



# STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

## Parent/Carer Bulletin

### Dates for your Diary

- *No dates for your diary next week*

#### ***Autumn Term Dates***

Half  
Term

Mon 26 Oct -  
Fri 30 Oct  
2020

### Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day

Thank you to all our students for their participation, and generous donations made to the Charity *Young Minds*, please view the below photos of some of our students and staff in their yellow attire!:

**Non-pupil  
Day**

Fri 20 Nov  
2020

**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  
October**

*No events this  
month*



## COVID Risk Assessment & Routines

Please view the following Student and Parent Guidance document to accompany our COVID Risk Assessment

document: <http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/ParentandStudentInfoforSept2020return09091.pdf> - The full document is available on request.

Following a successful first five weeks back at school, we do not want to be complacent. Please do go over the guidance with your son or daughter again.

Key points on hygiene are below:

Washing and sanitising is encouraged frequently throughout the day.

Every classroom will be equipped with cleaning/sanitising equipment to be used in the last 5 minutes of each lesson.

Enhanced cleaning regime is in operation, with 'high-touch' areas prioritised.

In addition, we **recommend** the responsible wearing of face coverings by students and staff when they are in indoor communal areas (hall, corridors, toilets, queuing for lunch) of the school to further reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission. Some staff may wear visors in classrooms, in line with individual risk assessments.

**The wearing of face masks is mandatory on public transport and recommended on school buses.**

## **Year 11 Post-16 Information**

The Year 11 students should now start to look at their post-16 options for next year, it will come round very quickly! Due to the current situation, we are unable to hold whole year assemblies, so we have asked each post-16 provider to send us a presentation which the tutors will show during tutor time. Prospectuses are being sent in the next few weeks and we will advise you of the open evenings (these will be virtual) in due course. We would like all students to have applied to their chosen college/sixth form by Christmas. Students can apply for more than one course, with more than one provider. They can then make a decision when they receive their GCSE results next year. If you have any questions, please contact [keady@stourvalley.org](mailto:keady@stourvalley.org)

## **Year 11 Post-16 Open Events**

**Ipswich High School, Ipswich** - 30 September 2020

Contact Rebecca Geoghegan - [r.geoghegan@ipswichhighschool.co.uk](mailto:r.geoghegan@ipswichhighschool.co.uk) 01473 780201

**Suffolk One, Ipswich** - 10 October 2020, 9:30am-12:30pm

**Colchester Institute, Colchester Virtual Open Event** - 13 October 2020, 6-8pm.

Book online - <https://www.colchester.ac.uk/events/#open-events>

**Otley College, Ipswich Virtual Open Event** - 15 October 2020, 5:30-8pm

Book online -

<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

**Hills Road Virtual Open Events**

19 and 20 October from 4pm - visit:

<https://www.hillsroad.ac.uk/open-evenings> - (updated link)

### **Long Road Sixth Form, Cambridge Virtual Tour**

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

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/OctLongRoadSFCVirtualPost16EveningYear11StudentParentEmail.pdf>

### **Adolescent Mental Health & Wellbeing**

Over the next week SVCS will continue to raise awareness of adolescent Mental Health and Wellbeing. This has already begun with staff sharing how they manage their stress and anxiety. For more information please view the following

link: <https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Students will also be showcasing their creative skills and depicting what Mental Health means to them through creating posters - to be shared around school. They will also be shown some different ways to manage stress and anxiety during tutor times and PSHE lessons. For more information please contact Miss L Howard, Mrs H Bruton or Miss S Woods.

### **Attendance Guidance for Parents/Carers**

Please view the following link for guidance regarding attendance if your child is unwell:

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

