



STOUR VALLEY
— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Spring Term Dates

Spring Term starts
Wednesday 5 January 2022

Half Term
Monday 21 - Friday 25 February

Spring Term ends
Thursday 7 April

Non-pupil Day
Friday 8 April

Easter Break
Monday 11 April - Friday 22 April

Upcoming Events in January

Thursday 20 January

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 17 January 2022

- Thursday 20 January - Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening via school cloud, 5-7pm

COVID-19 Government Guidance

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#) and uploaded to the Test Register site.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive

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Monday 24 January

Hedgerow planting with Ms Chappell, PM Tutor Time and Period 5 (for signed up students)

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

days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

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

Absence Reporting

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 via the absence line **01787 326941** or emailed to keady@stourvalley.org
If a student has a positive lateral flow test, this must be reported via the Test Register portal. Thank you.

We Need You!

We are looking for parents/carers who love the idea of building community spirit, who enjoy being outdoors, who like the idea of growing food and who are keen to be involved on school projects, with minimal commitment. In short, we are looking to start a PTA where commitment amounts to just four times a year. If you are interested or want to find out more, please email kchappell@stourvalley.org in the first instance.

Vaccination Taxis

Please view the following link for more details regarding free vaccination taxis for eligible 12-15 year olds, a service providing transport to locations of their Covid-19 vaccinations:
<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/news/VaccinationTaxi1215yrs.pdf>

Hedgerow Planting

Students are welcome to come and make our grounds greener by planting hedgerow with Ms Chappell on Monday 24 January, during Tutor Time and Period 5. The student sign-up sheet is outside Ms Chappell's office - please note that places are limited. Participating students must have outdoor shoes/wellies *that they don't mind getting muddy and gardening gloves would be an advantage too!* thank you.

Year 11 Psychology Revision

Due to the Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening, there will be no Psychology revision session on Thursday 20 January, sessions will resume the following week, Thursday 27 January.

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.

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.

2022 Post-16, College & Sixth Form Events

Abbeygate Sixth Form College

The Open Event for Abbeygate is rescheduled to Saturday 19 March, 9am-2pm (following postponement of Saturday 15 January)

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)www.colchester.ac.uk/events

Braintree Campus - Tuesday 18 January, 5-8pm

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

West Suffolk College

Apprenticeships Information Evening - Wednesday 9 February

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WED 9 FEB 2022


**GATEWAY BUILDING AT
WEST SUFFOLK COLLEGE**



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 Apprenticeships

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 2022 during afternoon tutor time, 1:40-2pm <https://wearencs.com/>

Important Letters & Notices

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/covid-19-vaccinations-options-2> - Covid-19 vaccination options

<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 - Suffolk County Council Covid-19 vaccinations ages 12-15

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 - 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