

# Parent Carer Bulletin

## Autumn Term Dates

**28 October - 1 November**, Half Term

**22 November**, Non-pupil Day

**20 December**, last day of Autumn Term and **early closure at 12 noon**

**23 December - 3 January**, Christmas Break

## Events this Half Term

**Thursday 17 October**, Year 10/11 Art Trip to The Fitzwilliam Museum Cambridge, 8:30am-3pm

**Tuesday 22 October**, 7EE English to Clare Library & Harris & Harris, 1:40-3pm Bookshop

**Thursday 24 October**, Enhancement Day

**Friday 25 October**, 7ED English to Clare Library & Harris & Harris Bookshop, 1:40-3pm

**Friday 25 October**, Year 9 and GCSE Drama Footloose the Musical at The New Wolsey Theatre, 5:45-11pm

**Friday 25 October**, final full school day before half term break

## *Dates for your diary week commencing 14 October:*

- **Thursday 17 October**, Year 10/11 Art Trip to The Fitzwilliam Museum Cambridge, 8:30am-3pm

## *Governor Vacancies*

Governors are a team of volunteers who oversee the management of the school by supportively challenging the Headteacher and staff. We do this by visiting the school, speaking to staff, students and parents/carers, and meeting formally with the senior management team on a regular basis. The core aims of governance are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its students, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No experience is required - just a healthy curiosity and a willingness to ask questions in order to ensure our students and staff maximise their potential. You don't need to be a teacher or know about education; in fact, you probably have many skills from your own life and work which would be invaluable.

The amount of time you would need to commit depends on your willingness to get involved, but there would be a minimum expectation of attendance at three Local Governing Body meetings per year and arranging to visit the school once per term to carry out monitoring activities.

We currently have vacancies for governors so, if you would like to join the team of people responsible for oversight of many aspects of the school, or would like to find out more about what it means to be a governor, please contact Nick Vosper, Chair of Governors at SVCS at [governors@stourvalley.org](mailto:governors@stourvalley.org)

## 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](#)

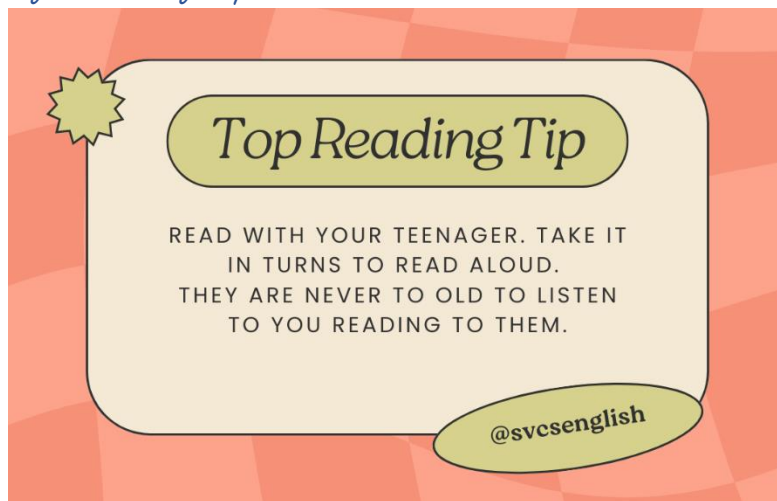
If you call the school, you will appreciate that staff also have teaching commitments which means they may not always be available to take your call immediately. Also, please do not turn up at the school expecting to see a member of staff without a prior appointment.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

## Use of Mobile Phones

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.

## English Reading Tip



**Top Reading Tip**

READ WITH YOUR TEENAGER. TAKE IT  
IN TURNS TO READ ALOUD.  
THEY ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO LISTEN  
TO YOU READING TO THEM.

@svcsenglish

## Modern Foreign Languages Club



**Calling all former French learners**

Need a bit of extra Spanish learning time?  
Want to get ahead with Duolingo, or Memrise?  
Need help with ActiveLearn homework?

in U2 every Thursday lunchtime: 1.25 to 1.55



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## 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 information in EduLink One*

[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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