

Parent Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

23 Oct - 27 Oct 2023, Half Term

17 November 2023, Non-pupil Day

21 Dec 2023 - 2 Jan 2024, Christmas Break

Events this September

Sunday 10 September

Year 11 History visit to USAAF Lavenham

Wednesday 13 September

Year 7 & 9 individual official school photographs with Kittle Photographic

Tuesday 19 September

Year 11 Geography fieldwork trip to Walton-on-the-Naze, 8:15am-5pm

Thursday 21 September

Rescheduled reward trip for x15 students with Mrs Plumb to Frinton-on-Sea

Friday 22 September

Non-uniform day for charity Jeans for Genes

Wednesday 27 September

Year 8 HPV vaccination session, 8:30am-1pm

Dates for your diary week commencing 11 September:

- **Wednesday 13 September – Year 7 & 9 individual official school photograph session with Kittle Photographic, 8:30-10:30am**

Absence Reporting

Student absences should be reported to the school by 8am on each day of absence via EduLink, the absence line: **01787 326941**, or emailed at: studentabsence@stourvalley.org

If you are reporting an appointment during school hours for your child, *please note that a copy of the appointment invite/letter/text should be provided at your earliest convenience.*

Year 7 & 9 Individual School Photographs

Kittle Photographic will be with us on Wednesday 13 September for Year 7 & 9 individual photographs, we kindly ask for your support in this matter by ensuring, as always, that your child has their school tie on this day and is smartly presented, thank you.

SVCS Charity Council – Non-Uniform Day

The SVCS Charity Council's first non-uniform day this year is on Friday 22 September. We will be raising money for the Jeans for Genes charity. Students are encouraged to wear jeans/denim clothing with a suggested donation of £1. Students must remember to bring all books and equipment needed for lessons with them on the day. The usual school rules will apply to make up, hair and jewellery. <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/>



Mental Health and Wellbeing for Students at SVCS

At SVCS we understand that there are a lot of factors affecting the wellbeing of young people and we endeavour to support them as well as we can. As part of this we offer mentoring through our local chaplaincy service, by one of our LSA's Miss James who has completed ELSA training and, by our in-house Mental Health First Aider Miss Howard. We work together with the SENDCo, Mrs Chester, Safeguarding lead Miss Bank and external agencies to provide support for individual students. However, the best support is when we are all able to work with parents and carers, to cater to the specific needs of our students. Therefore, we wanted to draw your attention to the wealth of information and advice on our wellbeing page: <https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/svcs-wellbeing> and the youth centred information and counselling service, Kooth. A five minute video introduction to Kooth can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/786326548> and referrals can be made directly to the Suffolk Wellbeing Hub: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-emotional-wellbeing-support/suffolk-children-and-young-peoples-emotional-wellbeing-hub> and the Essex Wellbeing Hub: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/early-years-and-childcare/essex-child-and-family-wellbeing>.

In addition if your child/children are new to SVCS or struggle with change and transitions being back at school, there is further advice here: [Transitions, Change & Mental Health | Parents Guide | YoungMinds](#).

SVCS Martial Arts Club

Lessons start this coming Monday in the school gym from 3-4pm. Students should wear PE kit. T shirt and shorts, leggings etc.



Important Letters & Notices

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/letters-from-the-headteacher> - Letters from the Headteacher

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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