



STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

Non-pupil Day

Friday 19 November 2021

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

Upcoming Events this November

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 22 November

- Monday 22 November - Year 11 GCSE Written Mock Exams Commence
- Wednesday 24 November - Year 11 Boys Football vs King Edward VI, returning at SVCS for 6pm
- Thursday 25 November - Year 10 Girls Netball at OSA, *end time TBC*
- Thursday 25 November - Whole school Influenza (nasal) immunisation session (all year groups), all day event

Non-pupil Day

We would like to remind our parents/carers and students that we have a non-pupil day tomorrow, Friday 19 November.

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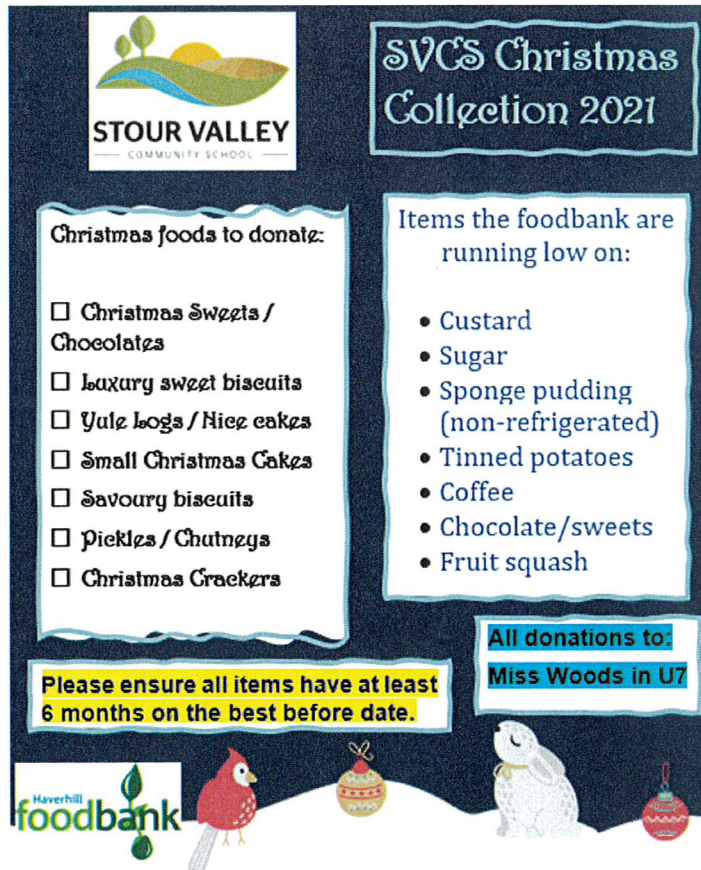
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SVCS Christmas Collection

This festive season at SVCS we are once again collecting donations for the *Haverhill Foodbank*. Students are advised to deliver any donations to U7 where they will be gratefully received - thank you.



The poster features the Stour Valley Community School logo at the top left. The main title 'SVCS Christmas Collection 2021' is in a decorative font at the top right. Below this, there are two columns of text. The left column lists 'Christmas foods to donate:' with a checklist of items: Christmas Sweets / Chocolates, Luxury sweet biscuits, Yule logs / Hot cakes, Small Christmas Cakes, Savoury biscuits, Pickles / Chutneys, and Christmas Crackers. The right column lists 'Items the foodbank are running low on:' with a bulleted list: Custard, Sugar, Sponge pudding (non-refrigerated), Tinned potatoes, Coffee, Chocolate/sweets, and Fruit squash. At the bottom, there is a yellow box stating 'Please ensure all items have at least 6 months on the best before date.' and a blue box stating 'All donations to: Miss Woods in U7'. The bottom of the poster is decorated with illustrations of a red cardinal, a white rabbit, and Christmas ornaments, along with the Haverhill Foodbank logo.

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SVCS Christmas Collection 2021

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- Christmas Sweets / Chocolates
- Luxury sweet biscuits
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- Small Christmas Cakes
- Savoury biscuits
- Pickles / Chutneys
- Christmas Crackers

Items the foodbank are running low on:

- Custard
- Sugar
- Sponge pudding (non-refrigerated)
- Tinned potatoes
- Coffee
- Chocolate/sweets
- Fruit squash

Please ensure all items have at least 6 months on the best before date.

