

Parent Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

20 Dec 2023, last day of Autumn term * **Early closure of 12pm on 20 December**

21 Dec 2023 - 3 Jan 2024, Christmas Break

Events this December

Friday 1 December

Year 7 English visit to Clare Library and Book Shop 7ESP, 1:40-3pm

Monday 4 December

Year 11 RS Cambridge Central Mosque Trip, 1-4pm

Tuesday 5 December

Year 7 English visit to Clare Library and Book Shop 7FR, 1:40-3pm

Thursday 7 December

School Nurse Student Drop-in session in U13 (Wellbeing room), lunchtime

Wednesday 13 December

VIVE Canteen Christmas Lunch 2023, 12:55-1:40pm

Thursday 14 December

Performing Arts Christmas Concert 2023 first showing for Year 5 and 6 primary school students, 2-3pm

Thursday 14 December

Performing Arts Christmas Concert 2023, 7-9pm

Thursday 14 December

School Nurse Student Drop-in session in U13 (Wellbeing room), lunchtime

Wednesday 20 December

Final day of Autumn Term, *early closure of 12pm on this day

Dates for your diary week commencing 27 November:

- **Thursday 30 November** - School Nurse Student Drop-in session in U13 (Wellbeing room), lunchtime
- **Thursday 30 November** - Year 9 Parents/Carers Evening (virtual), 4:30-7:30pm
- **Friday 1 December** - Year 7 English visit to Clare Library and Book Shop 7ESP, 1:40-3pm

Purple Day 2023

Stour Valley Community School celebrated Purple Day this week in memory and celebration of Haydn Restarick, who sadly died in summer 2022. Haydn would now have been in Year 12, loved the colour purple and the annual event was held on his birthday, 22nd November. Students and staff wore non-uniform, often choosing to wear purple, and donated money to Addenbrookes Hospital, where Haydn was cared for. Although younger students did not know Haydn, the day provided the whole community with an opportunity to remember things which were important to him, including the playing of games and the importance of friendships. A total of £556.63 was raised.



English Teaching and Learning Questionnaire

As part of continuing commitment to reviewing the quality of teaching and learning at Stour Valley, we would very much like to hear your views about your child's English lessons. Please share your thoughts by completing this brief questionnaire by Sunday 10 December. <https://forms.office.com/e/dbwrWhZASu>

Green Day

Green Day is on 22 March 2024. Please donate to our Graffle. This is a *green* raffle, so we are ideally looking for green coloured and/or eco-friendly donations. Please drop them off at reception. All funds to go to our green initiatives. Students should wear green and bring some money for lovely cakes and the world-famous Graffle :).

Year 11 Food & Nutrition

Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students are going to be trialling their chosen exam dishes over the coming weeks ahead of their final practical exam. These dates have been given to the students (and added to *Edulink*) with a reminder of what to do on the day. Please check with students the date and what ingredients they will require for both the trials and final exam. The school provides basic ingredients as always, but fresh produce, meat and dairy will not. Please email if you require any further information at: hiannone@stourvalley.org - kind regards, Mrs Iannone.

Library Book Sale

There will be a book sale by the library everyday next week. Students can purchase one book for 30p or two books for 50p!

SVCS Food Bank 2023

SVCS
Food
Bank
Collection

27.11.23-
08.12.23

All donations
to Miss Woods
in U7



Christmas Shopping List

We're incredibly grateful for anything you can donate to the foodbank to help local people facing hardship this Christmastime.

- Tubs of chocolate
- Mince pies
- Christmas cake
- Festive savoury nibbles
- Sweets
- Yule log or Stollen
- Selection boxes
- Crackers for cheese
- Christmas pudding

Please: No items containing alcohol eg brandy

NOT needed:

- ~~Beans~~
- ~~Tinned vegetables~~
- ~~Pasta~~
- ~~Tinned fish~~
- ~~Biscuits~~
- ~~Soup~~
- ~~Tinned meat~~

Reach Community Projects
0800 0096710 info@reachhaverhill.org.uk
www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/christmas



Competition for Aspiring Chefs

A fantastic opportunity for students aged 14 to 16 to win a free place on a six-week cookery programme.

Future Chef Programme – Edmunds Restaurant (wsc.ac.uk)

About the competition: Future Chefs! Are you a flavour connoisseur, someone who simply enjoys cooking, or an artist with food? Prepare for a culinary adventure designed exclusively for talented 14–16-year-olds aspiring to be future chefs in the world of hospitality. You have the chance to win one of just 12 spots in our prestigious 6-week Future Chefs Cookery Course, usually priced at £300, making it an exceptional opportunity!

In 250 words or less, share your culinary passion and aspirations. Simply tell us why you want to be part of this programme and express your passion for cooking. Whether you aspire to be a chef, enjoy cooking for your loved ones, or want to learn a new skill in the kitchen, let us know why this opportunity is a game-changer for you. Let your culinary passion shine.

If you are chosen as one of our lucky winners, you'll work in a professional commercial kitchen, refine your culinary skills, and get a glimpse of the hospitality world. It's a chance to ignite your culinary passion and take the first step towards your dream career.

The Choose Hospitality - Future Chef Competition

West Suffolk Council
West Suffolk College



University of Suffolk - Years 7, 8 and 9

The University of Suffolk have their bi-annual **Family Awareness Day** coming up on Saturday 25 November. Whilst Higher Education seems a long way off, the choices children make at school may affect their choices at 16 and 18. This is for children in Years 7, 8 and 9 and their parents/carers to learn more about university and to meet with some of our current students. Families will take part in a fun programme of activities and learn more about the benefits of Higher Education and Student Finance. Lunch is also provided!





Important Letters & Notices

<https://support.overnetdata.com/knowledge-base/how-do-parents-update-their-information-in-edulink-one/> - *How do parents/carers view and update their information in EduLink One*

[Microsoft Word - PSHE Parental Advice \(stourvalleycommunityschool.org\)](https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/letters-from-the-headteacher) - *PSHE Parental Advice*

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/letters-from-the-headteacher> - *Letters from the Headteacher*

studentabsence@stourvalley.org - *Stour Valley Community School Attendance reporting email address*

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

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