



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

Tuesday 14 March

Year 9 Meningitis D/T/P immunisation session with Vaccination UK, morning session

Dates for your diary week commencing 13 March:

- **Tuesday 14 March - Year 9 Meningitis D/T/P immunisation session with Vaccination UK, morning session**
- **Wednesday 15 March - NEU teacher strike, *school likely to be closed to students***
- **Thursday 16 March - NEU teacher strike, *school likely to be closed to students***

NEU Teacher Strike

There are strikes planned for the Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March.

There have been discussions to try and resolve the dispute. The school will be closed to students on those days next week, if the strikes go ahead.

Staff will place work that can be completed by your child on Teams. There will not be any live lessons.

Any student who is in receipt of free school meals based on low income (not universal entitlement) will receive a packed lunch(s) on Tuesday 14

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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

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

March.

If there are any developments at a national level, and if strike action is averted in schools this will be notified through our usual school communication channels.

Thank you for your support and understanding

Greenest County Awards - SVCS Runners Up!

Stour Valley Community School were runners up in the secondary school category at the Greenest County Awards on Wednesday 8 March having been shortlisted from 22 schools.

It was very inspiring to hear so many stories in the categories of business, the community and tourism, as well as from other schools. We are bursting with pride and ideas for the future!

Sybil Andrews Academy in Bury St Edmunds came first but were very similar to us in what they have/are achieving!



Parent & Carer Feedback Welcomed

As part of our ongoing Quality Assurance, we would like to invite parents/carers to complete a survey on your child's experience in specific subjects in school. This half term, we are focussing on **MFL (Modern Foreign Languages)**. It would be helpful if you could discuss questions with your child whilst completing the survey, which of course, remains anonymous. To date, your engagement and feedback for History, Computer Science and Maths has given us a great insight into the departments from the students' perspectives and helps to drive improvements and ultimately, progress. To access the survey on a computer or mobile, please click on the link below. We would appreciate it if surveys could be completed by no later than Friday 17 March.

<https://forms.office.com/e/d86eEYLqEr>

Thank you in advance - Mrs Stronach, Deputy Headteacher

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 9 Options

The Year 9 students had an options assembly this week and we had an amazing turnout for Options Evening on Thursday. 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.

Graffle - Green Donations

The CEC is seeking donations for the Graffle on Green Day! Please donate anything green coloured or eco-friendly to the front office c/o Sarah Kemp. The CEC is raising money for green projects across the school and the students loved the Graffle last year, so we want to repeat the experience for them!

Mathswatch & Science Surgery Homework

Having problems accessing the internet at home? Struggling to get your *Mathswatch* and *ScienceSurgery* homework done? Come along to U2 on Wednesday lunchtimes!

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*

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