

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

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

Thursday 28 September

Post-16 and Careers Evening, 6-8pm

Dates for your diary week commencing 18 September:

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EduLink - Data Collection

Please ensure that you have logged into EduLink and updated your information. To give parental consent, please click on the Update Information button, toggle to your child's account using the two arrows and remember to click Save. If you do have any enquiries, please contact Mrs Eady - keady@stourvalley.org

Green Club

Green Club returns on Thursdays at 3:10pm, starting on 21 September. All students and any willing volunteers are invited to join the group who will be planting for wildlife, planning what to grow next year and harvesting more tomatoes. Students need to meet in the Heartspace and volunteers need to sign in at Reception and we will collect you form there. - Ms Chappell and Miss Bank

EduLink & No Student Planners

As you are aware, we have moved across to EduLink this year, which appears to be working well in providing more real-time information to students and families. Part of this transition included removing the student planner, which has traditionally been used for noting down homework, notes from home and providing a source of basic school information. We are undertaking the first review of the decision to remove planners now. If you have any comments about EduLink and how you and your child are finding not having a planner, then we would be pleased to include them in the review. Please send any comments to cbank@stourvalley.org

Stour Valley Community School Post-16 and Careers Evening 28 September 6-8pm



Welcome and information at 6pm – Assistant Headteacher Nathan Sims
Followed by:

An introduction to **Apprenticeships** – Natalie Phillips (The AIM Group)

An introduction to **University** – Representative from the University of Suffolk

Representatives from the following educational establishments will have stall for you to visit and ask questions until 8pm:

West Suffolk College
Abbeygate Sixth Form
Thomas Gainsborough School
Colchester Sixth Form
Colchester Institute
Long Road Sixth Form
St Benedict's Sixth Form
Suffolk One
Samuel Ward
The Learning Curve
The New Croft

The University of Suffolk
The University of East Anglia

The AIM Group
Suffolk Constabulary
Representatives from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
Careers
UK Power Networks
Dawn Lewis (**Department for Work and Pensions** School's Advisor)
Roxy Gladying (**New Anglia** Enterprise Coordinator)

Please do your best to attend any part of this evening and make the most of the opportunity to speak to all representatives.

After School & Lunch Clubs

We would like to provide parents and carers with a copy of our club list for this half of the Autumn Term. This will also be displayed to students within school:

Clubs List						Sep - Oct Half Term			
		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		Afterschool	Afterschool	Afterschool	Afterschool
Monday	Club	Boardgames				Netball	STEM	Martial	Dance
	Member of staff	CMI				MNO/HTU	DST/AJE	NSP	DHU
	Room	U3				Courts	G4	Hall	Activity Studio
Tuesday	Club	Basketball - Y9 &10	Art & Photography Y10 &11	Reading Club	Cube Club				
	Member of staff	RTH	LMA	NMU	LMI				
	Room	Gym	G6	U8	U12				
Wednesday	Club	Equality	Dungeons and Dragons	Art & Photography Y10 &11		Psychology - Y11	Maths - Foundation Y11	Football - Y7 & 8	Further Maths - Y11
	Member of staff	CTO	NSP	LMA		KCH	STO	RTH	JHA/CMI
	Room	G2	U4	G6		U4	U14	Field	G1
Thursday	Club	Touch rugby - Y7-9	Art & Photography Y10 & 11	Language Club			Y11 English		
	Member of staff	NMU	LMA	LMI			IGI		
	Room	Field	G6	U12			U4		
Friday	Club	Boardgames	Art & Photography Y10 &11						
	Member of staff	CMI	LMA						
	Room	U3	G6						

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/>



Year 11 - Letter from The Sixth Form College Principal

September 2023

Dear Student/Parents/Carer

Open Evenings at The Sixth Form College Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 October 2023

I am pleased to invite you and your son or daughter to the College Open Evenings that are being held on the above dates.

The Open Evening for prospective students and their parents/carers from Stour Valley Community School is on Wednesday 18 October. If this is not convenient, you are welcome to attend on the Thursday evening. The activities run from 6.15-9.00 PM and you can attend at any time during the evening.

The event gives you a chance to find out about the courses, opportunities and support available to students, alongside details of our application procedures. Students and parents/carers can tour the College, visit departments and talk to teaching staff and students. There will also be a number of presentations from senior staff. A map of the departments and facilities at the College will be available to visitors in reception.

I regret that, given the numbers expected to attend on these evenings, and the limited car parking space available on the college site IT IS NECESSARY TO ASK YOU TO USE ONE OF THE CAR PARKS IN THE TOWN. Please see overleaf for a map of the car parks near to the College. Visitors with mobility difficulties should contact the Admissions Office (01206 414005/414008) for advice on parking and access.

I very much hope that you and your son or daughter can join us for one of these evenings, as from past experience we find that the students who attend open evenings are able to make more informed choices. If you are unable to attend there will be a range of information available online to help guide your initial decision-making prior to your interview.

Yours sincerely
Ian MacNaughton – Principal



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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