



**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 this February**

#### **Friday 11 February**

School Nurse Drop-in for students in G6,  
Lunchtime

### **Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 14 February 2022**

- Monday 14 - Friday 18 February - Children's Mental Health Week at SVCS
- Friday 18 February - Non-uniform day for *Suffolk Mind*
- Friday 18 February - weekly School Nurse Drop-in for students in G6 (Textiles room) - lunchtime
- Friday 18 February - Final school day prior to Half Term

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### **Online Safety**

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by how to guide a young person's use of the internet? Do you ever worry about what they're sharing online and how this will impact them and their future?

Due to young people spending more time at home and online there has been a staggering increase in self-generated inappropriate material online - up 168% on last year. It has also had a huge impact on the wellbeing of the young people in our community.

The Essex Safeguarding Children's Board has put together a wealth of resources to support you and us with this. There are podcasts and

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information on topics such as: online gambling, sending nudes, videos and livestreams, online bullying, fake content, apps, parental controls and how to talk about their online presence and activities. The advice is designed for parents and carers of young people of all ages and can be accessed here: <https://www.escb.co.uk/campaigns/online-safety/?fbclid=IwAR1g7s5EgTiQBOKaSWOCj3628vZHcr2uqyZevlp8vMXFb5yKzU-2VZsSDGA>



### **Suffolk Mind Non-uniform Day**

On Friday 18 February, SVCS are having a non-uniform day to support *Suffolk Mind*. With a suggested donation of £1, students can wear their own clothes instead of their uniform. *(Just a reminder: all clothes and footwear will need to be appropriate for lessons in school. The usual hair, make up and jewellery rules apply too. Don't forget planners, bus passes and equipment for the day.)* <https://www.suffolkmind.org.uk/>

### **Fundraising for Refuge**

56 miles in her shoes is a fundraiser for Refuge, a charity supporting victims of domestic abuse. Throughout February we will all be walking 56 miles. The Everyone's Invited Action Group is starting a range of fundraisers supporting a range of charities and this is the first. We would really appreciate your support to help those who are in need of services to support them survive and thrive.

If you would like to support us please follow this link to donate: <http://www.justgiving.com/team/stourvalleycommunityschool?invite=true>



### **Year 11 GCSE Exams - Education Hub Information**

For parents/carers of Year 11 students, we provide the below link for your viewing. This information, from The Department for Education posted to the Education Hub Blog, details the introduced ranges of adjustments to maximise fairness for those taking exams this year: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/07/how-we-are-helping-students-prepare-for-exams-this-summer-advance-information/>

### **Open Auditions - Singers 15-19 Years Old**

Modest Management are holding open auditions for singers aged 15-19. Modest Management have worked with acts such as JLS, Little Mix, One

Direction and many more! Please view the poster provided for details regarding their exciting project launch in 2022:

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/modest-management>

### **Student Medication Notice**

For Students attending school with cold symptoms, headaches, sore throats etc. that require medication during the school day, may we kindly request that you provide them with the required medication:

Paracetamol/Ibuprofen/liquid alternative etc. to hand in at Reception on arrival. This will alleviate symptoms, helping your child through their day, and support the First Aid Team - Thank you.

### **Lost Property**

We currently have several coats and football boots along with other items in our lost property stand. In order to renew and clear space for the remainder of the Spring Term - we will be disposing/donating items on Friday 18 February. Please encourage your child(ren) to check the stand if applicable, to ensure they can be reunited with any lost items - thank you.

### **Movie Trailer & Music Video Workshop**

Sudbury West Suffolk College are providing a free movie trailer and music video workshop for students aged 9-16. Please view the poster for more information: <http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/free-movie-trailer-music-video-workshop>

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

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

### **2022 Post-16, College & Sixth Form Events**

#### **Suffolk New College**

Taster events:



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Come along to one of our  
**TASTER  
EVENTS**

 <p>Ipswich Campus <b>05/03/22</b> 9:30am - 12noon</p>	 <p>Suffolk Rural <b>12/03/22</b> 9:30am - 12noon</p>	 <p>On The Coast <b>12/03/22</b> 9:30am - 12noon</p>
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\*Subject to local COVID guidelines.

**To book your place visit [www.suffolk.ac.uk/tasterevents](http://www.suffolk.ac.uk/tasterevents)**

#### **Abbeygate Sixth Form College**

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

#### **RHS**

Offering Apprenticeships in horticulture and arboriculture, the RHS Apprenticeship programme at Level 2 requires no prior experience or horticultural qualification, please view the below link for more details:  
[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/RHS\\_Apprenticeship\\_Leaflet\\_-\\_v2\\_2021\\_1.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/RHS_Apprenticeship_Leaflet_-_v2_2021_1.pdf)

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

#### **Cricket Opportunities at Cavendish Cricket Club**

All Stars Cricket and Dynamos Cricket will be running sessions on a weekly basis from Friday 20 May 2022 at Cavendish Cricket Club. Please view the posters for more details:  
<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/all-stars-cricket>  
<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/dynamos-cricket>

#### **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.



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## Important Letters & Notices

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/NYC\\_3.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/NYC_3.pdf) - Half Term Netball Camps

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

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

<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\\_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

[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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