

Parent Carer Bulletin

Spring Term Dates

3 Jan 2024, Non-pupil Day

4 Jan 2024, Students return for Spring Term

Events this January

Wednesday 3 January - Non-pupil Day

Thursday 4 January - Students return for Spring Term

Thursday 4 January - School Nurse Student Drop-in session in U13 (Wellbeing room), lunchtime

Tuesday 9 January - Year 7 English Visit to Clare Library and Book Shop 7FRE, 1:40-3pm

Thursday 11 January - School Nurse Student Drop-in session in U13 (Wellbeing room), lunchtime

Thursday 11 January - Tracksuit Day in memory of Harley Barfield - non-uniform day event

Thursday 18 January - Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening, 4:30-7:30pm

Thursday 18 January - School Nurse Student Drop-in session in U13 (Wellbeing room), lunchtime

Thursday 25 January - School Nurse Student Drop-in session in U13 (Wellbeing room), lunchtime

Monday 29 January - Year 11 group and individual photograph session with Kittle Photographic, 8:30am-12pm

Dates for your diary week commencing 4 January 2024:

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End of Autumn Term Letter from the Headteacher

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/End_of_Autumn_Term_2023_Letter_from_the_Headteacher.pdf

Message from the Charity Council

The Charity Council Pop-up Christmas shop raised £73.53 for the charity *Shelter* as well as collecting 15.4kg of food for Haverhill Food Bank. We would like to say a huge thanks to everyone who donated and supported the Charity Council and their nominated charities. *Merry Christmas!*

Asthma Care Plans

Our SVCS Asthma Ambassadors would like to thank parents/carers for providing their child's current Asthma Care Plan during the Autumn Term. If you are yet to provide a copy or have recently been provided an updated plan, we kindly ask that a copy is provided to the Front Office at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Important Message re: Bus Routes Operated by Hedingham/Chambers

We have been asked to publish the following message for Hedingham/Chambers about changes to their timetable and removal of the 237 bus from Sudbury to Stour Valley Community School:

Hedingham & Chambers (Suffolk area) timetable changes – 3 January 2024 affects routes 236, 237, 373, 374, 375, 716, 751, 753, 757, 758.

From Wednesday 3rd January 2024 we will be making some changes across the Suffolk area of the Hedingham & Chambers network. These changes are to improve punctuality, reliability and better match supply with demand.

236 Sudbury - Stour Valley Community School

The 0709 journey from Great Cornard is retimed and will now commence from Sudbury Bus Station at 0718. On schooldays this journey will terminate at Stour Valley Community School.

The 0650 journey from Sudbury to Clare is retimed and will operate 4 minutes earlier.

The route 236 journeys which serve SVCS will be operated by a larger double decker with extra seats.

237 Sudbury – Stour Valley Community School

Due to low usage this route will be withdrawn.

Please use route 236 instead, which will be operated by a larger double decker bus with extra seats to ensure passengers have a seat.

Passengers boarding in Great Waldingfield and Acton should get in touch with Hedingham & Chambers buses about possible alternatives as the 236 does not service these villages – email geaschools@goeastanglia.co.uk.

'Bus SVX' Sible Hedingham – Steeple Bumpstead - Stour Valley Community School

The morning journey will operate 5 minutes earlier to ensure a prompt arrival at the school.

This is operated by Hedingham & Chambers under contract to DeVere Travel.

<https://www.hedinghamandchambers.co.uk/news>

Latest Rules Around Covid-19 in Schools

Respiratory infections, including the common cold and COVID-19, are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months. For most children and young people, these illnesses will not be serious, and they will soon recover following rest and plenty of fluids. Routine testing for Covid-19 ended in April 2022 and UK Health and Security Agency (UKHSA) guidance says that it is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

Can my child go to school if they have Covid-19 symptoms?

As COVID-19 presents a low risk to children and young people, combined with high vaccination rates in the population, there are no longer specific rules relating to it in schools, colleges, childcare and other education settings. Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to go to school, college or childcare. However, those who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

Student Lost Property

Please advise your child to visit reception to check the lost property stand prior to the last day of Autumn Term as we have several PE kits and coats in storage. Please note that the stand will be renewed at the end of term, with items being donated/disposed of accordingly, thank you.



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*

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