



STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

Autumn Term ends

Friday 17 December 2021 (*school day ends at the earlier time of 2pm*).

Christmas Break

Monday 20 December 2021 - Tuesday 4 January 2022

Spring Term starts

Wednesday 5 January 2022

Upcoming Events this December

Monday 6 December

School Nurse student drop-in service in G6, lunchtime

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 6 December

- Monday 6 December - School Nurse student drop-in service in G6, lunchtime
- Tuesday 7 December - Student Wellbeing Ambassador training for selected students
- Tuesday 7 December - SVCS Virtual Christmas Concert, 1st showing, evening event
- Tuesday 7 December - U13 Year 7 & 8 Netball away at OSA, departing at 2:50pm
- Wednesday 8 December - SVCS Virtual Christmas Concert, 2nd showing, evening event
- Friday 10 December - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Face Coverings/Masks - Transport Services

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Friday 10 December

Save the Children Christmas Jumper non-uniform day

Wednesday 15 November

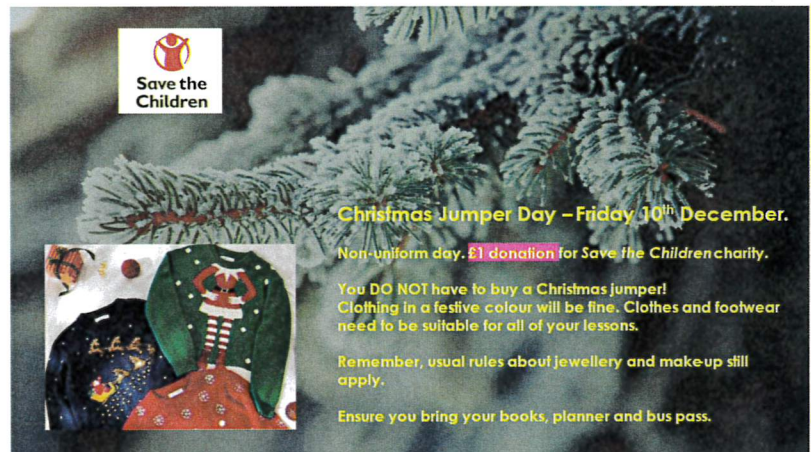
SVCS Christmas Lunch

Friday 17 December

Last day of Autumn Term, school day ends at the earlier time of 2pm

We kindly remind that face masks/coverings are required on transport services unless a student is exempt.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

The poster features a background of a snow-covered evergreen tree. In the top left corner is the Save the Children logo. On the left side, there is an inset image showing three Christmas jumpers: one with a Santa Claus design, one with a reindeer, and one with a snowflake pattern. To the right of the jumpers, the text reads: "Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10th December. Non-uniform day. £1 donation for Save the Children charity. You DO NOT have to buy a Christmas jumper! Clothing in a festive colour will be fine. Clothes and footwear need to be suitable for all of your lessons. Remember, usual rules about jewellery and make-up still apply. Ensure you bring your books, planner and bus pass."

SVCS Christmas Lunch

This year the SVCS Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 15 December. We kindly ask that parents/carers ensure lunch accounts are at sufficient funds for the day - the cost of the meal is £2.47 (which includes pigs in blankets) and the vegetarian option is £2.30 - thank you.

Christmas Concert - Lateral Flow Testing

In order to film the concert piece more safely and without face coverings, we are asking that students take an LFT test on the morning of their filming session, which are as follows:

Drama Club: Monday

7SPA Music: Tuesday

7FRE, 7FR and 7SP Music: Wednesday

Year 10 Drama: Thursday

Technology Rotations

Technology Rotation from Monday 6 December 2021:

Year 7

RM to Food

Food to Textiles

Textiles to RM

Year 8

RM to Food

Food to Graphics

Graphics to RM

SVCS Martial Arts Club

Many thanks to all parents/carers/relatives and friends of students who have contributed to our fundraiser. We are now over the £200 total and will be purchasing new punch bags and gloves for our students to use in their training. Particular congratulations - so far - (and a prize awarded by the school) to:

Ira Smith-Adams

Mack King

For their excellent total sponsor monies!!

GCSE Science Guides

If your child is awaiting an order for a Combined Science guide or Triple Science guides, we are pleased to confirm they are now available. Please advise your child to visit Reception to collect their order, thank you.

SVCS Code of Ethics


We invite our parents and carers to view the following video presentation featuring our Student Wellbeing Ambassadors, they have also collaboratively produced Code of Ethics posters which are displayed around the school: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=li0-flFqgBE>

GCSE Psychology Revision

The Psychology Period 6 revision sessions will recommence in the new year.

SVCS Christmas Collection

This festive season at SVCS we are once again collecting donations for the *Haverhill Foodbank*. Students are advised to deliver any donations to U7 where they will be gratefully received - thank you.



