



STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

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

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 29 November

- Tuesday 30 November - Year 11 Yoga and Mindfulness session (mock exam support) during period 6, 3-4pm
- Thursday 2 December - Covid-19 vaccination catch-up session ages 12-15 with *Vaccination UK*
- Thursday 2 December - Year 9 Online Parent/Carer Evening via School Cloud, 5-7pm

COVID-19 Catch-up Vaccination Session

Upcoming Events this November & December

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Covid-19 catch-up vaccination session ages 12-15 with *Vaccination UK*

Thursday 2 December

Year 9 online Parent/Carer Evening, 5-7pm

Friday 3 December

Virtual Christmas Concert rehearsals for participants, all day event *TBC*

Monday 6 December

School Nurse student drop-in service in G6, lunchtime

Tuesday 7 December

SVCS Virtual Christmas Concert, 1st showing, evening event *TBC*

Tuesday 7 December

Student Wellbeing Ambassador training for selected students

Wednesday 8 December

SVCS Virtual Christmas Concert, 2nd showing, evening event *TBC*

Friday 10 December

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Non-uniform Day

Wednesday 15 November

SVCS Christmas Lunch

Friday 17 December

Last day of Autumn Term, school day ends at the earlier time of 2pm

We have received confirmation from the NHS Immunisation Team, that Vaccination UK will be returning to us on Thursday 2 December for a **COVID-19 catch-up vaccination session - ages 12-15 - for students who did not receive their dose during the first visit in September.**

The relevant e-link has been distributed via email this afternoon - if you previously consented and still wish your child to receive their vaccine, no action will be required. For parents/carers who have since had their child(ren) vaccinated, please complete the non-consent section.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact the NHS Team in the first instance: Tel: 0300 555 5055 hct.csaissuffolk@nhs.net

SVCS Christmas Lunch

This year the SVCS Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 15 December! If your child would like to enjoy the festive meal, please ask them to collect a pre order form via their form tutor. Completed pre order forms need to be handed in at the canteen by Tuesday 30 November to ensure all required ingredients are available. We kindly ask that parents/carers ensure lunch accounts are at sufficient funds for the day - the cost of the meal is £2.47 (which includes pigs in blankets) and the vegetarian option is £2.30 - thank you.

GCSE Science Guides

If your child is awaiting an order for a Combined Science guide or Triple Science guides, we are pleased to confirm they are now available. Please advise your child to visit Reception to collect their order, thank you.

SVCS Code of Ethics

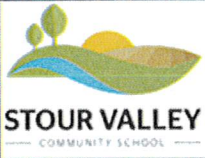
We invite our parents and carers to view the following video presentation featuring our Student Wellbeing Ambassadors, they have also collaboratively produced Code of Ethics posters which are displayed around the school: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=li0-fIFqBE>

GCSE Psychology Revision

The Psychology revision session will be on Wednesday (1 December) only next week.

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.



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SVCS Christmas Collection 2021

Christmas foods to donate:



- Christmas Sweets / Chocolates
- Luxury sweet biscuits
- Yule Logs / Niece cakes
- 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

All donations to:
Miss Woods in U7

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

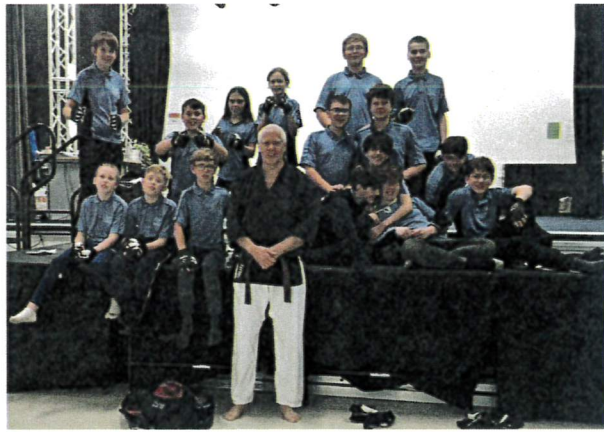



SVCS Martial Arts Club Fundraiser - 1000 Techniques!

At last - after several postponed attempts we have been able to complete our fundraiser challenge to enable us to replace worn out equipment and (hopefully) purchase a new free-standing punch bag (which Mr Spalding promises he won't break this time). Our tally was made up of:

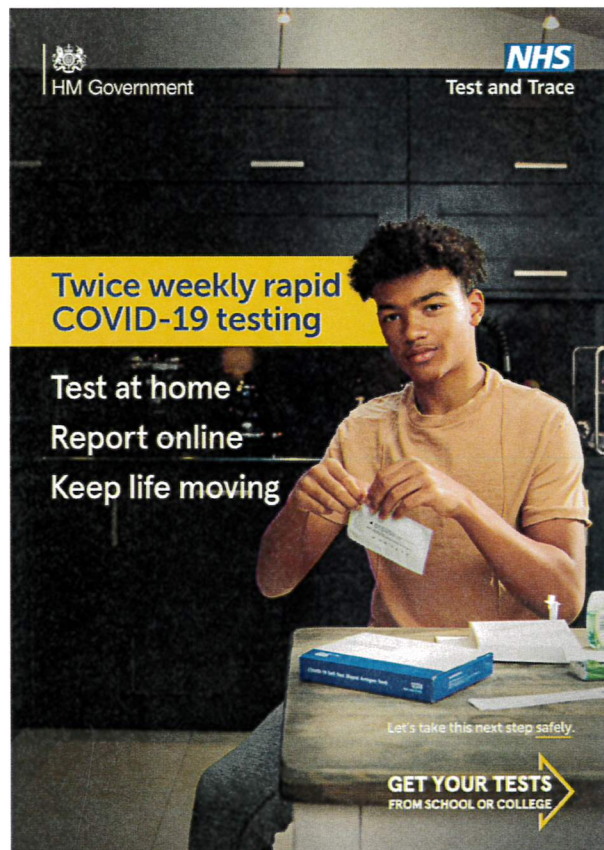
- 200 punches
- 200 kicks
- 200 press ups
- 100 squats
- 100 sit ups
- 100 pad work techniques
- 50 star jumps
- 50 burpees

Great effort everyone - now the difficult bit - collecting the money!! Thank you to students for their time and effort and thank you parents/carers/relatives/friends of the family for helping to sponsor this event. - 'Sensei' Spalding



Twice Weekly Rapid COVID-19 Testing

Please ensure your child is completing a lateral flow test twice weekly. Test kits have recently been issued to all students, 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 the email distributed 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 Guide

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

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>

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_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

