



STOUR VALLEY
— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Summer Term Dates

Half Term

Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June

Summer Term ends

Thursday 21 July *School will close
early at 12 noon*

Summer Break

From Friday 22 July

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 6 June 2022

- Monday 6 June - Year 11 Written GCSE Examinations continue
- week three
- Monday 6 June - Year 11 Prince's Trust reward lunch outing,
11:55 am-1:30 pm
- Friday 10 June - School Nurse Drop-in for students in G6
(Textiles room), lunchtime

Activities Afternoon This Term for all Students

Upcoming Events this June

Monday 6 June

Year 11 Prince's Trust reward lunch
outing, 11:55 am-1:30 pm

Monday 6 June

Year 11 GCSE Examinations -continue
week three

Friday 10 June

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

Monday 13 June

Year 11 GCSE Examinations -continue
week 4

Thursday 16 June

Activities Afternoon No 1, 1:35-3pm

Friday 17 June

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

Friday 17 June

Year 7 Drama performance viewing of
'The Lies You Tell', 2-3pm

Friday 17 June

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

Monday 20 June

Year 11 GCSE Examinations -continue
week 5

Thursday 23 June

Year 10 End of Year Exams Commence

Friday 24 June

Activities Afternoon No 2, 1:35-3pm

Friday 24 June

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

After the success of Activities Afternoons last year, staff at Stour Valley would like to run them next half term. The aim is for the whole school to go 'off timetable' for one afternoon each week and try something different, work together as a team and learn some new skills. These activities will take place within the normal school day with usual transport home.

When will they be?

One afternoon most (but not all) weeks on different days. Initial dates are: Thursday 16 June, Friday 24 June, Tuesday 28 June, Friday 15 July, Monday 18 July and Wednesday 20 July. As so many of the activities are outside, we expect to move some of these dates in the event of wet weather. If this happens, we will let you know.

What are the activities?

Students will take part in 6 different activities over 6 different afternoons. The activities have been selected for each year group and include some sport, team building, relaxation and creative tasks too. More on these to follow.

How will students be grouped?

Students will be in the same groups they have for Technology subjects. Year 10 students will be in groups similar to the Technology groups they had in Year 9. Each group will not contain any more than 20 students.

What will they need?

All students to wear PE kit on the days when they have an Activity Afternoon. We recommend they bring in a water bottle. Lunch as usual. For outdoor activities sun cream and a sun hat will also be needed.

How long will the activities last?

After lunch (1:35pm) until 3pm. All within the school day with usual transport home.

How much will the activities cost?

No cost to parents and carers.

What happens next?

Students will be given a timetable of their 6 activities after half term. There will also be a short video explaining the activities during form time.

How can I support?

There will be some activities that some students will find easy, others more difficult and some out of their comfort zone. Keeping an open mind and encouraging everyone to try something new will ensure that students get the most out of this opportunity.

Thanks to all the staff who are giving up their time in what is a very busy term to plan, prepare and run these sessions!

Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) Policy Parent Consultation

A draft version of the school's Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy is provided for you below:

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Relationship_Sex_Educational_Policy_May_2022_DRAFT_FOR_PARENT_CONSULTATIO

Monday 27 June

Year 11 GCSE Examinations -continue
week 6

Tuesday 28 June

Activities Afternoon No 3, 1:35-3pm

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We aim to update the policy to best suit the needs of our students and their families. With this in mind, we would like to extend to you the opportunity to submit comments or suggestions to help inform any further amendments. Of course, any response is entirely optional. Comments should be emailed directly to Mr Nunn (jnunn@stourvalley.org), and those received by Monday 6 June will be taken into consideration.

Writer in Residence

Over this last half term we have been very lucky to have a 'writer in residence' (Amber Spalding - no relation to Mr Spalding Head of English!) working with a group of our Year 8 students. I asked Amber to explain what she hoped to give and get from this project.

- The idea behind it is to give back to the community. Creative writing matters because it uses personal experience to connect us. I want to work with the students to get them to take agency over their writing.
- Though we are aiming to write group poems/stories, the purpose behind it is to start, or provide a space where they can continue their creative journey.
- The workshops – to an extent, have been tailored by the students. So we are going to be looking at a folktale/gothic/horror, and we will be writing a group poem based on a series of images/sounds. They were really interested in horror, fantasy, YA fiction, so I wanted to use this to make their writing experiences with me as enjoyable as possible.
- This project is also a way for me, as a writer, to learn. I am looking to get involved more in the community and potentially teaching, and this is the first step!

There will be one final follow-up session, led by Mr Spalding, where the students will finish their work and have it ready for a short anthology for our school library (with front cover designed by Ruby) and for Amber to use in her research and further workshops.

Please view the below photo of our participating students:

Alfie, Gabriella, Will, Grae, Grace, Rosie, Ruby, Isobel, Ryan, Bethan, Farren, Fia and Amber!



Homework Club

Please note that homework Club is not running on Monday 6 June.

Psychology Revision Sessions

Year 10 Psychology revision sessions start Wednesdays 3-4, after half-term, in U5.

Year 11 Psychology revision session during half-term is 1 June, 10am-1pm, please email kchappell@stourvalley.org or turn up on the day.

