



STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

Half Term

Monday 25 October - Friday 29 October
2021

Non-pupil Day

Friday 19 November 2021

Autumn Term ends

Friday 17 December 2021

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 11 October

- **Tuesday 12 October - Influenza vaccine session with Vaccination UK for all year groups, all day event**
 - **Wednesday 13 October - U16 Boys Football fixture home (Clare Pitches) vs Stowupland, 3-5:30pm**
 - **Wednesday 13 October - U15 Football fixture away at St Benedict's, 3-5:45/6pm (collections from SVCS)**
 - **Thursday 14 October - Royal Hospital School Cross Country, 9am-2pm**
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Christmas Break

Monday 20 December 2021 - Tuesday 4
January 2022

Spring Term starts

Wednesday 5 January 2022

Upcoming Events this October

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Sunday 17 October

Year 6 Guided Tours

Tuesday 19 October

Year 10 & 11 Prince's Trust, Mersea
Boating at the Aqua Park, 8:30am-2pm

Thursday 27 October

Hip Hop Workshop (available to all year
groups) 1:30-3pm

Suffolk County Council - Covid-19 Control Measures

Suffolk County Council have agreed additional control measures for education settings who are managing an active outbreak of Covid-19. A letter is provided below which explains these plans. As we are not experiencing high numbers of cases then these guidelines do not apply to Stour Valley at this time:

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/SCC_Parental_communication_enhanced_control_measures_October_2021.pdf

SVCS Ski Trip 2023 - Italy

Many thanks to those of you who attended last night's information evening or requested information and an application form to be sent via email. If you did not do either there is still time to apply for a place - simply email acoe@stourvalley.org to request an application form.

We are aiming to take at least 45 students, therefore, if you wish to register your child's name for a place on the trip, please complete the application form and hand it in to the front office by 3pm on Tuesday 12 October.

Names will then be drawn from 'a hat' at the end of that day and students will be informed if they have been successful or not on Friday 15 October 2021. If your child had secured a place or was on the reserve list for the cancelled 2021 Ski Trip, we will honour that place - however please fill in an application form. This will still leave the majority of places available for students who have not previously applied or are new to SVCS. - *Mr Coe, Ski Trip Leader*

Reading Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to work alongside some of our new Year 7 students to help them improve their reading. It could involve listening to them read, reading to them, or asking questions about what they are reading. Can you offer 30 minutes (2:30-3pm) of your time once, twice, three, four or five times a week? We are proposing to run the programme for 4-6 weeks. If you are interested, please contact Gemma Rule on grule@stourvalley.org to express an interest.

Absence Reporting

Any student absence should be reported via the absence line: 01787 326941 on EACH day your child is absent. The reason or type of illness should be advised. You can either leave a message on this line before 8am or email at: kedy@stourvalley.org **We do not have a 48 hour return to school policy, and students can return to school once they are feeling well.**

If a student is late to school or you are collecting them during the school day for an appointment, please provide a copy of the appointment card/letter for our records.

Autumn Extra-curricular Activities

Please view the following link to see a complete list of extra-curricular activities at SVCS this Autumn:

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/extra-curricular-activities>

School Nurse Drop-In Service

The next school nurse drop-in service will be available to our students during lunchtime on Monday 1 November in G6 (textiles room).

Kooth Resources

Kooth is designed to support the wellbeing and resilience of young people and is available for 11-25 year olds in Suffolk. Kooth is running free online parent/carer information sessions - designed to help you understand how Kooth can support your child with their mental health and wellbeing, please view the following parent/carer information letter for further details:

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Parent_Carer_Information_Sessions_-_Sept_to_Dec_2021.docx.pdf

Discover everything Kooth has to offer including free online counselling support for young people:

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/September_Back_to_school.pdf

SVCS Medical Cabinet Notice

As we enter the time of year when colds and sore throats are commonplace, we would like to request that if your child has symptoms that need to be managed throughout the school day, that medication is provided to the front office. Students are not permitted to carry their medication and should deliver to reception upon arrival for secure storage in the medical cabinet, thank you.