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SVC'S Christmas Collection 2021

Christmas foods to donate:



- Christmas Sweets / Chocolates
- Luxury sweet biscuits
- Yule logs / Nice cakes
- Small Christmas Cakes
- Savoury biscuits
- Pickles / Chutneys
- Christmas Crackers

Items the foodbank are running low on:

- Custard
- Sugar
- Sponge pudding (non-refrigerated)
- Tinned potatoes
- Coffee
- Chocolate/sweets
- Fruit squash

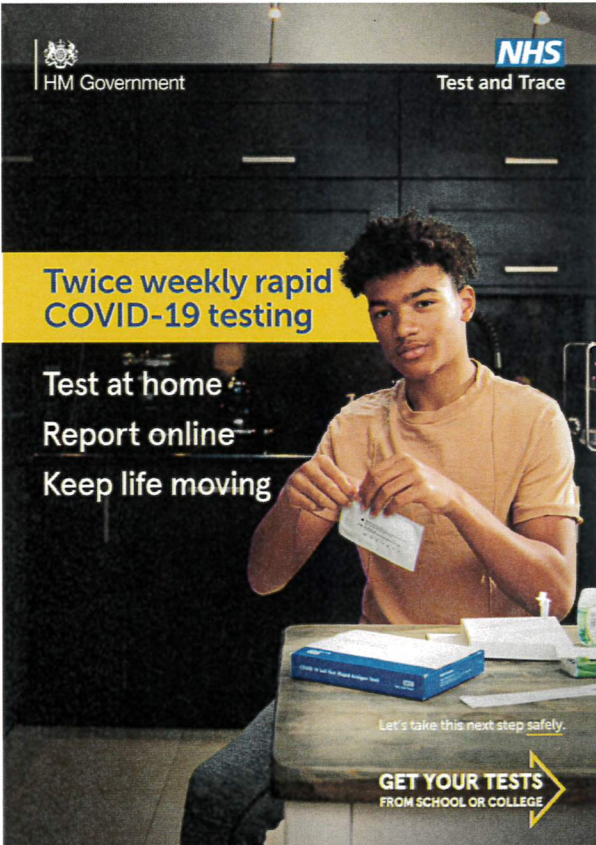
All donations to:
Miss Woods in U7

Please ensure all items have at least 6 months on the best before date.

Twice Weekly Rapid COVID-19 Testing

Please ensure your child is completing a lateral flow test twice weekly. If your child needs any further provisions, please ask them to visit reception to collect a box - thank you.



HM Government

NHS
Test and Trace

Twice weekly rapid COVID-19 testing

Test at home
Report online
Keep life moving

Let's take this next step safely.

GET YOUR TESTS
FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

Exams 2022 Letter to Students

Please view the following letter written by Jo Saxton Ofqual's Chief Regulator regarding GCSE Examinations 2022:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students>

Written Exams Summer 2022

16 May 2022 – 27 June 2022 The JCQ designated national exam contingency day for 2022 is 29 June 2022 and candidates must ensure that they are available to sit exams up to and including this date, should the need arise. Candidates and their parents/carers are advised not to book holidays to commence until after 29 June 2022.

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

Please view the following Year 11 GCSE Mock Exam timetable for your information, this is also displayed to students via the daily Student

Bulletin: https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Year_11_GCSE_Mock_Examination_Timetable.pdf

Year 11 Mock Exam Support

With the upcoming mock exams in mind, the Educational Psychologists at Suffolk County Council are offering workshops on supporting our young people through exams. Links to the next events are here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/top-tips-for-supporting-young-people-through-exam-season-tickets-167870291561?keep_tld=1 and <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/top-tips-for-supporting-young-people-through-exam-season-tickets-167870949529?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

They also run other workshops that might be of interest and the timetable for these is available here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/wellbeing-for-education-return/latest-wellbeing-news/>

As well as this there are some additional videos and resources on the school website: <https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/svcs-wellbeing/exam-stress>

School Nurse Drop-in Service

The next school nurse drop-in service will be available to our students during lunchtime on Monday 6 December. We will update you with further session dates in the Spring Term.

Kooth Resources

Kooth is designed to support the wellbeing and resilience of young people and is available for 11-25 year olds in Suffolk. Kooth is running free online parent/carer information sessions - designed to help you understand how

Kooth can support your child with their mental health and wellbeing, please view the following parent/carer information letter for further details:

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Parent_Carer_Information_Sessions_-_Sept_to_Dec_2021.docx.pdf

Discover everything Kooth has to offer including free online counselling support for young people:

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/September_Back_to_school.pdf

2021/22 Post-16, College & Sixth Form Events

Abbeygate Sixth Form College

Open event - Saturday 15 January 2022, 9am-2pm

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Abbeygate_Open_Events_1.pdf

This section will be updated regularly as we receive event information and dates from colleges and sixth forms.

Year 11 NCS Assembly

We are pleased to confirm that NCS (National Citizen Service) have scheduled an assembly with our Year 11 students on Monday 31 January 2022 during afternoon tutor time, 1:40-2pm <https://wearencs.com/>

Important Letters & Notices

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/extra-curricular-activities> - *Extra-curricular activities Autumn 2021*

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/SCC_Communication_regarding_vaccinations_for_12_to_15_year_olds.pdf - *Suffolk County Council Covid-19 vaccinations ages 12-15*

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/SCC_Parental_communication_enhanced_control_measures_October_2021.pdf - *Suffolk County Council Covid-19 enhanced control measures*

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/GCSE_Technology_Letter_24.09.21.pdf - *GCSE Technology Letter 2021-22*

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Key_Stage_3_Design_Technology_2021-2022.pdf - *Key Stage 3 Design Technology 2021-22*

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/GCSE_Food_Preparation_and_Nutrition_2021_2022.pdf - *GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition 2021-22*

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Covid_Contingency_Plan_2021-22.pdf - *Covid Contingency Plan 2021-22*

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Remote_Learning_2021-22.docx_1.pdf - *Remote Learning Plan 2021-22*

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 - *SIMS Parent App Guide*