Year 8 Colchester Zoo Trip Reminder

May we kindly remind Year 8 parents/carers that the deadline for the Colchester Zoo trip payment/voluntary contribution is Wednesday 8 June. thank you.

Summer Sports Clubs

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Starting **FIRST WEEK BACK**- 6th June ...

What day?	What's on?	Who can go?	What's it all about?
Monday	Athletics Club	Anyone	Everyone is welcome. See Miss North and Mr Mansfield for details
Wednesday	Martial Arts	Anyone	Takes place in the Gym. See Mr Spalding for details.
Wednesday	Tennis Club	Anyone	All abilities welcome. Come and play. Rackets and balls are provided, but you can of course bring your own. See Mrs Middleton for details.
Thursday	Cricket Club at Cavendish CC	Anyone	Everyone is welcome. See Mr Leppard or Mr Mansfield for details. This club is from 3-5pm, not 4pm. You will need to be collected from Cavendish Cricket Club behind the Memorial Hall for 5pm.
Thursday	Rounders Club	Anyone	Everyone is welcome. See Miss North for details.

In school clubs are from 3-4pm with the PE staff and you will need to organise to be collected at 4pm.
All clubs are free to attend!

Please note that Cricket Club is at Cavendish CC, not at school, and will run until 5pm. Arrangements should be made to collect students from Cavendish Cricket Club. *How will students get there?* If they get a bus that goes towards Cavendish, they should get on their school bus and get off and walk to the club. If they get on a bus that goes towards Haverhill or they walk, the school minibus will take them to the ground at 3:10pm!

Year 7 Drama - Performance Viewing

On Friday 17 June, Year 7 will be watching a drama performance called 'The Lies You Tell' during lesson 5. This performance will focus on the anxieties a full school day before the half term break. Please see the following flyer for further information:

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Doorstep_Flyer_-_The_Lies_You_Tell_ONLY.pdf There is no cost to students for this performance and students will finish at the normal time of 3pm!

SCC Funded School Travel

Is your child eligible for SCC funded school travel? If they are, you will need to opt-in by 31 May 2022 to receive travel for the start of the 2022/2023 school term. If your child already receives SCC funded travel you still need to opt in every year. The link to opt-in is below:

<https://www.suffolkonboard.com/school-travel/opt-in-apply/>

Year 11 GCSE Examinations Procedures

- Students attend all lessons and all exams until Friday 10 June.
- From Monday 13 June, students attending morning exams go to the exam as normal and then go home. If they are staying in school for any length of time they need to sign in at Reception and follow their normal timetable, regardless of whether they still have an exam in that subject, or not. The member of staff supervises/revises with students but does not need to do a register. Staff may combine student groups, depending on numbers.
- Students arriving for an afternoon exam attend the exam as normal and go home. If they are staying on to the end of the school day for transport they need to sign in at Reception, even if they signed in after the morning exam as the expectation is that everyone will go home straight after the pm exam.
- Students are able to attend for any normal timetabled lessons even if they do not have an exam on that day.

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

West Suffolk College Open Event

REIMAGINE
WHAT'S POSSIBLE

**MAKE YOUR MIND UP
TIME OPEN EVENT**
AT WEST SUFFOLK COLLEGE

FOR YEAR 11 PUPILS

**THURSDAY
23**
JUNE 2022
5.30PM - 7.30PM

VISIT THE WEBSITE OR USE THE QR
CODE BELOW TO REGISTER:



[WWW.WSC.AC.UK/
MAKE-YOUR-MIND-UP-TIME](http://WWW.WSC.AC.UK/MAKE-YOUR-MIND-UP-TIME)

W S C WEST SUFFOLK COLLEGE



4 DAY FILM-MAKING WORKSHOP!



Learn how to write a script, act, film, and edit your own short film in 4 days with the help of our professional filmmakers!

28TH, 29TH, 31ST MAY AND 1ST JUNE

10:00-16:00

FREE OF CHARGE

THE HIVE, SUDBURY UNITED REFORM
CHURCH, FRIARS HALL, SCHOOL ST,
SUDBURY, CO10 2HA

For more info and to book your child's place, email:
theoffshootfoundation@gmail.com



GCSE Dance Revision

Please view the following poster and Art Pools Privacy Policy and GDPR Compliance documentation:

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/2._ArtsPool_Privacy_Parent_and_Carers_April_2022.pdf

GCSE DANCE REVISION

For students



Tuesday 31.5.22

(Half Term week)

**1 hour session on
Knowing the Skills
for Sections A & B**

10AM

BOOK NOW



**£5 per
session**

**1 hour session for
Anthology works
Section C**

11.15AM

**DON'T MISS
OUT**

www.arts-pool.co.uk

Letters & Notices

<https://quaysudbury.com/events/summer-school-of-performing-arts-2022/> - Quay Theatre Summer School of Performing Arts

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Extra_Curricular_Activities_2022.pdf - Summer term extra-curricular activities

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/adventure-days-29-may-1-june-2022> - Half term adventure days

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Free_Family_Park_Cooking_-_MAY_HALF_TERM_2022.png - Half term family park cooking

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/clare-country-park-summer-events> - Clare Country Park Summer Events

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news> - Price & Buckland Uniform Orders

<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

<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

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

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