



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

Dates for your Diary Week Commencing 4 July 2022

- Monday 4 July - Year 10 STEM trip to Thorpe Park, 8:40am-7pm
- Monday 4 July - Martial Arts Demo Team Rehearsal for SVGT, after school
- Wednesday 6 July - Year 8 Colchester Zoo Trip, 8:30am-5:30pm approx.
- Thursday 7 July - SVCS Sports Day 2022 - *all day event*
- Friday 8 July - School Nurse Drop-in for students in G6 (Textiles room), lunchtime

Monday 4 July

Year 10 Prince's Trust at Clare Country Park
- session three, 12:55-2:30pm

Monday 4 July

Year 10 STEM trip to Thorpe Park, 8:40am-
7pm

Monday 4 July

Year 10 End of Year Exams, week three

Monday 4 July

Year 9 Options allocations given to students

Wednesday 6 July

Year 8 Colchester Zoo trip, 8:30am-5:30pm
approx.

Thursday 7 July

SVCS Sports Day 2022 - *all day event*

Friday 8 July

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

Monday 11 July

Year 10 End of Year Exams, week four

Monday 11 July

Martial Arts Demo Team Rehearsal for
SVGT, after school

Monday 11 July

Year 10 Prince's Trust at Clare Country
Park - session four, 12:55-2:30pm

Monday 11 July

Year 6 Transition Day one

Tuesday 12 July

Year 6 Transition Day two

Tuesday 12 July

Year 10 Careers Day

Green Light for PTA!

Following expression of interest from parents in setting up the first PTA (Parent/Teacher Association) things have moved at pace this year to the point where we can start to make things a little more official and a lot more fun!

With funds already raised from two successful events earlier this year (80s night and a medium evening) this has been the catalyst to move on with forming a PTA and support whole school projects. Alongside staff Ms K Chappell and Mrs S Kemp there has already been discussion about funding for water butts and a polytunnel for the school allotment. The school's green project is an example of the sort of project the PTA wish to support but there are endless other possibilities that the PTA could help fund – events, equipment, student activities – and the PTA are keen to hear from parents and students with their ideas for projects where funding is needed. Together the collective aim will be to enhance students' time at Stour Valley Community School.

Two of the three key roles are now filled (Treasurer and Secretary) but the important role of Chairperson is to be filled to lead and chair the group. Do please get in touch if you have the skills and enthusiasm to fill this role.

Please come along to the AGM on Tuesday 12 July 4pm to find out more and share the start of something new. The PTA has the potential to be very successful and we all have something to contribute to make this happen.

We look forward to seeing you in the Heart space/Hall from 3:45pm.
Refreshments and biscuits will be served.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Year 8 Colchester Zoo Trip

We are very much looking forward to the Colchester Zoo trip on Wednesday 6 July. We would like to kindly remind students that they need to wear full PE kit and trainers for the day. Please ensure that students have a packed lunch and at least one bottle of water with them for the day and that sun cream is also applied and brought with them to top up during the day. Students will not be going into the gift shop, but if they want to bring a small amount of spending money for extra drinks/ice cream then they are more than welcome.

Uniform Delivery from Price & Buckland

The last free into school delivery will be on 18 July before we close for the summer break (items to be collected/taken home by the time we close at 12pm on Thursday 21 July)
The first free into school delivery when we return will be on Thursday 1 September.

Wednesday 13 July

Year 6 Transition Day three

Thursday 14 July

Stour Valley's got Talent rehearsals, *all day event*

Thursday 14 July

Stour Valley's got Talent free afternoon showing for students Years 7 & 8, 1:30-3pm

Thursday 14 July

Stour Valley's got Talent evening showing for parents/carers/family/friends, 7-9pm

Thursday 14 July

Year 8 extended Science Project (students off timetable), 10:55-11:55am

Friday 15 July

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

Monday 18 July

Year 8 and 9 boys and girls HPV Catch-up vaccinations with *Vaccination UK* in the Library, 9-11am

Monday 18 July

Year 10 Prince's Trust at Clare Country Park - session five, 12:55-2:30pm

Wednesday 20 July

Period 5 Activities Afternoon, 2-3pm

Thursday 21 July

Last day of the school year early end of day, 12:00pm

Stour Valley's got Talent!

The Creative Arts faculty are absolutely delighted to be able to bring you our first LIVE performance since 2019! Stour Valley's Got Talent returns to the SVCS stage on Thursday 14 July, with a FREE show for Year 7 & 8 students in the afternoon (finishing at 3pm) and a second performance at 7pm for friends and family. Tickets for the evening show can be purchased via Parentpay, £5 for adults and £3 for under 16's.

Year 10 T Levels

The below information is from Suffolk New College:

T Levels are a relatively new exciting form of qualification, that students can complete after finishing their GCSE's.

T Levels are a two-year technical qualification, which equips students for the industry they are focused on, completing at least 45 days industry work placement hours alongside their practical and theory lessons in college.

This course is equivalent to 3 A Levels, and offers students the chance to still go on to attend university afterwards. All T Levels require 5 GCSEs at a minimum of grade 4, with English and Maths included.

More information can be found on the government T Levels website (<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/>).

Here at Suffolk New College, we offer the following T Level courses for a September 2022 start:

Business Route:

- Accounting

Construction Route:

- Design, Surveying & Planning
- Building Services

Digital Route:

- Digital Production, Design & Development

Education Route:

- Education & Childcare

Health Route:

- Health - Supporting the Adult Nursing Team
- Health - Supporting the Midwifery Team
- Health - Supporting the Therapy Teams

Science Route:

- Science (Laboratory Science)

To find out more on these courses or our T Level offer, please take a look on our website <https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/courses/t-levels> or get in touch with the Schools Liaison team via schoolsupport@support.ac.uk.

Activities Afternoons

These are now well underway. The next Activities Afternoon is as follows: Friday 15 July

Same guidance applies for all Activities Afternoons. Students come to school wearing PE kit and will have any additional requirements on their personalised timetables.

We will keep everyone updated if there are any changes due to wet weather.

Year 10 Exams

Please ensure students are fully equipped for their end of Year 10 exams.

They need the following:

- Scientific calculator (if exam allows) the cover should be removed prior to entering the exam room
- Ruler, protractor, compass, rubber, pencil
- **BLACK PEN** – please bring spares!!
- Use a **clear pencil case** or **sandwich bag** to store all necessary equipment to complete your exams
- Water is allowed in the exam room, this must be in a **clear plastic bottle** – please remove all labels before entering the room. Other drink containers will not be allowed.

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

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.

Letters & Notices

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/suffolk-community-games-bury-st-edmunds-tickets-372110411257> - *The Suffolk Community Games, Free Activities!*