



STOUR VALLEY

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Spring & Summer Term Dates

Non-pupil Day

Friday 8 April

Easter Break

Monday 11 April - Friday 22 April

Summer Term starts

Monday 25 April

Half Term

Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 25 April 2022

- Monday 25 April - Students return from the Easter break
 - Monday 25 - Friday 29 April - Earth Week at SVCS
 - Tuesday 26 April - Year 7 Climate Action Day (Year 7 off timetable), all day
 - Wednesday 27 April - Whole school online assembly with *Conscious Planet*, 1:40-2pm
 - Friday 29 April - Green Day (wear green/non-uniform day)
 - Friday 29 April - School Nurse Drop-in service in G6 (textiles room), lunchtime
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Summer Term ends

Thursday 21 July

Summer Break

From Friday 22 July

Upcoming Events this April

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Earth Week at SVCS

Monday 25 April: **All tutor groups will** watch a five minute Youtube link *Why Save Soil?* (ahead of Wednesday's assembly).

If parents/carers would like to watch it this week, the link is below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXrn6ZKQE-8>

Tuesday 26 April: Year 7 will be off timetable all day for Climate Action Day, including an assembly from *Greener Growth*.

Wednesday 27 April: **Whole school** online assembly from *Conscious Planet* (currently promoting *Save Soil* campaign).

Friday 29 April: **Green Day** - wear green/non uniform for a suggested donation of £1. There will be a cake sale, *Graffle* and unique gifts at break and lunch.

Thank you to the school community for all support this Earth Week.

Student Absence Reporting

We have a new dedicated email address for reporting absences, please use this going forward: studentabsence@stourvalley.org

We would like to kindly remind parents and carers that any student absences should be reported to the school by 8am on each day of absence.

Year 9 Bedrock Stars!

Over the last half term, Year 9 have been competing to achieve the most amount of Bedrock points. Each English class has gone head to head with a weekly leaderboard. It was a close competition but 9EU6 were crowned the champions winning a movie lesson with popcorn. Also, **congratulations** to Rufus Dyer-Smith, Liam Hornsby, Jacey Duffy, Louise Golding and Cornelius Barksfield who all made the most amount of progress in their class.




Gardening Club

Gardening club starts up again after Easter. Being in nature is a great mood booster and we have some exciting green plans for anyone who wants to make change happen. All students welcome. Thursday 3pm-4pm.

Year 11 Psychology

Year 11 Psychology revision will only take place on Wednesdays 3-4pm.

Employment & Skills Fair

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**JAMES CARTLIDGE MP'S
EMPLOYMENT
& SKILLS FAIR**

- ▶ Looking for a new job?
- ▶ Interested in developing new skills?
- ▶ Searching for an apprenticeship or work experience?
- ▶ Want to know more about the fantastic businesses in our local area?

WHEN?
FRIDAY 22ND APRIL 2022
10:00 - 13:30

WHERE?
THE STEVENSON CENTRE
GREAT CORNARD, CO10 0WD

DROP IN SESSIONS
CV WRITING, INTERVIEW SKILLS,
CAREERS & SELF-EMPLOYMENT ADVICE

For more information about the event or to register your interest, please visit www.jamescartlidge.com/jobs-fair



Uniform Checks - Advanced Notice

In a recent assembly students were reminded of the school's expectations in a number of areas. This is part of a general drive towards re-establishing 'pre-covid' routines within the school. As part of this information, students were informed of a strategy we will be implementing after Easter with the intention of bringing standards of uniform back in line with what was

expected before it became necessary for students to attend school in PE kit, and the inconsistency of uniform standard that this inevitably led to.

For your purposes at home you need to be aware that Year Leaders will be supporting tutors in conducting uniform checks immediately after we return from the Easter break. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that students return after Easter appropriately dressed for school, hence giving plenty of advanced notice of these measures. Any accessories/jewellery etc. that students should not be wearing will be confiscated at the initial uniform check and will be subject to the same rules as mobile phones when they are confiscated.

Staff will also be compiling lists of any students who are not in correct uniform. You will be contacted if your child's uniform is incorrect, and we would expect this to be rectified before Year Leaders return to check forms the following week. After this point we will be applying escalating sanctions for defiance of school rules for any students where uniform remains uncompliant.

Ultimately, students know if they are wearing the correct uniform or not. They know if their skirt doesn't remain at knee length; they know if they are wearing athletic footwear; black jeans or jogging bottoms etc. If these or any other uniform discrepancies apply, then students should not be surprised to be challenged on this after Easter.

Thank you for your ongoing support in upholding the high standards of the school.

Creative Arts Activities this Easter

Creative Arts Activities are being offered throughout the Easter Holidays by The Quay Theatre and film-makers The Offshoot Foundation! 'Let's Get ACTive!' is for children aged 8-12, and Film-Making Workshops are for aged 9+. Both are free to those eligible for Free School Meals:

A poster for a 'FREE FILM-MAKING WORKSHOP'. The title is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, in smaller white text, it says '4-day workshop creating music videos, animations, movie trailers and more!'. Further down, it lists 'Age 9+, £30 per day, or free for children on Free School Meals, everyone gets a free lunch!'. The dates and times are '19th-22nd April, 2022, 10:00-14:00'. The location is 'The Hive, Sudbury United Reform Church, Friars Hall, School Street, CO10 2HA'. At the bottom, it says 'For more info, contact us by emailing: theoffshootfoundation@gmail.com'. The background is dark with orange and white film strip and reel icons.

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GCSE Examination 2022

Please be advised Written GCSE exams will start from 16 May to 27 June. Students need to be available to sit exams up to 29 June. It is advised not to book holidays/appointments during this time as exams cannot be rescheduled. The GCSE results day is Thursday 25 August 2022. Please view the following link for the timetable:

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Year_11_GCSE_Examination_Timetable_2022.pdf

PTA

Getting the community spirit back again after the pandemic, as the 80's night proved, is extremely important during these difficult times, therefore we are looking for volunteers to help set up a PTA group, and to run a few more events throughout the year.

If you are interested, could you please email Sarah Kemp, skemp@stourvalley.org in the first instance who will collate your name/contact details so we can look at doing this. We have recently had several parents who have expressed an interest, but we would like to welcome as many as possible.

Thank you.

Medical Notice

As we have noted an increase of students visiting the medical area for assistance with headache relief, we kindly request your support in the following:

- Students should have a water bottle each school day (they can refill at the water stations during break/lunch and lesson changeovers).
- For occasions when your child presents cold symptoms/headaches before school, please provide them with their required medication (Paracetamol/Ibuprofen) to supply the front office.

This will prevent the full depletion of our emergency paracetamol stock.
Thank you for your support.

Important Letters & Notices

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/07/how-we-are-helping-students-prepare-for-exams-this-summer-advance-information/> - Year 11 GCSE Exams Education Hub post

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/all-stars-cricket> - All Stars Cricket at Cavendish Cricket Club

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/dynamos-cricket> - Dynamos Cricket at Cavendish Cricket Club

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/creative-arts-club> - Creative Arts Clubs at SVCS

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students> - Letter written by Jo Saxton Ofqual's Chief Regulator regarding GCSE Examinations 2022

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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