



# STOUR VALLEY

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## Parent/Carer Bulletin

### ***Autumn Term Dates***

#### **Half Term**

Monday 25 October -  
Friday 29 October 2021

#### **Non-pupil Day**

Friday 19 November 2021

#### **Autumn Term ends**

Friday 17 December 2021

#### **Christmas Break**

Monday 20 December 2021 -  
Tuesday 4 January 2022

#### **Spring Term starts**

Wednesday 5 January 2022

### **Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 20 September**

- Monday 20 September - Year 7, 8 & 9 Netball, 3-4pm
- Monday 20 September - Year 7 & 8 Football, 3-4pm
- Wednesday 22 September - Martial Arts Club, 3-4pm
- Wednesday 22 September - Dance Club, 3-4pm
- Thursday 23 September - Year 9 & 10 Football, 3-4pm

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### **Sexual Harassment Survey**

Due to the nationally increasing reports of sexual harassment in schools, SVCS have decided to undertake a survey of students in years 8-11 and the parents/carers of those students in order to discover the extent of the problem at SVCS. We would be really grateful if you could take part and if you gave your consent for your child/children to take part, both surveys will be completed anonymously. Please email Miss Howard at [lhoward@stourvalley.org](mailto:lhoward@stourvalley.org) by 27/09/2021 if you **do not** wish your child/children to take part. Please complete the parent survey by 27/09/2021. This can be found here:

## **Upcoming Events this September**

### **Sunday 19 September**

Year 10 & 11 GCSE History  
visit to USAAF Lavenham (for  
students with confirmed  
attendance)

### **Wednesday 29 September**

Covid-19 vaccination session  
with *Vaccination UK* for ages  
12-15 only, all day event

### **Thursday 30 September**

Year 11 Information Evening -  
*TBC*

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Q67sPUk2cEGhwbfln3XLnMyoQTKm0EBFIQL1fmLZ7SVUQVdBNzVLRVBZOEo3UE9ERFJUVk02R0dLWS4u>

Students will be asked to complete the survey during lesson time, but the questions are included below for your information.

1. Have you ever been the victim of sexist name calling?
2. How often?
3. How often have you heard rumours of a sexual nature about students in school?
4. Have these rumours ever been about you?
5. How often do you hear unwanted or inappropriate comments of a sexual nature?
6. Have you ever received pictures/videos of a sexual nature that you did not want to see?
7. Have you ever been asked to provide images of a sexual nature of yourself?
8. Have you ever felt pressured to provide images of a sexual nature of yourself?
9. Do you know of a time you have been photographed or videoed without your consent?
10. Have photos or videos of yourself ever been circulated without your consent?
11. Have you ever experienced unwanted touching in school?
12. Are there any areas of school where you feel more vulnerable? If so, where?
13. What should SVCS do to prevent further sexual harassment in schools?
14. Which of the following best describes you? Male, Female, Transgender Male, Transgender Female, Non-binary, Other, Prefer not to say.

## **Sports Clubs at SVCS**

Sports Clubs are back at SVCS! In school clubs are 3-4pm, please note that transport home for students must be arranged. All clubs are free to attend! Please view the below link for more

information: [http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Sports\\_Clubs\\_are\\_Back\\_2021.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Sports_Clubs_are_Back_2021.pdf)

## Absence Reporting

Any student absence should be reported via the absence line: 01787 326941 on EACH day your child is absent. The reason or type of illness should be advised. You can either leave a message on this line before 8am or email at: [keady@stourvalley.org](mailto:keady@stourvalley.org)

If a student is late to school or you are collecting them during the school day for an appointment, please provide a copy of the appointment card/letter for our records.

## 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 an 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.

## Covid-19 Vaccination Session

An email has been distributed to our parents/carers this afternoon to advise that Vaccination UK are at SVCS on **Wednesday 29 September 2021** to administer the optional Covid-19 vaccine, available to students aged 12-15. *Students aged 11 and 16 are not eligible for the school-based programme at this time.* Please complete the form via the e-link to confirm consent or non-consent if your child is aged 12-

15: [http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Parent\\_Covid\\_19\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Parent_Covid_19_Letter.pdf)

Should you have issues with accessing the form via the e-link portal, please contact the team: 0300 555 5055 / [hct.csaissuffolk@nhs.net](mailto:hct.csaissuffolk@nhs.net)

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

### Framlingham College Sixth Form

Open Morning - Saturday 18 September

<https://www.framlinghamcollege.co.uk/join/visit-us/>

### Long Road Sixth Form College

Open Evenings - Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 September

### **Ipswich School**

Open Morning - Saturday 25 September

Sixth Form Information Evening - Tuesday 28 September

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/ipswich-school-open-morning-and-sixth-form-information-evening>

### **Young-Professionals.uk**

Parent/Carers Information Event - Your Child (young person) Their

Future Event - Thursday 30 September, 6-7:30pm:

The job market for students leaving school or university can be tricky and now more than ever we need to help them as much as we can to secure the very best opportunities when they enter the workplace. We would like to extend our invitation to you for our very first parent/carers information evening event. We have leaders from some of the biggest employers in their industry IBM, HSBC, PwC, bp, University of Bath, Clifford Chance & Capgemini coming to talk to you about how your son/daughter or young person under your care can navigate the job market to find some incredible work experience/internship placements as well as graduate and apprenticeship opportunities. We will be sharing some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, CV's, and applications as well as lots of information around preparing your child/young person for the workplace/university. This event is free of charge and it will be running on Thursday 30 September, 6-7:30pm. You will have the opportunity to join this event virtually with your son/daughter/and or young person, ask questions you want directly to leading employers and obtain lots of useful information. The booking link can be found below here. Booking Link:<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP-Insight-Evening>  
We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible! - *Young Professionals UK*

