

# Parent Carer Bulletin

## Autumn Term Dates

**Non-pupil days**, 1 & 2 September

**Autumn Term Starts**, 3 September

**Half Term**, 27-31 October

**Non-pupil Day**, 21 November

**Christmas Break**, 22 December – 2 January 2026

**Non-pupil Day**, 5 January 2026

## Events this September

**Monday 8 September**, Year 7 & 9 Individual photographs with Kittle Photographic, 8:50am-12pm approx.

**Saturday 13 September**, Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition

**Friday 19 September**, *Jeans for Genes* Non-uniform Day

**Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September**, Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

**Thursday 25 September**, Post-16 Evening, 5-7pm

**Sunday 28 September**, Year 11 GCSE History Trip to Lavenham, 10:30am-12pm

**Tuesday 30 September**, Year 11 Geography trip to Walton on the Naze, 8:30am- 3pm

## *Dates for your diary week commencing 8 September:*

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## *Attendance*

At the start of the new term, we would like to remind you of the importance of attending school. It has been a positive return for all year groups this week. We work closely with our attendance partner, Aquinas. As a specialist service provider, Aquinas' role is to deliver high-quality practices and procedures that best enable every student at our school to fully access his/her educational entitlement.

We would like to thank you for your support and on-going commitment to ensuring excellent attendance this year.

## *Online Virtual Sessions for Parents and Carers*

Please view the following link for details regarding virtual sessions available to parents and carers. *The subject is protecting young people from online radicalisation:* [Suffolk and Norfolk leaflet Virtual Sessions 2025.pdf](#)

## *Equipment for September*

From September, your child's work will be marked differently. The symbols used have been explained to all students as well as the colours used. The change is to accommodate any colour-blind students and to create an easily understood system across all subjects.

From September your child will write in black ink and make any corrections in blue ink. **Please would you support this by ensuring that your child has two working black pens and two working blue pens with them in school at all times.** If your child uses blue paper in school, they will need dark blue ink for editing so that it contrasts against the background.

We appreciate your support!

## *Year 7 & 9 Kittle Photographic*

On Monday, 8 September, Kittle Photographic will be on site to take individual photographs of students in Years 7 and 9. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends in full school uniform, including their tie, on this day. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Smashed Theatre Performance

SMASHED Theatre Performance will be shown to Year 8 during lesson 1 on Wednesday 1 October. This will deepen students' understanding of topics covered in their Futures (PSHE) lessons. For further information the company have provided this: [Smashed Online Great Britain Parents Guide](#) Any questions please contact Miss L Howard at: [lhoward@stourvalley.org](mailto:lhoward@stourvalley.org)

## Great Cornard Junior Parkrun

### GREAT CORNARD JUNIOR PARKRUN





#### JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER  
or simply come and watch - It's up to you!

<b>FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS</b> Every Sunday morning	<b>FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS</b> Adults can join in with the kids too!
<b>EVERYONE WELCOME</b> Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - It's up to you!	<b>FREE &amp; EASY TO TAKE PART</b> No special kit needed - wear whatever you like
<b>HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE</b> Share high fives and big smiles!	<b>MAKE FRIENDS</b> Meet lots of new people
<b>LEARN NEW SKILLS</b> Kids can volunteer in lots of roles	<b>FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD</b> Try your best and celebrate your achievements

*"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice, it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"*

Register at [parkrun.com](http://parkrun.com)  
and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

**WHEN:** Every Sunday at 9:00 am (come rain or shine)  
**WHERE:** Great Cornard Sports Centre, Head Lane, Great Cornard, Suffolk, CO10 0JU

[f](#) @greatcornardjuniorparkrun [ig](#) @Greatcornardjuniors

## The Quay Youth Theatre

Term Starts  
w/c 15/09

Term Ends  
w/c 01/12



### The QUAY Youth Theatre

**BOOK PLACES NOW!** via [www.quaysudbury.com](http://www.quaysudbury.com)



**MONDAY 17:30 to 19:00**  
**School years 3 - 6**



**THURSDAY 17:30 to 19:00**  
**School years 7 - 10**

Each term builds to a final week performance on the Quay stage  
Classes include: Improvisation, stage combat, games and more...

**£80 per student for a 10 week term**

For further details, please contact our Youth Theatre lead  
via [youththeatre@quaysudbury.com](mailto:youththeatre@quaysudbury.com)

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## Important Notices

- **SVCS Uniform Donations**  
*We would be very grateful to receive any surplus or outgrown SVCS uniform that you would be happy to donate to the school. Donated items will be added to our Nearly New Stand in order to supply second hand uniform to students where needed.*
- *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.*
- *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.*

# Important Letters and Information

- [Years 7-10 Uniform Changes 2025 1.pdf](#) - *Years 7-10 Uniform changes letter*
- [Vive Price List - SEPTEMBER 2025.pdf](#) - *Vive Canteen Price Guide*
- [studentabsence@stourvalley.org](mailto:studentabsence@stourvalley.org) - *Stour Valley Community School Attendance reporting email address*
- [safe@stourvalley.org](mailto:safe@stourvalley.org) - *Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address*

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