



# Parent/Carer Bulletin



**STOUR VALLEY**  
— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

## **Autumn Term Dates**

Non-pupil Day

18 November 2022

Final School Day before Christmas

Break

20 December - \*Early closure at 2pm\*

Christmas Break

21 December - 3 January 2023

Non-pupil Day

4 January 2023

## **Upcoming Events this November**

Tuesday 15 November

Year 8 Power & Protest Day (students off timetable), all day event

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## **Dates for your diary week commencing 14 November:**

- Tuesday 15 November - Year 8 Power & Protest Day (students off timetable), all day event
- Tuesday 15 November - Year 7EHS and Year 10 Prince's Trust to Clare Library during Period 5, 2-3pm
- Thursday 17 November - Year 9 Parent/Carer Evening, 5-7pm
- Thursday 17 November - School Nurse Drop-in session for students in G6, lunchtime
- Friday 18 November - Non-pupil Day

## **Parent Feedback Welcomed**

As part of our ongoing Quality Assurance, we would like to invite parents to complete a survey on your child's experience in specific subjects in school. This half term, we are focussing on Computer Science. It would be helpful if you could discuss questions with your child whilst completing the survey, which of course, remains anonymous. To access the survey on a computer or mobile, please click on the link below. We would appreciate it if surveys could be completed by no later than Thursday 24 November.

Thank you in advance, *Mrs Stronach, Assistant Headteacher*

<https://forms.office.com/r/7NfrGJ5EjV>

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#### Monday 21 November

Year 10 & 11 viewing of Quantum  
Theatre's *A Christmas Carol*, 8:30-  
10:30am

#### Tuesday 22 November

*Purple Days* - Wear purple non-uniform  
day to celebrate the life of  
Haydn Restarick



#### Tuesday 22 November

Year 7EHO and Year 10 Prince's Trust  
to Clare Library during Period 5, 2-3pm

#### Thursday 24 November

KS4 Rewards Evening, 7-8pm

#### Thursday 24 November

School Nurse Drop-in session for  
students in G6, lunchtime

#### Friday 25 November

Charity cake sale, breaktime

#### Friday 25 November

Climate Emergency Committee, 450  
sapling planting session at Clare Country  
Park, 9am-12pm

#### Monday 28 November

## Non-pupil Day

We would like to remind parents/carers that Friday 18 November is a non-pupil day.

## Year 8 Power & Protest Day

Tuesday is Stour Valley's first ever Power & Protest day. Year 8 should attend school in non-uniform. Clothing should be practical (no ripped jeans) and the usual rules apply on piercings, jewellery and nails. Additionally they should bring warm outer clothing and wellies/ old shoes for their session on the allotment. The timings of the day will be as per the usual school day and students should go and register as they normally would at the start of the day.

## Year 9 Arts Rotation

The Year 9 Arts Rotation will change as follows from Monday 14 November:

Art to Drama

Drama to Music

Music to Art

*Students should amend their timetable.*

## Year 10 & 11 English

Tickets for the theatre production of *A Christmas Carol* on Monday 21 November can still be purchased (£5). Payments made as voluntary contributions need to be made through your ParentPay account.



## Vive Canteen Christmas Lunch - 14 December 2022

Students will need to pre-order if they wish to have the Christmas Lunch, forms for this purpose are available via their Form Tutor. Please note that the form needs to be completed and returned to the staff in the canteen by **Friday 25 November**. The cost of the lunch is £2.30 and there will be a vegetarian option. Please ensure your child's lunch account is at sufficient funds on Wednesday 14 December, thank you.

## The Power of Poetry

Here is our second poem from the competition that 7EHT entered recently. This is written by Freddie Barwick and looks at how Antarctica could be saved from overusing their gas.

Haverhill Food Bank collection for  
Christmas commences

**Tuesday 29 November**

Year 7EHR and Year 10 Prince's Trust  
to Clare Library during Period 5, 2-3pm

Save Antarctica

You're needing more gas, get your own from RUSSIA!

Not Antarctica!

They need their gas more than you will.

You can get it from delivery they can't really, but you can this.

Do you not know their ice mountains are falling.

If you cause more climate change

You'd get even more hate.

People in their need it

You don't, you've got your own.

There may be population there

But who cares?

They need the gas

For themselves.

### **School Nurse Drop-in**

Our School Nurse Drop-in sessions have been amended, instead of attending every Friday, she will now be with us every Thursday during lunchtimes for our students in G6.

### **Psychology Revision Sessions**

Ms Chappell will be running Friday lunch time revision/ catch-up sessions in U5 from next week onwards. All welcome.

### **Book of the Month**

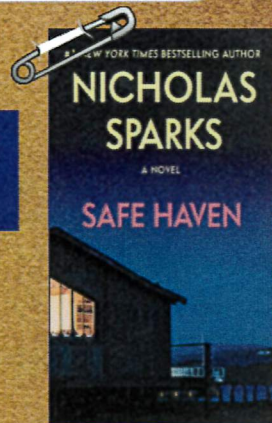
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# BOOK OF THE MONTH

MISS TOMPKINS RECOMMENDS...



Suitable  
for KS4



A beautifully written story about a woman who finds the strength to escape a life of abuse from her husband. She arrives in a very small South Carolina town and while trying to keep to herself, she ends up building relationships with friendly locals - one of whom she falls in love with; very happy ending!

Sparks really understands people and writes emotions in such a way that you can feel everything, and you don't want to put the book down.

## Lost Property

Please encourage your child to check the Lost Property Stand at Reception if they have any missing items during break and lunchtime next week. The stand will be renewed on Friday 18 November, with any uncollected items being donated/disposed of accordingly.

## Letters & Notices

[https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Advert\\_in\\_Suffolk\\_Free\\_Press\\_2022\\_1.jpg](https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Advert_in_Suffolk_Free_Press_2022_1.jpg) - *Clare Christmas Fair & Christmas Lights Switch-on*

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/our-school/trips-and-visits> - *Trips and visits section of our website*

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/letters-home> - *Letters home section of our website*

[https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Extra\\_Curricular\\_Timtable\\_Autumn\\_Term\\_2022.pdf](https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Extra_Curricular_Timtable_Autumn_Term_2022.pdf) - *Autumn Term Extra Curricular Timetable*

[https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Relationship\\_Sex\\_Educational\\_Policy\\_May\\_2022\\_DRAFT\\_FOR\\_PARENT\\_CONSULTATION.pdf](https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Relationship_Sex_Educational_Policy_May_2022_DRAFT_FOR_PARENT_CONSULTATION.pdf) - *Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy*

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news> - *Price & Buckland Uniform Orders*

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

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