



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 27 September

- **Tuesday 28 September - Year 11 WSC Post-16 assembly, 1:40-2pm**
- **Tuesday 28 September - Macmillan Charity Cake Break (hosted by form NSP), breaktime**
- **Wednesday 29 September - Year 9 Football away at Stowmarket - 3-6:15 pm**
- **Wednesday 29 September - Covid-19 vaccination session with Vaccination UK for ages 12-15 only, all day event**
- **Thursday 30 September - Year 11 Abbeygate Sixth Form Post-16 assembly, 1:40-2pm**
- **Friday 1 October - Archaeological Excavations Year 7, Clare Castle Country Park, 1-3pm**

Jeans for Genes Day

We would like to thank the school community for the generous donations received for the charity Jeans for Genes during last Friday's non-uniform day. In total SVCS has raised £538! Below are a few photos of our students in their denim attire:



**Upcoming Events this
September & October**

**Tuesday 28
September**
Year 11 West Suffolk
College Post-16
assembly, 1:40-2pm

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Clare Castle Country
Park, 1-3pm

Canteen

We have been advised by our catering suppliers Vertas that due to driver issues they are currently unable to deliver sandwiches to the school. They are working to resolve this matter and hope to have them back on the menu soon. Unfortunately, due to Natasha's Law (concerning the specific labelling of pre-packed food items) which comes into operation on 1 October our canteen is unable to do these in-house.

Sexual Harassment Survey

We would like to remind our parents/carers that 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 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:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Q67sPUk2cEGhwbfln3XLnMyoQTkm0EBFIQL1fmLZ7SVUQVdBNzVLRVBZOEo3UE9ERFJUUVk02R0dLWS4u>

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.

Monday 4 October
School Nurse drop-in
service in G6,
lunchtime

Thursday 7 October
Ski Trip 2023
Parent/Carer
Information Evening,
6-7pm

Friday 8 October
Year 11 Colchester
Sixth Form Post-16
assembly, 1:45-2pm

Saturday 9 October
Year 6 Guided Tours

Tuesday 12 October
Influenza vaccine
session
with *Vaccination*
UK for all year
groups, all day event

Sunday 17 October
Year 6 Guided Tours

**Thursday 27
October**
Hip Hop Workshop
(available to all year
groups), 1:30-3pm

Year 11 JCQ Exams Rules and Regulations

The JCQ rules and regulations for all exams are available on the school website for your information under the ' Curriculum' tab.

Year 6 Guided Tours 2021

Please view the following pamphlet for more information regarding our Year 6 Guided Tours, Saturday 9 and Sunday 17

October: <http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Year6GuidedTourLeaflet2021.pdf>

Covid-19 Vaccination Session

On Friday 17 September, an email was distributed to parents/carers 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

Please note that the electronic link will close at midday on the day before the vaccine session.

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

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

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 before Thursday 7 October. We very much look forward to you joining us on another successful trip!

Bedrock Vocabulary Victors

Congratulations! Bedrock Vocabulary Victors for the academic year 2020-21 are:

For Year 7 - Ellen Billimore

For Year 8 - Bradley Coltman

They have just received their gift vouchers for their super efforts in working on and using Bedrock Vocabulary last year.

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

Important Letters & Notices

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Sports_Clubs_are_Back_2021.pdf - **Sports Clubs at SVCS**

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/news/Royal_Air_Cadets_Open_Evening.pdf - **Air Cadets Open Evening for ages 12-17 Monday 27 September**

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/hip_hop_workshop_2021_2.pdf - **Hip Hop Workshop - Thursday 27 October**

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Theatre_Royal_Cinderella_Pantomime_Young_Chorus_Auditions_0eb61853-8bc8-4274-9938-a954eeda1863.pdf - **Theatre Royal Cinderella Pantomime Young Chorus Auditions**

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**

