

# Parent Carer Bulletin

## Spring Term Dates

**Monday 26 February**, students return from Half Term

## Events this March

**Thursday 29 February**, School Nurse Student Drop-in session in room G1a, lunchtime

**Thursday 29 February**, Year 7 Thriftwood Information Evening, 7-8pm

**Friday 1 March**, non-uniform day for BEAT charity

**Wednesday 6 March**, The Woman in Black at the Regent Theatre - Ipswich, 5:45-11pm

**Thursday 7 March**, Year 8 Parents/Carers Evening, 4:30-7:30pm

**Thursday 7 March**, World Book Day

**Thursday 7 March**, School Nurse Student Drop-in session in room G1a, lunchtime

**Friday 8 March**, Prince's Trust Enrichment activity, 9:30am-2pm

**Thursday 14 March**, Year 9 Options Evening, 6-8pm

**Thursday 14 March**, School Nurse Student Drop-in session in room G1a, lunchtime

**Monday 18 March**, CEC school-based activity, all day

**Monday 18 March**, Year 10 Prince's Trust WSC Tour both buildings, 9am-2pm

**Tuesday 19 March**, Year 8 & 9 Shakespeare Workshop, 8:30am-1pm

**Thursday 21 March**, School Nurse Student Drop-in session in room G1a, lunchtime

**Friday 22 March**, Year 9 Meningitis ACWY TDP Vaccination Session

**Thursday 27 March**, School Nurse Student Drop-in session in room G1a, lunchtime

**Friday 29 March**, Bank Holiday Friday

## Dates for your diary week commencing 26 February:

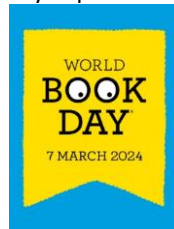
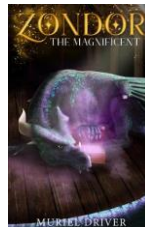
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## Year 11 Leavers Hoodies Day

Please note that the payment deadline for leavers hoodies is Thursday 29 February, colour and size can be selected via the Year 11 TEAMS page.

## Year 7 World Book Day

For the attention of Year 7 Parents & Carers: World Book Day this year will be Thursday 7 March. We are very lucky to have the author *Muriel Driver* visiting SVCS and running sessions with all our Year 7 students, as well as a 'Meet an Author' opportunity for all other students. Signed copies of her book *Zondor the Magnificent* will be available on the day, however if any students want to read the book in advance, they can buy copies at the Harris and Harris Bookshop in Clare.



## GCSE Art & Photography Session

There are GCSE Art and Photography sessions every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime for Year 10 and 11 students.

## VIVE Canteen

We kindly request, on behalf of VIVE Canteen, that student break/lunch accounts are brought up to sufficient funds ready for purchases to be made via the canteen after Half Term, thank you.

## Year 8 & 9 Parents/Carers - Shakespeare Workshops

In the English Department we have managed to secure a prestigious theatre company to come to the school to complete a two-hour workshop with our students. Year 8 will be working on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and Year 9 on 'Romeo and Juliet'. Please see information regarding the workshops below as well as about the theatre company. In order for this to go ahead we are asking for a £7 donation for each student, which needs to be made by Thursday 7 March. If there are any issues concerning this payment, then please contact Mrs Higgins via email: [khiggins@stourvalley.org](mailto:khiggins@stourvalley.org).



**Sky Blue's Shakespeare Rewired® workshops have been performed across the country at over 300 schools to over 50,000 delighted students.**

Secondary School Shakespeare Rewired (KS3)

**Our Shakespeare Rewired® workshop facilitators are all professional, classically trained actors with years of experience in both education and stage performance. Using skills they have acquired working for companies such as The Royal Shakespeare Company, The National Theatre, The Globe and The Reduced Shakespeare Company our talented facilitators guide your students carefully through one of Shakespeare's stories.**

**The two-hour workshops include a performance of the story with student volunteers and an in-depth look at key scenes with a chance for students to re-direct our actors and evaluate the outcome. There may also be a chance to hot seat characters during the 'Jeremy Vile show'.**

### 2 Hour Workshops

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- Includes a costumed telling of the story using student volunteers to play the roles
  - Followed by a focus on key scenes as laid out

### Romeo & Juliet Example YEAR 9

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- In depth look at Sampson & Gregory in Act I Sc. I
  - Hot-seat family members from Act III Sc. V
  - Make both good and bad decisions when re-staging Act V Sc.III

## Year 9 - Careers Day

As you are aware this Wednesday students in this year group had the opportunity to be out of their usual classes for a day to experience different elements around the theme of careers and post-16 opportunities. They had 2 hours with the Medical Mavericks looking at skills in health and science including drunk goggles, keyhole surgery and taking blood. 1 hour with police learning about the risks of County Lines as well as careers in policing - some students even had an experience in handcuffs! Another hour students accessed Morrisby, our careers platform to consider GCSE options and career aptitude. Their final session was a careers enterprise task which was judged by local professionals. As well as this they had an assembly from the Eastern Education Group outlining post-16 opportunities including apprenticeships, A Levels, College courses and others. This year group will likely have an opportunity for small group sessions with a careers advisor at the end of this year and a one-to-one session in September.

If you would like further information about each of these sessions to facilitate further conversation at home, please follow the links below:

- [Medical Mavericks – We inspire the next generation of medics and scientists.](#)
- [County lines | Suffolk Constabulary](#)
- [Join us | Suffolk Constabulary](#)
- [Morrisby](#) (All students have a log in for this and will be able to show you around the platform)
- [Eastern Education Group \(wsc.ac.uk\)](http://wsc.ac.uk)

## Design Technology Year 11 RM & Graphics

The deadline for manufacturing outcomes as part of the NEA coursework is the start of February half term. The final submission deadline for the entire NEA coursework portfolio is **Friday 15 March**. We would recommend that students use time at home to catch up on any previous missing digital pages. Lesson time between half term and 15 March will be devoted to the Testing & Evaluating section. After 15 March no more can be added to projects and moderation will commence. This project is worth 50% of the overall grade. Support can be found on Teams in the 'Class Materials' folder or on the shared folder via the Remote Desktop (same username/password that students use for IT in school). The link for the Remote Desktop can be found on Teams or the website.

## Year 7 Thriftwood Payment Reminder

We would like to kindly remind you that the balance for the Thriftwood Summer Camp trip requires settlement via ParentPay by the end of April. Please note that partial payments can be made up until that time to ease the cost if required.



## Important Letters & Notices

[https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/2023\\_Jul\\_Mental\\_Health\\_Working\\_Paper.pdf](https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/2023_Jul_Mental_Health_Working_Paper.pdf) - *Mental Health Insights Working Paper*

<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*

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

[studentabsence@stourvalley.org](mailto:studentabsence@stourvalley.org) - *Stour Valley Community School Attendance reporting email address*

[safe@stourvalley.org](mailto:safe@stourvalley.org) - *Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address*

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