



# STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

## Parent/Carer Bulletin

### **Autumn Term Dates**

#### **Half Term**

Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June  
2021

#### **Summer Term ends**

Friday 16 July 2021

#### **Summer Break**

From Monday 19 July 2021

### **Upcoming Events this May**

#### **Monday 24 May**

Let's Talk T Levels (virtual  
assembly) for all Year Groups,  
1:40-2pm

#### **Tuesday 25 May**

Next Steps (virtual assembly) for  
Year 10, 1:40-2pm

### **Dates for your Diary this Week**

- Monday 24 May - Let's Talk T Levels (virtual assembly) for all Year Groups, 1:40-2pm
- Tuesday 25 May - Next Steps (virtual assembly) for Year 10, 1:40-2pm
- Thursday 27 May - Wear Green non-uniform day
- Thursday 27 May - Year 10 weekly Psychology revision session, 3-4pm
- Friday 28 May - Year 11 Leavers' Event, break time - 12:30pm

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### **Year 11 Leavers' Event 2021**

As you are aware your child's Leavers' Event finishes at 12:30pm on Friday 28 May 2021. Therefore, your child requires collection from school at this time with the requirement for all Year 11s to be off site no later than 12:55pm. May we kindly confirm that once your child has left our site, they are at this time, your responsibility and should not proceed to meet in a group larger than 30 - as this will be a breach of government guidance.

Thank you for your support in this matter and we look forward to an enjoyable Leavers' Event.

#### Thursday 27 May

Year 10 weekly Psychology  
revision session, 3-4pm

#### Thursday 27 May

Non-uniform Wear Green Day -  
supporting SVCS Eco Projects

#### Friday 28 May

Year 11 Leavers' Event, break  
time - 12:30pm (collections from  
SVCS by 12:55pm)

## Year 11 Leavers' Event - Non-uniform update

We would like to update you following the letter distributed on Friday 7 May - Year 11 students are now advised to attend school on their last day (Friday 28 May) in non-uniform, ready for their Leavers Event after break time. As is tradition, we understand that our students will want to sign their friends' shirts as a keepsake. Therefore, we have designated Thursday 27 May for this. Please note that as this is *Wear Green Day* (non-uniform charity day) we advise students pack their school shirt in their bag for this purpose. *As a result, our Year 11 students will be in non-uniform for two consecutive days.*

## Year 11 Lunch Accounts

Please would you check your son/daughter's lunch account between now and Friday and ensure that it is topped up. Unfortunately, if there are insufficient funds they cannot use the canteen facility. If your son/daughter leaves with a credit balance on their account, this will either be transferred to a sibling or refunded.

## Lateral-flow Testing at Home

It will be even more important now that your child should take their lateral-flow test twice a week at home, each result should be recorded via the test register link - received via email as a reminder the day of your child's test. Thank you for your support in this matter and for your ongoing support throughout this pandemic.



## School Nurse Drop in Service

We are pleased to confirm that our School Nurse drop-in service for students will be resuming this Summer term, scheduled for the following dates:

Monday 7 June 12:55-2pm in G6

Monday 5 July 12:55-2pm in G6

## Activity Afternoons come to SVCS

What a strange year it has been. During most academic years, Stour Valley Community School students would have been able to take part in a raft of Period 6 activities as well as visits in the UK and overseas.

Staff at Stour Valley Community School would like to try and address this and provide every student with some time out of the usual curriculum and help them experience something different over the next few weeks. The plans for these 'Activity Afternoons' are now well underway and the staff are working hard to develop some fantastic opportunities for everyone. The aim is for the whole school to go 'off timetable' for one afternoon each week and try something different, work together as a team and learn some new skills.

### When will they be?

One afternoon each week on different days. Initial dates: Mon June, Tuesday 15 June, Wednesday 23 June, Thurs 1 July, Fri 9 July, Mon 12 July. As so many of the activities are outside, we expect to move some of these dates in the event of wet weather. If this happens we will let you know.

### What are the activities?

Students will take part in 6 different activities over the 6 week half term. One activity each week. The activities have been selected for each year group and include some sport, team building, relaxation and creative tasks too. More on these to follow in the next few days.

### How will students be grouped?

Students will be in the same groups they have for Technology subjects. Year 10 students will be in groups similar to the Technology groups they had in Year 9. Each group will not contain any more than 20 students.

