

GCSE Options

We offer a dynamic range of GCSE options that nurture and challenge the talents of our students as individuals and support their future career aspirations. This includes all EBacc subjects complemented with performing and creative arts, sport and STEM technologies.



Students have exciting opportunities to take part in school performances, competitive sport, dance and music throughout their school career. These activities develop confidence, leadership and social skills away from the traditional classroom setting.

Period 6

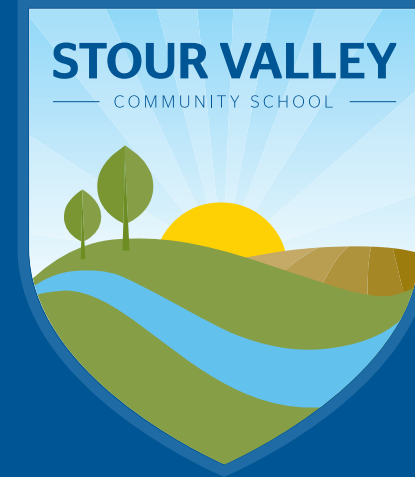
There is an option for your child to stay on after 3pm for an additional hour and take part in a range of extra-curricular activities. These are known as period 6 activities and whilst they are optional, they are highly valued by our students.

Whole School productions happen once every 2 years with the opportunity to get involved in acting, singing, playing in the orchestra, dancing, set design, technical sound and lighting along with stage management.



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'98% of parents agree that their child is happy at Stour Valley'



'Central to our vision is the belief in the uniqueness of every student, and that every young person has gifts to discover and share with others. We are committed to building brighter futures for our students, our local community and the wider world.'

"Behaviour is outstanding. Students work particularly well together, feel safe and have a very positive attitude to learning" - Ofsted

Our dedicated and caring team of staff look forward to welcoming your child to Stour Valley Community School.

Set in the beautiful town of Clare, we provide an academically challenging, stimulating and fulfilling education for 11-16 year olds. With clear and consistent discipline and supportive staff, we create a caring and trusting environment within which students can grow in confidence and self-respect.

With our commitment to progress for all abilities, our talented staff ensure that we support and develop every student to achieve his or her full potential. Our ethos is based on mutual respect between staff and students that engenders a positive, supportive and challenging educational environment which discovers and nurtures the individual talents of each student.

Our curriculum has dedicated focus on English, Mathematics and Science supported by Humanities, Modern Foreign Languages, Computer Science, Arts and Design & Technology. All subjects are supported by our significant investment in an educational IT infrastructure. There is also a wide ranging sporting and competitive ethos throughout all aspects of our community. We provide a comprehensive range of option choices for GCSE which enables individualised learning pathways. At every point students are provided with personalised guidance that will support their future academic aspirations whether that is college, apprenticeship, or university.

Our modern buildings and facilities include Science laboratories, a Dance and Drama studio, Technology rooms, a dedicated Music block and a Graphic design studio, all provided to maintain the very latest facilities for your child's learning. The school buildings are set within spacious, attractive grounds including an outdoor classroom area, orchard, allotment and, along with a wide range of other sports facilities, we have a heated swimming pool on site.

In addition to our strong academic focus, Stour Valley holds true to its core values regarding ensuring our students are happy, confident, caring and tolerant members of the community. Engagement with the local and wider communities provides additional opportunities for our students to learn new skills and increase their knowledge of the world around them, complemented by visits to countries such as France, Austria and Germany. On taking up a place your child will become part of a small, vertical tutor group taking part in form group activities with students from Years 7 to 9 in the school, leading to strong and supportive bonds across the whole school community. Form tutors develop excellent pastoral relationships with their students and will contact you directly regarding your child's needs. You will be provided with information regularly about your child's progress.

I look forward to meeting you and starting a long and successful journey together towards an outstanding education for your child.

Rachel Kelly
Headteacher

Providing the best possible education for your child

At Stour Valley our overriding aims include

'To open students' minds to their full potential so that when they leave us they have a firm foundation on which to build the next phase of their lives, whether that is in further academic study, vocational training or the world of work. We want our students to be happy and confident, but also caring and tolerant. Above all we want them to have a thirst for knowledge and an enthusiasm for life.'

Our 2019 Results:

65% of students achieved **Grade 4+ in English and Maths**

OVER 70% of all GCSE grades were **level 5 or higher.**

24% of all students in the 2019 GCSE cohort achieved at least three 7 grades or higher

Ofsted comments on SVCS:

'Students are courteous and well mannered'

'A calm, social atmosphere is evident around the school'

'Students work particularly well together, feel safe and have a very positive attitude to learning'

'Students exercise notable social and moral values with other students and adults'

Happy, safe students that have a desire to learn and a self confidence to achieve.

Excellent teaching ensures that your child makes progress that exceeds expectations.

The learning environment gives students the responsibility to be leaders in their own learning. Our students thrive and achieve in this role.

At Stour Valley, excellent teaching standards provide a gateway for your child to succeed in their future career path.

Parent View comments:

'96% of parents would recommend this school to another parent'

'95% of parents agree that their child is taught well at Stour Valley'

'98% of parents agree that their child feels safe at Stour Valley'

Out of 300 parental responses



To develop enquiring minds, becoming creative thinkers and problem solvers.



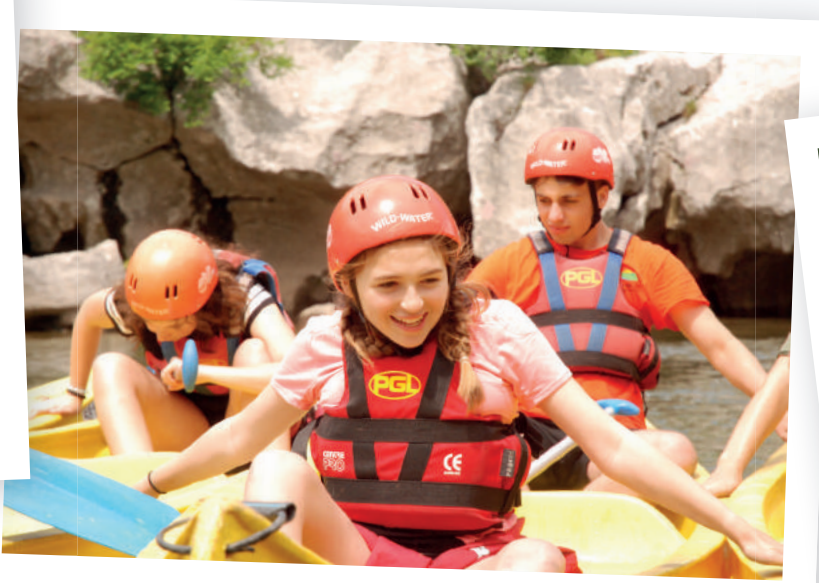
To encourage students to develop the values of understanding and respect for others with an awareness of human rights and the courage to uphold and defend them.



To help students develop the skills of participation, teamwork, negotiation and leadership.



To provide imaginative approaches to extra-curricular activities with strong community links.



To maintain extensive outdoor spaces, sports facilities and green spaces for students' learning and leisure.



To ensure a safe, enjoyable school environment with excellent learning areas.

Student progress at SVCS



Regardless of ability, Stour Valley students make outstanding progress.

