

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
Autumn Term ends, 19 December
early closure at 12pm
Christmas Break, 22 December – 2 January 2026
Non-pupil day, 5 January 2026

Events this November

Monday 3 November, students return from the half term break
Thursday 6 November, Ski Trip Information Evening, 6-7pm
Wednesday 12 November, Year 11 Art Mock Exam, 8:20am-3pm
Wednesday 12 November, Madrid Trip Information Evening, 5:30-6:30pm
Friday 14 November, Year 11 Photography Mock Exam, 8:20am-3pm
Wednesday 19 November, Drama Exam, 8:30am-3pm
Thursday 20 November, Drama Exam, 8:30am-3pm
Thursday 20 November, Purple Day, non-uniform event
Thursday 20 November, Year 10 English Reward trip, 8:50am-1:15pm
Friday 21 November, Non-pupil Day
Monday 24 November, Meet the Keyworker Event, day 1 of 5
Monday 24 November, Year 11 Mock Exams commence
Tuesday 25 November, Meet the Keyworker Event, day 2 of 5
Wednesday 26 November, Meet the Keyworker Event, day 3 of 5
Wednesday 26 November, Year 7 English Reward Trip, 8:50am-1:15pm
Thursday 27 November, Meet the Keyworker Event, day 4 of 5
Thursday 27 November, Year 10 Theatre Trip to see the WASP at Gosfield School, departing at 2pm
Friday 28 November, Meet the Keyworker Event, day 5 of 5

Dates for your diary week commencing 3 November:

- **Monday 3 November** - students return from the half term break
- **Thursday 6 November** - Ski Trip Information Evening, 6-7pm

Haverhill Police - Halloween & Bonfire Evening Safety

[Suffolk Constabulary Halloween Letter for Parents and Carers.pdf](#)

Attendance

In this first half term, it has been a really positive start for our school attendance. When we return those who are on 100% overall attendance will have a surprise reward in school, picked by Mrs Jamieson. This will be announced on the first week back!

In assembly last week, Year 11 were set the task to complete the 10 in 10 challenges. This has been two weeks of focused attendance to ensure they arrive on time for the last 10 days of the half term. They will be receiving chocolate rewards if they successfully completed the days.

Year 7 and 8 have started inter-form weekly competitions. The form group in Year 7 with the highest attendance will receive attendance Ted whilst Year 8 will receive Attendance Tess. Congratulations to 7O with Mrs Iannone/ Mrs Tibbles and 8K with Miss Tompkins/ Miss Savage who are the first weekly winners! They must look after each large teddy bear for the week and their form photo will be displayed for the week.



English Department Request

If any former students have copies of A Christmas Carol or Macbeth that they no longer need and would like to donate to current students, could they please drop them at the school reception and Miss Woods will collect them. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal donation box is available at reception. Your child is invited to make a donation in exchange for a poppy, wrist band, reflector etc. Thank you in advance for any support given to this appeal.

Samuel Ward Sixth Form Open Evening



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 19th November 2025

5.00 -7.00pm

We are delighted to invite you to our sixth form open evening

You will be able to tour our facilities, meet students and staff to enable you to find out more about studying with us



Artwork Exhibition



Presents

PLATFORM 25

an exhibition of artwork from Anglian Learning
secondary schools and sixth forms

10 - 22 November 2025

Michaelhouse Café, Trinity St,
Cambridge, CB2 1SU

Featuring artwork from:

Bassingbourn Village College

Bottisham Village College

Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport

Linton Village College

The Netherhall School

The Oakes College Cambridge

Sawston Village College

Stour Valley Community School



Clare Christmas Fair

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FABULOUS CHRISTMAS GIFTS
FESTIVE FOOD AND DRINK

FRI 28th November 5 - 8pm
SAT 29th November 10am - 7pm

*at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church
and Clare Town Hall*

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

SAT 29th November 6pm

Entertainment on Market Hill from 3.30pm

Music
Hot Food

Father Christmas



FREE ENTRY • PRIZE DRAW



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

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