### **Suffolk New College**

- Ipswich Campus Taster Event - Thursday 7 October, 5:30-8pm

- Suffolk Rural: Otley Taster Event - Saturday 16 October, 9:30am-12pm

- On the Coast: Halesworth Taster Event - Saturday 16 October, 9:30am-12pm

### **Suffolk One**

Open Events - Saturday 9 October, 9:30am-12:30pm, Thursday 14

October 2021, 5-8pm and Wednesday 10 November, 5-8pm

### **University Studies at West Suffolk College**

Open Event - Saturday 16 October, 9:30am-12:30pm

### **The Sixth Form College Colchester**

College Open Events - Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 October

### **Abbeygate Sixth Form College**

Open events - Thursday 21 October, 5-8pm and Saturday 15 January 2022, 9am-2pm

### **West Suffolk College**

Open Events - Saturday 6 November 9:30am-12:30pm and Thursday 25 November, 5:30-7:30pm

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

## **Ski Trip 2023**

After the disappointment of having to cancel this year's Ski Trip due to Covid-19, I am pleased to announce that we have started planning our next trip. This trip will take place during February half term 2023 and will be to the **Artesina/Prato Nevoso** ski areas in **Italy**. The Artesina/Prato Nevoso areas are situated in the Maritime Alps and have an excellent snowfall record due to their geographical positioning. The ski area is also 95% covered by state-of-the-art snow cannons, ensuring quality skiing even in milder conditions.

As previously promised we are happy to offer those students who were due to join us on this year's cancelled Ski trip a guaranteed place. However, this will still leave a considerable number of places available for students new to SVCS or those students who did not apply for this year's trip. We will again be looking to take 45 students (with the possibility this time of taking more if the demand exists), and any student currently in **Years 7-10** may apply for a place on the trip (previous skiing experience is **not** necessary). The trip will include executive coach travel and full board accommodation, evening entertainment, lift passes, winter sports insurance, skiing tuition with professional instructors, hire of equipment and helmets. All booked through Halsbury, a highly reputable and trusted travel company who are fully ABTA and ATOL bonded and offer a Covid guarantee.

Having been involved in a number of school ski trips over the last few years I am aware that many parents/carers and students will have questions about the trip. In order to answer any questions you may have, there will be an information evening for students and parents/carers in the school hall on **Thursday 7 October from 6-7pm**, during which we shall provide further details on the trip. We will be distributing letters to those interested at the end of the meeting which informs parents/carers about the next step for selection, therefore, we advise that you attend should you wish your child to be considered for a place. If you are unable to attend, but would like to be considered, please contact me direct at: [acoe@stourvalley.org](mailto:acoe@stourvalley.org) before Thursday 7 October. We very much look forward to you joining us on another successful trip!

### **New Library ACCESS IT Login Details**

The new library issuing system is in place and working. Please follow the link: <https://uk.accessit.online/str10/#!dashboard> Students & staff can log in with SSO (go to GUEST at the top right hand page of the Accessit dashboard) to see loans, reserve & write reviews etc. We are gradually populating the dashboard and adding departmental 'portals' as the system becomes more familiar to us.

### **Music Department Notices**

Peripatetic Instrument Lessons:

There are still some places available for instrument tuition. Please collect a letter from Mr Sodey or email [csodey@stourvalley.org](mailto:csodey@stourvalley.org) for more information.

Orchestra and singing group rehearsals start next week:

All students are welcome. Please see Mr Sodey for more details.

Orchestra - Monday Lunchtimes - Music Classroom

SVCS Voices - Tuesday Lunchtimes - Music Department (KS3 & 4 singing group, a cappella group, boys singing group, beatboxing and MCing)

### **Cinderella Pantomime Young Chorus Auditions**

Please view the following link for further details and audition

registration: [http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Theatre\\_Royal\\_Cinderella\\_Pantomime\\_Young\\_Chorus\\_Auditions\\_0eb61853-8bc8-4274-9938-a954eeda1863.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Theatre_Royal_Cinderella_Pantomime_Young_Chorus_Auditions_0eb61853-8bc8-4274-9938-a954eeda1863.pdf)

## School Nurse Drop In Clinic

We are pleased to confirm that the School Nurse drop-in Clinic will be running in G6 for our students on the first Monday of each month this Autumn Term, commencing Monday 4 October.

## Whole School Influenza Programme

We would like to remind all parents/carers to complete and return their child's vaccination form, attached to the email distributed on Friday 10 September, from SVCS on behalf of NHS England. The Influenza vaccine programme **for all year groups** is on Tuesday 12 October 2021.

The consent/non-consent form must be completed and **returned to the school reception by Friday 24 September 2021** - please note that if you do not wish your child to be part of the flu vaccine programme, please complete the decline section of the form. **Should you have any enquiries please call the team on: 01462 341173 or email them at: [EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk)**

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## Important Letters & Notices

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call\\_to\\_a\\_member\\_function\\_getElements\\_on\\_null/Key\\_Stage\\_3\\_Design\\_Technology\\_2021-2022.pdf](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](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](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](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*

