



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

Monday 24 January

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

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 24 January 2022

- Monday 24 January - Hedgerow planting with Ms Chappell - PM Tutor Time and Period 5 (for signed up students)
- Friday 28 January - School Nurse Drop-in for students in G6 (Textiles room) - Lunchtime

COVID-19 Government Guidance Update

The following update was provided via email to parents/carers on Wednesday 19 January 2022:

It has been brought to our attention that the Prime Minister has announced today that there will be no masks to be worn in classrooms from tomorrow.

It was originally announced that these measures would be reviewed on 26th January, and that is what we told you we plan to do; and this remains the case. We are watching and monitoring our case numbers, with 20 positive cases in school currently.

We will continue to ask students to wear a face covering in school, and we will review next week. If you have already let us know that your child is

up students)

Friday 28 January

School Nurse Drop-in for students in G6
(Textiles room), Lunchtime

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

exempt from wearing a face covering, you do not need to inform us again as we have that information. If your circumstances have changed and you now wish your child to be exempt, please log into the SIMS Parent app and tick the 'Mask Exempt' box or email keady@stourvalley.org - Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Hedgerow Planting

Thank you to all the students who have signed up for hedgerow planting on Monday. Students must come into school in PE kit and bring wellies or suitable outdoor footwear and a coat/warm layers.

Xello

We wrote to you in November regarding our new careers platform, Xello, which will enable parents/carers to login to their child's career plan. An email was sent to you from Xello with your login details and the user guide can be found using the following link: https://help.xello.co.uk/en-GB/Content/Get-Started/Xello-Families/GS_Families.htm

If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact keady@stourvalley.org

Creative Arts Extra-curricular Activities

Please view the following link for this term's extra-curricular activities in

Creative Arts:

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/creative-arts-club>

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.

Half Term Art Club

Please view the following link for further details:

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/half-term-art-club>

and email to book a place for your child if you wish them to attend!

mcbarnet1@gmail.com



School Nurse Drop-in Service Spring Term

We are pleased to confirm that sessions will resume on Friday 28 January and will take place weekly in G6 (Textiles room) every Friday lunchtime.

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


West Suffolk College

Apprenticeships Information Evening - Wednesday 9 February

**DISCOVER
APPRENTICESHIPS
INFORMATION
EVENING**


WED 9 FEB 2022


**GATEWAY BUILDING AT
WEST SUFFOLK COLLEGE**



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AND FIND
OUT MORE**

WSC.AC.UK/APPRENTICESHIPS

 WEST SUFFOLK COLLEGE

 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/downloads/news/VaccinationTaxi1215yrs.pdf> - Vaccination Taxis for 12-15 year olds

<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_old.pdf - Suffolk County Council Covid-19 vaccinations ages 12-15

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