#### **What will they need?**

All students to wear PE kit on the days when they have an 'Activity Afternoon'. We recommend they bring in a water bottle. A hat and sun cream will be needed for outdoor activities. Lunch as usual.

#### **How long will the activities last?**

After lunch (1:35pm) until 3pm. All within the school day with usual transport home.

#### **How much will the activities cost?**

No cost to parents and carers.

#### **What happens next?**

Students will be given a timetable of their 6 activities next week. There will also be a short video explaining the activities during form time before they leave for the half term break on 28 May.

#### **How can I support?**

The activities have been selected because they are appropriate for your child's year group. There will be some activities that some students will find easy, others more difficult and some out of their comfort zone. This is all part of wanting to provide the opportunity to try new things. Keeping an open mind and encouraging everyone to try something new will ensure that students get the most out of these opportunities. Your support in this will be invaluable.

Thanks for your continued support

### **Co-op Local Community Fund - Have You Chosen Your Cause?**

If you are a Co-op member and have already downloaded the Co-op app, please click on the "membership" button and scroll down to choose your worthy cause. It would be great if you opt for us, Stour

Valley Community School! ***At the moment, there is £2,120.68***

***available in our local community as many Co-op members still haven't chosen a cause yet.*** Alternatively, if you are not already a member it would be wonderful if you could please download the Co-op app on your mobile phones and sign up. It's really easy to do and only takes 5 minutes. **Money raised is going towards our open-air swimming pool to help keep it open for the local Community.**

**Clare Swimming Club offer affordable entrance fees to use our fantastic facility which benefits everyone locally, in the form of exercise and wellbeing, and in a safe and fun environment.**

**Summer is just around the corner, and hopefully, as it is an**

**open-air pool, it would be great to be able to use it this year following government guidelines of course!** Thank you in anticipation of you choosing your local outdoor pool.



## SVCS Green Day

Stour Valley's first ever Green Day is next Thursday 27 May. Students are invited to wear non uniform/wear green, and to bring in a £1 donation to raise funds to help make Stour a more environmentally friendly school! Seed balls will also be on sale at break and lunch - 20p each or 5 for £1 - these can be planted anywhere and have approximately 31 wildflower seeds in each one.

## Uniform & Equipment

Unfortunately, an increasing number of students are forgetting their school tie on a daily basis. Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions, our supply of ties that we are able to loan our students is limited, as each use requires laundering. We would greatly appreciate your support in this matter, by ensuring your child has their tie (and other equipment) before departing for school. In addition, an increasing number of students are attending in hoodies, please note that they may be confiscated and cannot be returned for break and lunch but will instead be held for collection at 3pm -Thank you.

## Data Changes

Please use the SIMS Parent App to advise us of any changes to your address, contact details etc. For parents/carers of students diagnosed with Asthma, may we kindly request you ensure you have entered a tick against *Emergency Inhaler Consent*, this will permit us to provide and emergency inhaler should your child forget their own whilst at school. If you are having trouble accessing the app, please contact [info@stourvalley.org](mailto:info@stourvalley.org) - the app guide is also available within our *Important Letter & Notices* section. Thank you.

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# Important Letters & Notices

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/could-you-foster> - *NEXUS Fostering*

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call\\_to\\_a\\_member\\_function\\_getElements\\_on\\_null/Year\\_11\\_Leavers\\_Event\\_Friday\\_28\\_May\\_2021.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Year_11_Leavers_Event_Friday_28_May_2021.pdf) - *Year 11 Leavers Event Information*

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/suffolk-rurals-big-day-out-tickets-151961199037> - *Suffolk Rural's Big Day Out, Thursday 3 June*

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/fitness-training-academy> - *Post-16 Training opportunity*

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call\\_to\\_a\\_member\\_function\\_getElements\\_on\\_null/Awarding\\_of\\_GCSE\\_Grades\\_2021.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Awarding_of_GCSE_Grades_2021.pdf) - *Year 11 Awarding of GCSE Grades 2021 information*

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call\\_to\\_a\\_member\\_function\\_getElements\\_on\\_null/Year\\_7\\_Summer\\_Camp\\_2021\\_Cancellation\\_Confirmation.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Year_7_Summer_Camp_2021_Cancellation_Confirmation.pdf) - *Thriftwood Summer Camp Cancellation Notice*

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

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call\\_to\\_a\\_member\\_function\\_getElements\\_on\\_null/sims\\_parent\\_app\\_guide.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/sims_parent_app_guide.pdf) - *SIMS Parent App Guide*