based Education*

This term, as I have been in schools conducting Quality Mark audits, I have been profoundly impacted by the quality of education I have witnessed.

Despite the pandemic, teachers and support staff have risen to the challenge of providing outstanding support to their communities. I have also been made so aware how schools are empowering the voices of their pupils. Young people in VbE schools are not just talking about values, they are putting them into action and expecting adults to take action too.

These visits have filled me with hope for our future. Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, for all that you are doing to promote the Values-based Education.



## Bridget Knight

*CEO of Values-based Education*

Values-based Education is a vital dynamic of school life. Over this extraordinary year, schools have demonstrated time and again that Values have been the mainstay of their particular approach. Whether it has been hand-delivering food boxes to keep families afloat, sending home Kit Bags to reach out to home-learners, or promoting Family Vibes to restore and maintain good spirits – schools say their Values actions have been their lifeline throughout the year.

We are inordinately proud of all our schools who unfailingly and selflessly continue to fly the Values flag. We are bowled over to be adding even more schools worldwide to our Values Quality Mark family even as the pandemic continues on its way. These schools epitomise quality learning, values and fun and they shine so brightly!

At VbE we have been busy creating very many new resources and ideas –we have so much to look forward to, and can't wait to begin another year with you!

## Shared Values



### VbE Pupils Conference

*Express and experience wider VbE*

We are running a free VbE International Pupils' Conference on 22 October 2021. It is open to learners and educators from all existing and aspiring VbE schools, and to any school that engages with Values. The conference will be delivered by learners for learners from throughout the world.

It is themed around two values-centred questions for learners to consider.

More details are available for schools who want their learners to attend (virtually) or who want their learners to make a short presenting to the global audience of the way they celebrate theirs at their school.

For more, [click here](#) or use this link:

<https://bit.ly/2UjPjyG>



### Sharing VbE Mini-Conferences

*Inspiration from VbE schools*

We are running short series of free mini-conferences once a month for the next six months or so. The conferences offer inspiration to VbE schools of exceptional and inspiring VbE practices at VbE schools around the world.

The conferences are aimed at educators. They take place on Thursdays between 4:30-5:30pm. The format of the conferences encourages attending educators to interact and engage with educators from other schools and with the VbE team where they can share ideas, ask questions or just make new contacts.

For more, [click here](#) or use this link:  
<https://bit.ly/3xU0E78>

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## Resources/Support



### The Value of Community

#### *The Family Vibes Series*

The latest in the free Family Vibes series deals with Community. The series supports parents bringing VbE into their homes. The Community edition is inspired by the positive side of the Euros Football Tournament and how people came together to support England. Also, with the COVID restrictions easing, it emphasises and how people need to still consider community needs by taking sensible precautions and being responsible.

The series in general offers families some inspiring ideas for activities during the holidays. Even better if they spark off better ones of their own!

For more, [click here](#) or use this link:  
<https://bit.ly/36PXR2A>



Award of the Extended Quality Mark

Ledbury Primary School

## VbE Quality Marks

We have been rethinking and modernising the format for Quality Mark audits. It is now structured around six new categories of VbE practices, such as Wellbeing, Compassionate Leadership and Behaviour and Relationships. The new structure is more invigorating for schools seeking to understand and demonstrate their personalised application of values-based principles, and provides a new focus on the outcomes for learners, educators and the wider community.

Congratulations to several schools who have been able to achieve their Quality Mark or Enhanced Quality Mark status despite the challenges during COVID. Details of the Quality Mark process can be found below.

For more, [click here](#) or use this link:  
<https://bit.ly/3wOWAUh>



## VbE Training/Consulting

In-person training is becoming viable again. We continue to offer personalised training either in-person or via Zoom for schools looking for support.

For more, [click here](#) or use this link:  
<https://bit.ly/3eASsRp>

For schools looking to start VbE who are more interested in the do-it-yourself approach, we have created a comprehensive, free online training suite that is accessible to everyone. It offers three levels of implementation. The Introductory level is aimed at schools starting VbE for the first time, or for staff new to VbE schools to get a head start. The Medium level is aimed at schools looking to deepen their engagement with VbE. The Advanced level is aimed at schools looking to operate within the scope of the Enhanced Quality Mark.

For more, [click here](#) or use this link:  
<https://bit.ly/3isglGn>

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