Year 7 Art Equipment Packs

The Art department have put together a wide range of Art equipment which will be very useful for Year 7 students in their work at home. The pack includes watercolour paints, fine liner pens, oil and chalk pastels, sketching pencils, coloured pens and coloured pencils. Should you wish to purchase an Art pack, you can do so via ParentPay until Friday 15 October. The total cost for the Art Pack is £15.

2021/22 Post-16, College & Sixth Form Events

Suffolk New College

- Suffolk Rural: Otley Taster Event - Saturday 16 October, 9:30am-12pm

- On the Coast: Halesworth Taster Event - Saturday 16 October, 9:30am-12pm

Suffolk One

Open Events - Saturday 9 October, 9:30am-12:30pm, Thursday 14 October 2021, 5-8pm and Wednesday 10 November, 5-8pm

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Suffolk_One_Open_Events_1.pdf

Gosfield School Sixth Form

Open Evening - Thursday 14 October from 5:15pm:

At 5:30-6pm there will be a Presentation by our Principal, Rod Jackson, and our Head of Sixth Form, Charlotte Perella. 6pm-7:15pm There will be tours of subject departments and the opportunity to meet Heads of Department.

This evening will also offer the opportunity to find out more information about our Academic, Performing Arts and Sports Scholarships. With our new Performing Arts Centre in the process of being built, our Cricket Academy and wider Sports programme going from strength to strength and our external exams results at their strongest in our history, this is the ideal time to get to know Gosfield.

If any pupils would like to attend please encourage them to Register their attendance here: <https://www.gosfieldschool.org.uk/sixth-form-entry> - *Gosfield School*

University Studies at West Suffolk College

Open Event - Saturday 16 October, 9:30am-12:30pm

The Sixth Form College Colchester

College Open Events - Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 October

Abbeygate Sixth Form College

Open events - Thursday 21 October, 5-8pm and Saturday 15 January 2022, 9am-2pm

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Abbeygate_Open_Events_1.pdf

West Suffolk College

Open Events - Saturday 6 November 9:30am-12:30pm and Thursday 25 November, 5:30-7:30pm

Thomas Gainsborough Sixth Form

Open Evening Event - Wednesday 10 November, 6-8pm

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/open-evening>

This section will be updated regularly as we receive event information and dates from colleges and sixth forms.

Food Preparation & Nutrition - Take Home Containers

We would like to kindly request that any students return their take home containers borrowed during food lessons. Should any parents/carers have empty sweet tubs that they are happy to donate, to help replenish our supply, they would be gratefully received by the department - thank you in advance.

Important Letters & Notices

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/GCSE_Technology_Letter_24.09.21.pdf - GCSE Technology Letter 2021-22

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Year6GuidedTourLeaflet2021.pdf> - Year 6 Guided Tours

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Sports_Clubs_are_Back_2021.pdf - Sports Clubs at SVCS

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/hip_hop_workshop_2021_2.pdf - Hip Hop Workshop - Thursday 27 October

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Theatre_Royal_Cinderella_Pantomime_Young_Chorus_Auditions_0eb61853-8bc8-4274-9938-a954eeda1863.pdf - Theatre Royal Cinderella Pantomime Young Chorus Auditions

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Key_Stage_3_Design_Technology_2021-2022.pdf - Key Stage 3 Design Technology 2021-22

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/GCSE_Food_Preparation_and_Nutrition_2021_2022.pdf - GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition 2021-22

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Covid_Contingency_Plan_2021-22.pdf - Covid Contingency Plan 2021-22

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Remote_Learning_2021-22.docx_1.pdf - Remote Learning Plan 2021-22

safe@stourvalley.org - Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/sims_parent_app_guide.pdf - SIMS Parent App Guide



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Multi purpose name labels for clothes, shoes, lunch boxes and school items - Stikins Name Labels