



STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term

Dates

Autumn Term
ends

Fri 18 Dec 2020

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 7 December - Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams continue
 - Friday 11 December - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
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Christmas

Break

Mon 21 Dec 2020

- Fri 1 Jan 2021

Spring Term

starts

Mon 4 Jan 2021

Upcoming Events this December

Friday 11

December

Save the Children
Christmas Jumper
Day

Thursday 17

December

SVCS Vive Canteen
Christmas Lunch,
12:55-1:30pm

Friday 18

December

Last day of
Autumn term,
early closure of
2pm

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>

Christmas Pop-up Gift Shop

The SVCS Charity Council opened a Christmas pop-up shop last week in order to raise money for the Make a Wish charity. Pre-loved and pre-owned items were donated and students purchased a wide range of fabulous gifts. Also, hundreds of candy canes were consumed! So far, we have raised over £120. The Charity Council would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated and supported this wonderful charity.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11 December is Save the Children Charity Christmas Jumper Day and the SVCS Charity Council would like to invite all students to donate £1 in order to wear non-uniform. Students do not need to wear a Christmas jumper - please do not buy one especially - they can wear clothes in a festive colour instead (green, red, gold, silver, for example). Please note that clothes need to be warm and appropriate for lessons. The usual make-up, hair and jewellery policies will still apply. May we kindly request you ensure your child has their bus pass on this day.

Year 7 & 8 Winter Mini Challenge

The current Year 7 and 8 students will all be taking part in The Reading Agency's *Winter Mini Challenge* during their Library Lessons. This challenge is to encourage students to read up to three books from Tuesday 1 December

2020 to Friday 15 January 2021. Once they have finished each book, they will write a review which will then be displayed in the Library.

As an added incentive, the three best reviews from Year 7 and three best from Year 8 will all receive a prize: a book token from our local book shop in Clare, *Harris and Harris*. There is also one prize for the overall winner of a signed book – to be revealed in January

If you wish to find out any further information, please view the poster below. Students are also able to login to The Reading Agency, Winter Mini Challenge and upload their reviews on their website (please note that students are unable to do this at school as we do not have the facility to monitor the site).

Please encourage your child to complete this reading challenge as the more they read the more improvement we see in their English. It is also the perfect opportunity to think about getting a book for Christmas – they make lovely stocking fillers. - *The English Department*.

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

Christmas Concert 2020

Please view the letter below regarding purchase of virtual tickets and USB sticks for the SVCS Christmas Concert:

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/SVCSChristmasConcert2020Rev.pdf>

Year 11 GCSE Results Day 2021

We would like to notify you in advance that the GCSE Results Day for our Year 11 students will be Friday 27 August 2021. Please note that students will be required to collect their results on this day.

Face Coverings

Please 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, or leave one in their blazer on a day that they have PE. We hold an emergency supply of face masks for our first aiders and would appreciate your support in this matter to ensure our supply is not depleted - 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

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.

New Suffolk College

Virtual Taster Events:

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

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

Sports Coaching Specialists

Recruitment

information: <http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/SCSAcademyRecruitment2020.pdf>

West Suffolk College

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

National Apprenticeship Week, w/c 8 February 2021. Please register your interest on the events page: <https://www.wsc.ac.uk/about-the-college/events/upcoming-events/8240-national-apprenticeship-week-2021>

Important Letters & Notices

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/COVID19TierPosters2020Final.pdf> - COVID-19 Tier 2 Poster

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/SevereWeatherProceduresDec20ApprovedRevised41220.pdf> - Severe weather procedures

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/2020foodbankposter.pdf> - Haverhill Foodbank

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

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/OneCopStopNewsletterSecondaryAntibullying.pdf> - Suffolk Constabulary Newsletter

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

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/YOPEYpandemicinitiativesAgreementUnder18s.pdf> - Clare Community Hub

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/WantedYoungVolunteersToSupportLonelyCareHomeResidentsSecV.pdf> - Clare Community Hub

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/SampleLettersBy11to16yearolds.pdf> - Clare Community Hub

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/Guidanceforparentsrefattendanceatschoolifchildisunwell.pdf> - Attendance guidance for unwell students

