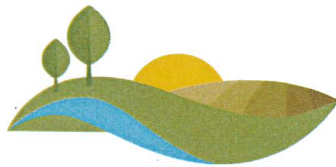




Parent/Carer Bulletin



STOUR VALLEY
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Spring & Summer Term Dates

Easter Break

3 - 14 April 2023

Summer Term Starts

17 April 2023

Half Term

29 May - 2 June 2023

Summer Term Ends

19 July 2023

Summer Break

20 July 2023

Upcoming Events this March

Monday 20 March

Student Life visit with Year 10 Mental

Health Ambassadors, 12pm start

Dates for your diary week commencing 20 March:

- **Monday 20 March - Student Life visit with Year 10 Mental Health Ambassadors, 12pm start**
- **Tuesday 21 March - Year 11 Prince's Trust tour at West Suffolk College, 9am-1:30pm**
- **Thursday 23 March - School nurse student drop in session in u13 (wellbeing room), lunchtime**
- **Friday 24 March - Green Day 2023**

Year 9 Options

The Year 9 students had an options assembly last week and we had an amazing turnout for Options Evening. The students will use an online system to select their options choices, the login process has been explained to them and the Options Booklet and instructions can be found on Teams. Parents/Carers will need to login to Options Online to approve their child's choices (you do not need to register again if you have done so previously). The deadline for submitting the choices is Friday 24 March. The students will have an options interview in school between 13-23 March.

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Suffolk College, 9am-1:30pm

Thursday 23 March

School nurse student drop in session in
u13 (wellbeing room), lunchtime

Friday 24 March

Green Day 2023

Wednesday 29 March

St Giles Trust knife crime sessions for all
Year groups, all day event

Thursday 30 March

School nurse student drop in session in
u13 (wellbeing room), lunchtime

Friday 31 March

Year 11 Revision Strategies Day

Green Day 2023

This is a reminder that Green Day is on Friday 24 March.

This is a non-uniform day and if possible, we would really like you to wear something green for the suggested small donation of £1 (to be paid in cash to your child's tutor). There will be a prize for the "greenest" person!

There will also be cakes on sale at break and lunch, as well as the world famous *GRAFFLE* which was a huge hit last year!

Any 'Endangered Animals Art Competition' entries (drawing, painting, sculpture etc) should be brought in on the day, along with any donations of cakes. First prize = two tickets for Colchester Zoo!

All funds to go towards *green projects* for SVCS. **Bring your change. BE THE CHANGE!**

KS3 Technology Rotation

The KS3 Technology Rotation from Monday 20 March is as follows:

Food to Graphics

Graphics to RM

RM to Food

Design Technology NEA Deadline Friday 24 March

For those Year 11 students studying Resistant Materials, Graphics or Textiles, the deadline for their Non-Exam Assessment is next Friday 24 March.

This portfolio accounts for 50% of their overall grade, and a few students have work missing, and many may wish to add final flourishes to their digital portfolios.

Additional support is available every lunchtime in G5 where students can access computers, ask us questions, have hand-completed pages scanned in etc. Some work is permitted to be completed at home, so we would appreciate your encouragement. A fantastic range of walk-through resources can be found on Teams in the 'files' section on class pages, as they have done throughout this process.

Safeguarding Response to Harley's Tragic Death

We are all so proud with how the students came into school to support each other that week. They dealt with a range of emotions in a mature and

dignified way. The school nurses who came in to provide extra support that week told just how fantastic our students had been, and what they described as the level of maturity and ability to articulate their feelings shown by the students they saw, which included a lot of the most affected Year 11 boys. Harley's funeral took place over half term, as I am sure you will have seen on the local news.

On Wednesday 29 March St Giles Trust will be coming into school to run sessions on knife crime with all year groups throughout the day. This is as a safeguarding response to the awful events of that day. We felt that we needed to leave some time and space before these sessions were run. St Giles have been running as a charity for 60 years, working with a quarter of a million children, young people and adults to live safe, and positive lives. They specialise in uniquely employing, developing and professionalising incredibly passionate and dedicated people with first hand experiences of the issues the clients they work with face, and this is what makes the support they provide so effective.

The mission of SOS+ is to prevent children and young people becoming involved in gangs and youth violence by equipping them with tools, knowledge and support delivered by experts with lived experience

<https://www.stgilestrust.org.uk/sos/>

The Team is working collaboratively with Suffolk Police School Liaison Officers and the One Cop Stop programme as well as Jane Stannard RSHE Schools Engagement Coordinator.

Year 11 Maths Sets 1 & 2 - Revision

Come to U3 Tuesday lunchtimes for half an hour of revision.

Bring your lunch and work through a range of topics from the higher curriculum. I am happy to cover a particular topic if you have something that you'd like me to recap - just let me know. - Mrs C Middleton

Nearly New Uniform Donations

We would like to thank the school community for uniform donations we have received for the SVCS *Nearly New Stand*. Thanks to your generosity we have a great supply, so at this time we would not be able to accept further donations due to our current capacity. We will update you when we are looking to accept donations again, thank you!

Tackling Online Radicalisation and Extremism Conference

Event: Suffolk: Tackling Online Radicalisation and Extremism Conference

Location: Trinity Park Conference and Events Centre, Trinity Park,
Ipswich IP3 8UH

When: Tuesday 28 March 2023, 10:00 – 14:00

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/522513360527> (free)

About this event:

The internet has opened up many new opportunities in communication, entertainment and knowledge. But it's also given extremists the means to target, connect and communicate with people vulnerable to radicalisation.

At this conference, we aim to:

- Increase your knowledge on online radicalisation and extremism: focusing on Mixed Unclear Ideologies and Far Right extremism
- Develop key media literacy skills and strategies, including how to combat disinformation, conspiracy theories and online gaming effectively;
- Provide you with guidance and practical skills to navigate the online world and safeguard young people from radicalisation and extremism

Attendees will benefit from an agenda of plenary presentations focused on relatable themes delivered by leading experts and media literacy practitioners. The programme will showcase many examples of best practices and ample opportunities for interactive discussion and networking amongst fellow professionals and peers.

Who is invited:

We are looking to invite members from the community who are frontline workers, including professionals, parents and carers, charities, the voluntary sector and including the following:

- Teachers
- Social Care
- Early Help Hubs/Teams
- Police
- Voluntary Sector
- Charity and 3rd sector
- Health
- Frontline Youth Workers
- Parents/ carers/ foster carers

***About the organiser:**

Shout Out UK (SOUK) is a multi-award-winning education platform and a creative social enterprise. We fuse education and tech with film production and animation to create world-class programmes on Media & Political Literacy and high-impact Democratic Engagement campaigns. We are on a mission to protect and amplify democracy by ensuring that political literacy

education is as wide as possible and available to all citizens in and out of school, regardless of their socioeconomic background, ethnicity, or gender

Letters & Notices

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/news-archive/item/clare-swimming-club-appeal> - *Clare Swimming Club*

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Amended_Spring_Term_Clubs_20.02.23.pdf - *Spring Term Extra-curricular activities*

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/letters-from-the-headteacher> - *Letters from the Headteacher*

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/PST_Parent_Carer_Workshop_Schedule_Jan_Feb_2023.pdf - *NHS parent/carer workshops Jan-March 2023*

studentabsence@stourvalley.org - *Stour Valley Community School Attendance reporting email address*

safe@stourvalley.org - *Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address*

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