

Parent Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

22 November, Non-pupil Day

20 December, last day of Autumn Term and **early closure at 12 noon**

23 December - 3 January, Christmas Break

Events this Half Term

Thursday 21 November, **Purple Day**, non-uniform event

Thursday 21 November, **Year 11 2024 Leavers Certificates Evening**. 5-6pm

Friday 22 November, Non-pupil Day

Wednesday 27 November, Year 8 NHS HPV vaccination session, 9am-12pm

Tuesday 3 December, Ski Trip Information Evening, 6-7pm

Thursday 5 December, Year 9 Parents and Carers Evening, 4-7pm

Monday 9 December, Clare Community Carols at the Clare Baptist Church, 7-9pm

Monday 16 December, Awards Assembly Week

Tuesday 17 December, Year 7 Pantomime Trip, 8:30am -3:30pm

Thursday 19 December, Stour Valley Christmas Concert, 7-9pm approx.

Friday 20 December, early closure of 12pm

Dates for your diary week commencing 18 November:

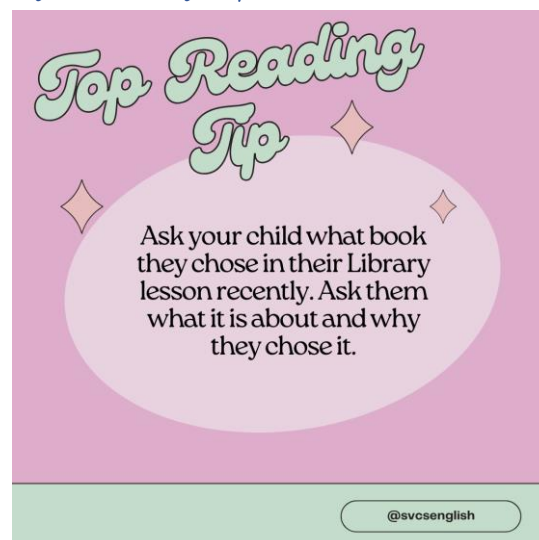
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Purple Day

Purple Day is held in memory of Haydn Restarick who sadly died, before he was able to start Year 11, in summer 2022. The day reflects Haydn's love of the colour purple and is held as close to his birthday, 22 November, as possible. Due to the non-pupil day on this date, this year it will take place on Thursday 21 November. We would like to invite everyone who can to wear something purple. This could be a top, a pattern on a sock or piece of purple fabric pinned to a bag for the day. This will be a non-uniform day and a donation of £1 is suggested, although you could choose to donate more. All donations will go to Addenbrookes Hospital. We would like to thank you in advance for these donations.



English Reading Tip



Top Reading Tip

Ask your child what book they chose in their Library lesson recently. Ask them what it is about and why they chose it.

@svcsenglish

HHCL Modern Foreign Languages Survey

The Department for Education's Home, Heritage and Community Language Group has asked schools to conduct a survey regarding languages other than English spoken in the home and the local community, we would appreciate your support in participating via the link below: https://stourvalley.org/files/letters/DfE_HHCL_Survey_Information.pdf

Governor Vacancies

Governors are a team of volunteers who oversee the management of the school by supportively challenging the Headteacher and staff. We do this by visiting the school, speaking to staff, students and parents/carers, and meeting formally with the senior management team on a regular basis. The core aims of governance are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its students, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No experience is required - just a healthy curiosity and a willingness to ask questions in order to ensure our students and staff maximise their potential. You don't need to be a teacher or know about education; in fact, you probably have many skills from your own life and work which would be invaluable.

The amount of time you would need to commit depends on your willingness to get involved, but there would be a minimum expectation of attendance at three Local Governing Body meetings per year and arranging to visit the school once per term to carry out monitoring activities.

We currently have vacancies for governors so, if you would like to join the team of people responsible for oversight of many aspects of the school, or would like to find out more about what it means to be a governor, please contact Nick Vosper, Chair of Governors at SVCS at governors@stourvalley.org

Contacting the School

Your child's form tutor should be your first point of contact for any concerns or issues. They will be able to deal with your enquiry or will pass it on to the most appropriate member of staff who may contact you. If the matter is directly related to a specific subject, the subject teacher or head of department is the best contact. All staff email addresses are on the website (a link here): [Staff Contacts - Stour Valley Community School](#)

If you call the school, you will appreciate that staff also have teaching commitments which means they may not always be available to take your call immediately. Also, please do not turn up at the school expecting to see a member of staff without a prior appointment.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Use of Mobile Phones

As a polite reminder, students are not allowed to use their mobile phones during the school day. If they are feeling unwell or need to contact home, they must visit reception. Likewise, if you could please contact reception if you have any messages you would like to be passed on.



Important Letters & Notices

<https://support.overnetdata.com/knowledge-base/how-do-parents-update-their-information-in-edulink-one/> - How do parents/carers view and update information in EduLink One

studentabsence@stourvalley.org - Stour Valley Community School Attendance reporting email address

safe@stourvalley.org - Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address

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