



**STOUR VALLEY**  
— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

## Parent/Carer Bulletin

### **Spring Term Dates**

#### **Spring Term starts**

Wednesday 5 January 2022

#### **Half Term**

Monday 21 - Friday 25 February

### **Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 10 January 2022**

- Monday 10 January - Year 11 Colchester Institute Assembly, 1:40-2pm
  - Tuesday 11 January - Rescheduled nasal influenza catch-up immunisation session
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### Spring Term ends

Thursday 7 April

### Non-pupil Day

Friday 8 April

### Easter Break

Monday 11 April - Friday 22 April

### **Upcoming Events in January**

#### **Monday 10 January**

Year 11 Colchester Institute Assembly,  
1:40-2pm

#### **Tuesday 11 January**

Rescheduled nasal influenza catch-up  
immunisation session

#### **Thursday 20 January**

Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening, 5-7pm

#### **Monday 31 January**

Year 11 group and individual  
photographs with Kittle Photographic,  
8:30-11am (COVID secure)

#### **Monday 31 January**

Year 11 NCS assembly, 1:40-2pm

## **COVID-19 Government Guidance**

From 11 January in England, people who receive positive lateral flow (LFT) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.

The 10 day self isolation period for people who record a positive LFT result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take lateral flow tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 7.

Anyone who has tested positive with Covid in the last 90 days should now take regular lateral flow tests.

**Please would you ensure that you upload the result of the twice weekly lateral flow tests to the Test Register portal. You should receive a reminder email on Thursday and Sunday. Unfortunately, we are not notified by the NHS when a positive result is reported to them. If your son or daughter has a positive PCR test please forward the result email to [keady@stourvalley.org](mailto:keady@stourvalley.org)**

## **Year 10 Work Experience 2022**

Due to the current situation with companies unable to commit to their availability to provide placements for students in summer 2022, regretfully, we will not be going ahead with Work Experience for the current Year 10 cohort. As last year, we will look to promote a range of virtual work experience opportunities during the remainder of the year.

## **SVCS Martial Arts Club**

Sessions re-start on Wednesday 12 January in school gym.

*Great news just in - our grand total of sponsor money is £360 - this will mean that we will be able to purchase new gloves, new strike pads and the PE department have purchased a free standing punch/kick bag for us - thank you again for your generosity.*

## **Year 11 Psychology Revision**

Year 11 Psychology revision sessions will resume next week, but will now be on a Thursday, 3-4pm.

## **Nasal Influenza Immunisation Catch-up Session**

Vaccination UK have rescheduled and confirmed their return on Tuesday 11 January for students, with consent, not seen at the previous session on Monday 13 December - for the nasal influenza immunisations. Should you have any enquiries prior to the session, please contact *Vaccination UK* in the first instance:

01462 341 173

[EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk)

## **Food Technology Notices**

Year 7 & 9 current food students must remember that they require a take home container for their next double lesson. Year 9 have their assessment on Tuesday 11 January and therefore require their additional ingredients.

Year 11 GCSE food students were given their practical exam date on return. This will be recorded in their planners and an email sent to parents and carers - they will require the additional ingredients chosen for their dishes and accompaniments on this date. Please contact Mrs Iannone should you have any questions/concerns [hiannone@stourvalley.org](mailto:hiannone@stourvalley.org)

As a great way of recycling, the Food Technology Department would gratefully receive any donations of empty sweet/confectionary tubs following the festive season. They will then be used as take-home containers in lessons - thank you.

## **Written Exams Summer 2022**

16 May 2022 – 27 June 2022 The JCQ designated national exam contingency day for 2022 is 29 June 2022 and candidates must ensure that they are available to sit exams up to and including this date, should the need arise. Candidates and their parents/carers are advised not to book holidays to commence until after 29 June 2022.

## **School Nurse Drop-in Service Spring Term**

We will update you with further session dates in the Spring Term once confirmed.

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

### **Abbeygate Sixth Form College**

Open event - Saturday 15 January 2022, 9am-2pm

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Abbeygate\\_Open\\_Events\\_1.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Abbeygate_Open_Events_1.pdf)

### **Colchester Institute**

Bookings are open for popular January Open Events. Book a place via

[www.colchester.ac.uk/events](http://www.colchester.ac.uk/events)

Braintree Campus - Tuesday 18 January 2022, 5-8pm

Colchester Campus - Thursday 20 January 2022, 5-8pm.

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

## **Year 11 NCS Assembly**

We are pleased to confirm that NCS (National Citizen Service) have scheduled an assembly with our Year 11 students on Monday 31 January

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## Important Letters & Notices

<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

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/SCC\\_Communication\\_regarding\\_vaccinations\\_for\\_12\\_to\\_15\\_year\\_olds.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/SCC_Communication_regarding_vaccinations_for_12_to_15_year_olds.pdf) - Suffolk County Council Covid-19 vaccinations ages 12-15

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/SCC\\_Parental\\_communication\\_enhanced\\_control\\_measures\\_October\\_2021.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/SCC_Parental_communication_enhanced_control_measures_October_2021.pdf) - Suffolk County Council Covid-19 enhanced control measures

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call\\_to\\_a\\_member\\_function\\_getElements\\_on\\_null/Covid\\_Contingency\\_Plan\\_2021-22.pdf](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](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](mailto: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](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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