



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

Upcoming Events this October

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 4 October

- **Monday 4 October - Year 7 Football away vs Castle Manor, 3-5:45pm**
- **Tuesday 5 October - Year 11 assembly with Thomas Gainsborough School, 1:40-2pm**
- **Tuesday 5 October - Year 11 Football home vs OSA, played at Clare Town pitches, 3-5:30pm**
- **Wednesday 6 October - U14 Netball at TGS, 3-5pm**
- **Wednesday 6 October - Year 7 & Year 8 Football teams home vs TGS (double match), 3-5:30pm**
- **Wednesday 6 October - Year 11 Psychology revision session, 3-4pm**
- **Thursday 7 October - U15 Netball at OSA, 3-5pm**
- **Thursday 7 October - Year 9 Football home vs Newmarket, 3-5:45pm**
- **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**

Monday 4 October

School Nurse drop-in service in G6, lunchtime

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Important, Student Safety

The speed limit in our car park is 5mph. This week we have had a 'near miss' with parents dropping their children off at school; one car was driving too quickly and the other stopped on the 'exit' lane of the drive (not a parking space) and their child was getting out into the path of oncoming traffic. Thankfully no-one was hurt.

Please pull into an allocated parking bay when dropping your child off and collecting them from school. To protect all site users we must ask you to refrain from stopping or making a U-turn manoeuvre in the entrance or exit areas.

We thank you in anticipation of your support in keeping you and your child(ren) safe on site. Thank you.

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

We do not have a 48 hour return to school policy and students can return to school once they are feeling well.

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.

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

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 Psychology Revision Sessions

We are pleased to confirm that Year 11 Psychology revision sessions are recommencing this week from Wednesday 6 October, 3-4pm.

Year 7 Art Equipment Packs

The Art department have put together a wide range of Art equipment which will be very useful for Year 7 students in their work at home. The pack includes watercolour paints, fine liner pens, oil and chalk pastels, sketching pencils, coloured pens and coloured pencils. Should you wish to purchase an Art pack, you can do so via ParentPay until Friday 15 October. The total cost for the Art Pack is £15.

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

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

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Suffolk_One_Open_Events_1.pdf

Gosfield School Sixth Form

Open Evening - Thursday 14 October from 5:15pm:

At 5:30-6pm there will be a Presentation by our Principal, Rod Jackson, and our Head of Sixth Form, Charlotte Perella. 6pm-7:15pm There will be tours of subject departments and the opportunity to meet Heads of Department.

This evening will also offer the opportunity to find out more information about our Academic, Performing Arts and Sports Scholarships. With our new Performing Arts Centre in the process of being built, our Cricket Academy and wider Sports programme going from strength to strength and our external exams results at their strongest in our history, this is the ideal time to get to know Gosfield.

If any pupils would like to attend please encourage them to Register their attendance here: <https://www.gosfieldschool.org.uk/sixth-form-entry> - Gosfield School

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

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Abbeygate_Open_Events_1.pdf

West Suffolk College

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

Thomas Gainsborough Sixth Form

Open Evening Event - Wednesday 10 November, 6-8pm

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/open-evening>

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

Ski Trip 2023

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 our 2023 Ski Trip to Artesina/Prato Nevoso. 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. - Mr Coe, Ski Trip Leader

Important Letters & Notices

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/GCSE_Technology_Letter_24.09.21.pdf - GCSE Technology Letter 2021-22

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Year6GuidedTourLeaflet2021.pdf> - Year 6 Guided Tours

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

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

