



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 3 January 2022

- Monday 3 January - Bank Holiday Monday
- Tuesday 4 January - Non-pupil Day
- Tuesday 4 January - On-site lateral flow testing for all students prior to return in G6 (Textiles room), 8:30-3:30pm
- Wednesday 5 January - All year groups return

Testing In January

Before we welcome students back to school in January, we are required to ask them to take a lateral flow test in school. Testing will take place on Tuesday 4 January to cause as little disruption as possible to the start of term. The Stour Valley testing site will run as a drop-in so students can arrive at any time between 8:30am and 3:30pm. Students will need to make their way along the drive, past the Activity Studio and Gym and



Upcoming Events in January

Monday 3 January

Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 4 January

Non-pupil Day

Tuesday 4 January

On-site lateral flow testing for all students prior to return in G6 (Textiles room)

Monday 10 January

Year 11 Colchester Institute Assembly,
1:40-2pm

Tuesday 18 January

Vaccination UK nasal influenza
immunisation catch-up session

Thursday 20 January

Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening, 5-7pm

Monday 31 January

Year 11 group and individual
photographs with Kittle Photographic,
8:30-11am (COVID secure)

Monday 31 January

Year 11 NCS assembly, 1:40-2pm



round to the entrance between the Art and Food rooms. Testing will take place in G6, exactly as on previous occasions. The students may need to wait, if there is a queue, but the new nasal swab tests are quicker than the previous tests and the students are familiar with the system so we do not anticipate a long wait. If you have already given consent for your child to take a test here, we will continue to use that. If you have given consent but wish to withdraw it, please update this via the SIMS Parent app or email keady@stourvalley.org and do not send your child in for testing. We would encourage everyone who can participate to do so as this testing has identified a number of asymptomatic cases: testing helps keep us all safe.

Wellbeing During the Festive Season

Christmas can be a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends and family, to share and to get some well needed rest and recuperation. However, this is not always the case. It can lead to feelings of isolation and it can make any other worries or anxieties feel much bigger. Here are some suggestions for keeping well over the festive period.

Credit: Charlie Waller Trust



Further support is available here: <https://charliewaller.org/get-help-now/helplines-and-crisis-contacts>

Advent of Kindness 2021 student version:

<https://charliewaller.org/media/15gd5uac/advent-of-kindness-2021-children.pdf>

or

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/media/f0bpjiok/wellbeing-advent-calendar-2021.pdf>

Advent of Kindness 2021 adult version:

<https://charliewaller.org/media/ofpp0l5v/advent-of-kindness-2021-adult.pdf>

Bedrock Award

Key Stage 3 students at Stour Valley Community School have been recognised by Bedrock for their commitment to sustained engagement. The English department would like to congratulate all students for their continued success in learning and using new vocabulary.



Creating language-rich communities

**Awarded for
Commitment to sustained student engagement**

Autumn Term 2021

Nasal Influenza Immunisation Catch-up Session

Vaccination UK have confirmed their return on Tuesday 18 January for students, with consent, not seen at the previous session on Monday 13 December - 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

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 recently received further test kits (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.



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.

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.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students> - Letter written by Jo Saxton Ofqual's Chief Regulator regarding GCSE Examinations 2022

<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/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

