



STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term

Dates

Non-pupil

Day

Fri 20 Nov 2020

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 16 November - Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams continue
 - Friday 20 November - Non-pupil Day
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**Autumn Term
ends**

Fri 18 Dec 2020

**Christmas
Break**

Mon 21 Dec
2020 - Fri 1 Jan
2021

**Spring Term
starts**

Mon 4 Jan 2021

**Upcoming
Events this
November**

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Co-op Local Community Fund

We are delighted that our school has been selected to take part in the *Co-op Local Community Fund*. Please view the following link for further information regarding our cause and how to support SVCS if you are a Co-op member.

Thank you:

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/COOPFUNDRAISINGPOSTER.pdf>



SVCS Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be available in the canteen on Thursday 17 December. Students will need to book their lunch by completing a form (available in the Hall) and handing it to the ladies on the tills by **Monday 23 November**. The cost is £2.30 and this will be deducted from ParentPay accounts.

Library Update

SVCS Library is happy to announce that we have purchased more fictional books. The generous parents of a past student bought a voucher from Harris and Harris Book Shop in Clare. This welcome donation allowed our school to update its shelves with books of new and exciting authors. Kate Harris of Harris and Harris was also both very helpful and generous donating extra titles in support of our school.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask the families of our students if they are in a position to further support our Library. We would be most grateful if you were able to donate any unwanted, age-appropriate books. We will continue to order new books for our library but we also believe that recycling books sets the right example to our students. It would also mean that we would be able to extend the range of books available to our students and therefore hopefully find genres of books to suit every student.



Face Coverings

May we kindly remind you to ensure your child(ren) has their face mask for school each day. Students are also advised to carry a spare mask in case they misplace their original during the school day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Year 9 Arts Rotation from Monday 16 November

- Art to Drama
- Drama to Music
- Music to Art

GCSE Dance Kits

May we kindly request that parents/carers of GCSE Dance students check ParentPay and complete the payment for any Dance kit that is outstanding. Should you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the front office - thank you.

Year 11 Post-16 Open Events

Thomas Gainsborough School Sixth Form

Message from TGS - Unfortunately, due to the current government guidelines, we are not able to facilitate our Sixth Form Open Evening - apologies.

Nonetheless, please take a look at our [promotional video](#), which will give you an insight into what we offer and what the students, teachers and alumni think.

If you are contemplating TGS Sixth Form as your 'next step', please click the link below:

You should find everything you need to know [here](#), but if you would like to find out anything else, or book an appointment with the Sixth Form Team, please email: sixthform@tgschool.net

Long Road Sixth Form, Cambridge Virtual Tour and Open Evenings

17 and 18 November 5-8:30pm.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-fN8xSWEiU&feature=youtu.be>

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/LongRd6thFormCollegeVirtualOpenEvenings1.pdf>

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/VirtualOpenEveningsNovember2020.pdf>

Hedingham School Sixth Form

Please view the following link regarding the Hedingham School Sixth Form virtual open evening - Thursday 19 November:

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/HedinghamSixthFormOpenEvening2020Poster.pdf>:

The Sixth Form College Colchester

Please view the following information regarding applications:

Online applications open Friday 16 October for September 2021 entry and must be made online via the website: www.colchsfc.ac.uk

The general 'Introduction to the College': https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kp_-JCnAOBY

Prospectus: <https://www.colchsfc.ac.uk/documents/index.php#prospectus>

Further details, for those considering making an application, can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWfrFyljWxg>

How to choose your course of study

guide: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mv9SwndRIQo>

Please look out for more material on YouTube as part of their online 'Open Evening' - to be launched on 23 October 2020.

West Suffolk College

Please view the following links to book a place at WSC's virtual open events that will take place on Saturday 7 November 9am–1pm and Thursday 26 November 5:30–7:30pm

7 November: <https://www.wsc.ac.uk/about-the-college/events/upcoming-events/8168-virtual-open-event-saturday-7-november-2020>

26 November: <https://www.wsc.ac.uk/about-the-college/events/upcoming-events/8169-virtual-open-event-saturday-26-november-2020>

<https://www.wsc.ac.uk/find-a-course/16-18-year-olds>

Otley College, Ipswich Virtual Open Event

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ipswich-campus-taster-event-tickets-120180937419>

1 December 2020 – 5:30-8pm

27 February 2020 – 9:30-12 noon

5 May 2020 – 5:30-8pm

Important Letters & Notices

safe@stourvalley.org - *Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address*

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/ClareCommunityHub-MemoriesareGolden.pdf>

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/YOPEYpandemicInitiativesAgreementUnder18s.pdf>

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/WantedYoungVolunteersToSupportLonelyCareHomeResidentsSecV.pdf>

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/SampleLettersBy11to16yearolds.pdf>

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/Guidanceforparentsrefattendanceatschoolifc hildisunwell.pdf>



