

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

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 13 December

- **Monday 13 December - Vaccination UK catch-up nasal influenza immunisation, afternoon session**
- **Wednesday 15 December - Vive Canteen Christmas Lunch**
- **Friday 17 December - Final day of Autumn Term, early closure time of 2pm**

Face Coverings/Masks In School

Please ensure your child has their face covering/mask for school each day (unless exempt). Students are also advised to carry a spare mask in case they misplace their original during the school day, or leave one in their blazer on a day that they have PE. We have a supply of face masks, however, we would appreciate your support in this matter to ensure our supply is not depleted, thank you.



Upcoming Events this December

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Nasal Influenza Immunisation Catch-up Session

Vaccination UK have confirmed their return on Monday 13 December for Year 7 and students from various years not seen at the previous session (who now have consent) for the nasal influenza immunisations. Should you have any enquiries prior to the session, please contact *Vaccination UK* in the first instance:

01462 341 173

EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk

Final Day of Autumn Term

The school day ends at the earlier time of 2pm on Friday 17 December - transport service providers have been informed.

SVCS Christmas Lunch

This year the Vive Canteen 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 2021


On Wednesday 15 December a link to the SVCS Christmas Concert 2021 film will be shared with all students who performed in the concert this year. This link can be viewed using student access to One Drive but should not be shared. Parents/carers of students who were not involved but who would still like to view the concert can request the link by emailing info@stourvalley.org with their child's name before Friday 17 December.

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 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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SVCS Christmas Collection 2021

Christmas foods to donate:



- Christmas Sweets / Chocolates
- Luxury sweet biscuits
- Yule logs / Hot 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 and uploading the result to the *Test Register*. In the event of a positive lateral flow test, please seek a PCR test immediately - the outcome of the PCR, be it positive or negative, must be reported/forwarded to Mrs K Eady at: keady@stourvalley.org

Students have received further test kits this week (where appropriate). If your child was absent on the day of their year groups' distribution, please invite them to visit Reception to collect further provisions, thank you for your ongoing support.



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

Food Technology Take Home Containers

With Christmas around the corner, we know that many households will be enjoying festive classics such as *Quality Street*, *Roses* or *Celebrations*!

With this in mind, as a great way of recycling, the Food Technology Department would gratefully receive any donations of sweet/confectionary tubs once emptied. They will then be used as take-home containers in lessons - thank you.

School Medical Cabinet Notice

As we enter the time of year when colds, headaches, sore throats etc. are commonplace, we would like to request that if your child has symptoms that need to be managed throughout the school day, that medication is provided to the front office. Students are not permitted to carry their medication and should hand in to reception upon arrival for secure storage in the medical cabinet, thank you.

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 Spring Term

The final Autumn Term school nurse drop-in service took place this week during lunchtime on Monday 6 December. We will update you with further session dates in the Spring Term once confirmed.

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*

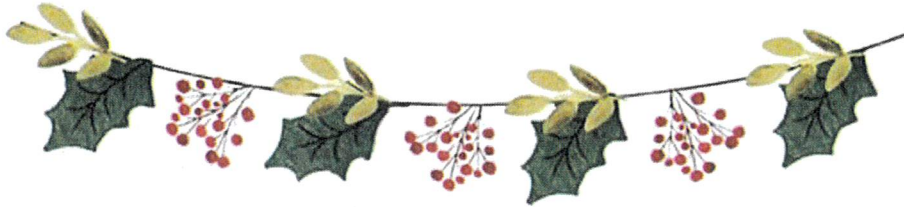
[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/SCC Parental communication enhanced control measures October 2021.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/SCC_Parental_communication_enhanced_control_measures_October_2021.pdf) - Suffolk County Council Covid-19 enhanced control measures

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call to a member function getElements on null/Covid Contingency Plan 2021-22.pdf](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](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](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/sims_parent_app_guide.pdf) - SIMS Parent App Guide



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