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Miss Woods in U7

Haverhill foodbank

Year 9 Technology & Art Rotations

From Monday 22 November, the Year 9 Technology groups will rotate as follows:

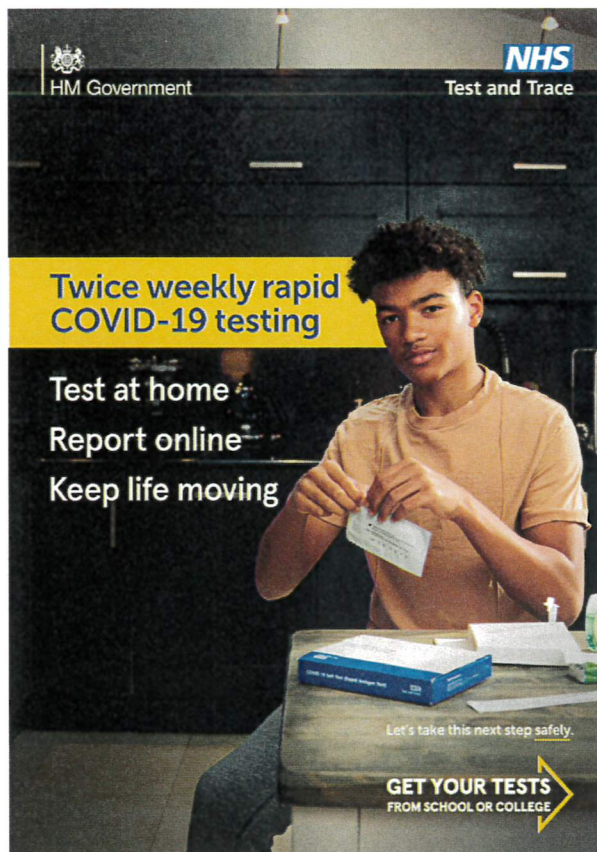
RM to Food
Food to Textiles
Textiles to Graphics
Graphics to RM

From Monday 22 November, the Year 9 Arts groups will rotate as follows:

Art to Drama
Drama to Music
Music to Art

Twice Weekly Rapid COVID-19 Testing

Please ensure your child is completing a lateral flow test twice weekly. Test kits have been issued to all students this week, where appropriate. If your child needs any further provisions, please ask them to visit reception to collect a box - thank you.



Parent/Carer School Cloud Guide

Further to this afternoon's email to Year 9 parents/carers regarding the online Parents' Evening - Thursday 2 December 2021, we provide the School Cloud video appointment guide for your reference:

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Video_Appointments_-_parent_guide_3.pdf

Year 9 Parents Evening - Science

We kindly request that parents/carers of Year 9 students make one appointment for their child's Science teacher identified below:

9MS1 Mr Jenkins

9MS2 Mrs Ward

9MS3 Miss North

9MS4 Mr Prendergast

9MS5 Mr Mansfield

It is not necessary to make an appointment with each of your child's Science teachers, the teacher identified above will give an overview of your child's attitude and progress across all three Science subjects. We are doing this to enable all students to have the opportunity to see one of their Science teachers. If you have a concern to be raised with one of your child's other Science teacher's, please could you notify the teacher on the evening, and this will be passed on to the appropriate teacher to follow up.

The Clare Christmas Fair

This year's Clare Christmas Fair is taking place on Friday 26 November, 5-8pm and Saturday 27 November, 10am-7pm. http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Clare_Christmas_Fair_Poster.jpg

GCSE Psychology Revision

Next week's Psychology revision session will be on Wednesday and Thursday in U5. Students are welcome to attend one or both sessions!

Exams 2022 Letter to Students

Please view the following letter written by Jo Saxton Ofqual's Chief Regulator regarding GCSE Examinations 2022:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students>

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.

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

Please view the following Year 11 GCSE Mock Exam timetable for your information, this is also displayed to students via the daily Student

Bulletin: https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Year_11_GCSE_Mock_Examination_Timetable.pdf

Year 11 Mock Exam Support

With the upcoming mock exams in mind, the Educational Psychologists at Suffolk County Council are offering workshops on supporting our young people through exams. Links to the next events are here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/top-tips-for-supporting-young-people-through-exam-season-tickets-167870291561?keep_tld=1 and <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/top-tips-for-supporting-young-people-through-exam-season-tickets-167870949529?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

They also run other workshops that might be of interest and the timetable for these is available here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/wellbeing-for-education-return/latest-wellbeing-news/>

As well as this there are some additional videos and resources on the school website: <https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/svcs-wellbeing/exam-stress>

Updated Extra-Curricular Activities

Please view the following link detailing our extra-curricular activities this autumn, which has recently been updated:

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/extra-curricular-activities>

School Nurse Drop-in Service

The next school nurse drop-in service will be available to our students during lunchtime on Monday 6 December. We will update you with further session dates in the Spring Term.

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

West Suffolk College

Open Events - Thursday 2 December, 5:30pm to 8pm and Saturday 4 December, 9:30am to 12:30pm

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

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/files/letters/GCSE_Technology_Letter_24.09.21.pdf - GCSE Technology Letter 2021-22

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 - 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



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