



STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Summer Term Dates

Summer Term starts

Monday 25 April

Half Term

Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June

Summer Term ends

Thursday 21 July

Summer Break

From Friday 22 July

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 3 May 2022

- **Monday 2 May - Bank Holiday**
 - **Friday 6 May - School Nurse Drop-in session in G6 (textiles room), lunchtime**
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Earth Week!

The term got off to a good start with our first ever Earth Week. While the Year 7s experienced a rotation of activities on Climate Action Day, our whole student body learnt about the importance of soil through an assembly from Conscious Planet, who are leading the worldwide

Upcoming Events this May

Monday 2 May

Bank Holiday Monday

Friday 6 May

School Nurse Drop-in Service in G6
(Textiles room), lunchtime

Thursday 12 May

Year 9 STEM trip to Thorpe Park (for
attending students), 8:40am-7pm

Friday 13 May

School Nurse Drop-in Service in G6
(Textiles room), lunchtime

Wednesday 18 May

Year 10 Prince's Trust trip to Colchester
Zoo, 8:30am-afternoon (prior to 3pm
transport)

Thursday 19 May

Year 10 Parents/Carers Evening, 5-7pm

Friday 20 May

School Nurse Drop-in Service in G6
(Textiles room), lunchtime

Thursday 26 May

OM Consultancy PSHE sessions for
Years 7, 8, 9 & 10, all day event

Friday 27 May

School Nurse Drop-in Service in G6
(Textiles room), lunchtime

#SaveSoil campaign. Year 7s and 8s also enjoyed an assembly from GreenerGrowth, a community interest company that will be helping us to turbo charge our green wish list.

The week culminated with our second Green Day, a much bigger event than our first one last year. There were some fantastic green outfits, a huge cake sale, unique hand-made gifts and some truly superb prizes in the Graffle, thanks to very generous donations from staff, parents and local businesses. One lucky person even got to win the enormous green hamper, full of delicious goodies. Four smaller prizes were awarded to the 'greenest' students.

Thank you all for your generosity to raise much needed funds to make our school greener and Ms Chappell also wants to say a huge thank you to the wonderful CEC members! We will update you with the total raised, of which the Graffle proceeds will go towards helping Ukraine.



Student Absence Reporting

We have a new dedicated email address for reporting absences, please use this going forward: studentabsence@stourvalley.org

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.

A Further Staffing Change for the Summer Term

Miss Whitaker will be leaving us this week and will be looking to pursue a role where she can be full time in her specialist subjects and also have the opportunity to explore other fitness-based roles. She has thoroughly enjoyed working with the students at Stour Valley and will leave with many happy memories.

Ms Hornby will be taking over Miss Whitaker's timetable for the summer term and Miss Tompkins will be the co-tutor with Mr Boulden. Miss Dawson (a Dance specialist) will continue to work with the Y11 GCSE Dance group to prepare them for their summer exams.

Dance Club

Dance Club has restarted this week and will run every Thursday 3-4pm. All students in all year groups are welcome, students just need to sign up outside the Activity Studio, or see Miss Duffy with any questions. - *Miss Duffy, Faculty Leader for Creative Arts*

Year 11 SVCS Prom

We are pleased to confirm the date and venue of this year's Stour Valley Prom:

Date: Friday 1 July 2022

Time: 6-10pm

Venue: Belchamp St Paul Community House

Please note that more details are to follow shortly. We look forward to an enjoyable event with our Year 11 students.

GCSE Examination 2022

Please be advised Written GCSE exams will start from 16 May to 27 June. Students need to be available to sit exams up to 29 June. It is advised not to book holidays/appointments during this time as exams cannot be rescheduled. The GCSE results day is Thursday 25 August 2022. Please view the following link for the timetable:

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Year_11_GCSE_Examination_Timetable_2022.pdf

Vive Canteen Message

May we kindly request on behalf of Vive Canteen that parents/carers ensure student lunch accounts are at sufficient funds each day, in order to ensure your child(ren) can make required purchases at break and lunchtime, Thank you. *Please note that due to delivery issues, there will be no sandwiches/rolls available next week.*

Important Letters & Notices

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/07/how-we-are-helping-students-prepare-for-exams-this-summer-advance-information/> - *Year 11 GCSE Exams Education Hub post*

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/all-stars-cricket> - *All Stars Cricket at Cavendish Cricket Club*

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/dynamos-cricket> - *Dynamos Cricket at Cavendish Cricket Club*

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

<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*

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*



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