



STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Summer Term Dates

Summer Term ends

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

Summer Break

From Friday 22 July

Upcoming Events this June

Monday 13 June

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 13 June 2022

- Monday 13 June - Year 11 Written GCSE Examinations continue - week four
 - Year 10 GCSE Religious Studies visit to Clare Baptist Church, 11:55am-1:50pm
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Year 10 End of Year Exams Commence

Friday 24 June

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Activities Afternoon This Term for all Students

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!

8EU6 Bedrock Success

8EU6 enjoyed their movie lesson this week after their victory in the Year 8 Bedrock competition. Their English class accumulated the greatest number of points last half term.



We would also like to congratulate: James Clarke, Sam, Grace Daniels, Lily Wright and James Moye for making the most amount of progress within their English classes. Well done!



Laptop Loans Recall

All laptops which were loaned out to students for home learning now need to be returned to school. The government now expects all schools to remain open and so there is no longer a need to have the laptops at home in readiness for online lessons. Laptops should be returned to Reception, where they will be recorded as returned, by the end of June - thank you.

PTA Roles

A new PTA is being formed and a first meeting has now taken place, but we are looking for parents/carers keen to fulfil specific roles. If you want to know more please get in touch with kchappell@stourvalley.org

Change of SENCo from September 2022

From September Mrs Chester, who is already working at the school, will be taking up the post of SENCo as Miss Stewart will be starting a new role in Colchester. Mrs Chester and Miss Stewart will be working closely together to ensure that all relevant information is shared and you may find both of them attending meetings this term. All correspondence should be addressed to Miss Stewart at this time.

Mrs Chester is looking forward to becoming SENCo and getting to know you better next term.

Year 10 Psychology Revision

Year 10 Psychology revision sessions got off to a good start this week with a game of Jenga-Psych. Revision sessions are every Wednesday until 4pm.

Reminder for CEC Members

All CEC members helping with the allotment on Tuesday must bring in PE kit and suitable footwear, thank you.

Year 10 Art Catch-up Sessions

Mrs Tibbles will be available every Tuesday after school for Year 10 catch-up sessions in the Art Studio, for any students that want to catch up with missed work or work into their portfolios using school equipment and resources.

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!

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)

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Letters & Notices

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Relationship_Sex_Educational_Policy_May_2022_DRAFT_FOR_PARENT_CONSULTATION.pdf - Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy

<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/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