

Parent Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

2 & 3 September, Non-pupil Days
4 September, Autumn Term commences
3 October, Year 6 Open Evening and **early closure of 2pm**
28 October - 1 November, Half Term
22 November, Non-pupil Day
20 December, last day of Autumn Term and **early closure of 12 noon**
23 December - 3 January, Christmas Break

Events this Half Term

Sunday 15 September, GCSE History site visit to Lavenham USAAF Base, 10:30am-12pm
Friday 20 September, Non-uniform Day, Jeans for Genes
Tuesday 24 September, Year 7 & 9 Individual school photographs with Kittle
Thursday 26 September, European Day of Languages
Friday 27 September, Thank an LSA Day
Thursday 3 October, **early closure of 2pm** due to Year 6 Open Evening
Thursday 3 October, Year 6 Open Evening 6-8pm

Dates for your diary week commencing 9 September:

- **Sunday 15 September**, GCSE History Site visit to Lavenham USAAF Base, 10:30am - 12pm

Health & Safety - Parking on the school site

Parents who pick up their children at the end of the school day, please observe the road markings - no parking in the bus turning circle and no parking or stopping on the double red lines.

We advise that if you need to drive onto site to collect your child, it would be better to collect your child at 3:05/10. At that point all the buses have left, when you will easily be able to drive onto site.

Required Equipment Expectations Reminder

All students must come to school equipped with a named pencil case, containing a ruler, minimum 2 HB pencils, minimum 2 black or blue biro's, a pencil sharpener, an eraser, a scientific calculator and a reading book.

Uniform Expectations

Please refer to our policy and the uniform section of the website for further information, but below are some key areas I want to draw your attention to:

Footwear Shoes are required for daily wear. They must be leather/leather-effect and be a school shoe, not a trainer or a boot. They must not be canvas or mesh. The Air Force style of shoe is allowed.

Skirts All skirts worn must sit and remain on the knee or below. Cotton jersey and thin lycra are not allowed. There are acceptable skirts available through our uniform suppliers, Price and Buckland, or you can purchase a similar style from any other supplier.

Makeup, Hair and Jewellery Makeup should be discreet and acrylic/gel/false nails and nail varnish are not allowed. False lashes are not permitted, and the uniform policy will be amended to reflect this clarification. No piercings are allowed other than one small stud in each earlobe. No jewellery other than a watch. Hair must be of a natural colour.

Please ensure that your child is fully equipped and wearing uniform that follows our school policy.

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.

Food Technology Ingredients

Occasionally ingredients will be required for food lessons and it is important for students who are currently studying Food Technology to check EduLink regularly for any information regarding these lessons and dates required, thank you.



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 their 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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