

# 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 & October

**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  
**Wednesday 1 October**, GCSE Art  
 trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum  
 Cambridge, 8:30am-3pm  
**Wednesday 1 October**, Year 8  
 Smashed Workshop  
**Thursday 2 October**, **\*school day  
 ends at the earlier time of 2pm\***  
**Thursday 2 October**, Year 6 Open  
 Evening, 6-8pm  
**Friday 3 October**, Years 7-11 Flu  
 vaccinations (1<sup>st</sup> session), 9am-2pm  
**Tuesday 7 October**, Guided Tours,  
 9:15am and 2:15pm  
**Wednesday 8 October**, Guided  
 Tours, 9:15am and 2:15pm  
**Wednesday 8 October**, GCSE Art  
 Gainsborough Etching Workshop,  
 8:50am-1:15pm  
**Thursday 9 October**, Guided Tours,  
 9:15am and 2:15pm  
**Friday 10 October**, Years 7-11 Flu  
 vaccinations (2<sup>nd</sup> session), 9am-2pm  
**Thursday 23 October**, GCSE Drama  
 trip to The Quay Theatre, 7:30-  
 10:30pm  
**Thursday 23 - 25 October**, GCSE  
 History residential visit to the  
 Netherlands  
**Friday 24 October**, final full school  
 day before Half Term

## *Dates for your diary week commencing 29 September:*

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## *Reminder - Early End to School Day*

The school day will finish earlier than usual at **2:00pm on Thursday, 2 October 2025**, to accommodate our **Open Evening**.

All transport providers have been notified and will collect students at approximately 2:00pm.

- If you usually collect your child, please arrange to do so at 2:00pm.
- If your child walks home, please be aware that they will be dismissed at this earlier time.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

## *Netherlands Visit October 2025*

There will be an online Teams meeting for all parents and students going on the Netherlands visit on Monday 29 September at 6:30pm. Invitations for this meeting will be sent by Miss Terry to students on Teams.

## *Flu Immunisation Session 1 of 2*

On Friday 3 October the NHS nurses will be with us to carry out the Flu immunisation session, 1 of 2. If you have confirmed consent for your children to receive the vaccine, we kindly ask for your support with the following:

Please ensure your child has a substantial breakfast and brings water and snacks for the day. If they are receiving a dose via injection, rather than nasal spray, they should wear a short sleeve shirt under their blazer.

## Open Evening & Guided Tours



# STOUR VALLEY

COMMUNITY SCHOOL



## SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 2nd October 2025 | 6-8pm

"Central to our vision is the belief in the uniqueness of every student, and that every young person has gifts to discover and share with others."

*Rachel Kelly, Headteacher*

## SCHOOL OPEN EVENING & GUIDED TOURS

### SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

An opportunity to meet the staff and to see our fantastic facilities.

Presentations by Mrs Rachel Kelly, the Headteacher at 6.15pm & 7.00pm in the Main Hall.

### OPEN EVENING

Thursday 2nd October 2025  
6.00 - 8.00pm

### GUIDED TOURS

Please join us on one of our guided tours and see the school in action.

Please call the school office (01787 279324) to book onto a guided tour.

### GUIDED TOURS

7th, 8th and 9th October 2025  
9.15am and 2.15pm

For further information please call **01787 279342** or email [info@stourvalley.org](mailto:info@stourvalley.org)  
Or visit [www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org).

Be Kind



Be Brave



Be Ambitious



Collaborate



Stour Valley Educational Trust



## Fundraising Event - Custard Comedy Nights

This term we are delighted to announce that Custard Comedy Nights will be coming to Clare, using the school hall as a venue to bring some big names to Suffolk's smallest town. This promises a brilliant night out on your doorstep - with three quality acts that you would usually expect to travel to see!

Custard Comedy is a very experienced comedy promotions team holding events all over the UK - with many in Cambridgeshire and surrounding counties in particular. We work with a number of incredible comics and have seen many use this grassroots network to help break their careers.

On 11 October we are thrilled to have the very funny writer, comedian and broadcaster, Bob Mills as our headliner as well as opening sets from Jules O'Brian and David Luck. There will also be a fully stocked bar and a pizza food truck! Tickets are on sale now from: [Custard Comedy in Clare Tickets, Sat, Oct 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Please do come and support our comedy nights which will be raising money for the school. Tables and group bookings are available.



### *Clip Sudbury*

A weekly club for young musicians to experiment with musical tech, play sound and music games and work collaboratively in a fun and supportive musical environment.

- Absolutely no musical experience or equipment required.
- Runs 5:30-7:30pm every Tuesday during school term times
- Free to attend
- 11 to 19 years
- Very diverse group – all welcome

For more information, please contact: [info@clipsoundandmusic.uk](mailto:info@clipsoundandmusic.uk) & arts centre: <https://sudburyartscentre.com/>



## Teen Chill

# BE YOUNG, BE FREE, BE YOU!

AT TEEN CHILL

Find out more



Are you in Year 6-Year 11?

Our Teen Chill sessions are designed to give you the chance to get together with friends in a safe environment. Whether you want to play games, have a kick-about, or do nothing at all - you choose!

**Great Cornard Leisure Centre,  
CO10 0JU,  
Monday 18:30-20:30**

[abbeycroft.org.uk](http://abbeycroft.org.uk)

**£1**  
a session with  
your first session  
**FREE**



## RAF Event



# OP PROSPERITY

Wednesday 3rd Dec 2025

RAF Museum Cosford

A careers fair like no other!

A chance for KS4/5 students to meet our people; get hands on with our equipment and find out more about the RAF offer.



**12 RAF Professions displaying over 60 different jobs under one roof!**



**BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE**

[Click here](#) to book your tickets or scan the QR:



### EXHIBITORS ATTENDING:

Defence School of Aeronautical Engineering

Defence College of Air and Space Operations

Lightning Force

Typhoon Force

Chinook Force

RAF Aerobatic Display Team

RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight

RAF Police

RAF Regiment

RAF Intelligence

University Air Squadrons

RAF Motorsports Team

RAF Sports village

RAF Medical Services

**Plus many more.....**



## 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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