

Parent Carer Bulletin

Summer Term Dates

Friday 19 July, final school day
before summer break * **early closure at 12 noon**

Events this Half Term

Monday 8 July, Year 10 Work Experience week 2 commences
Monday 8 July, Year 6 Induction Day 1
Tuesday 9 July, Year 6 Induction Day 2
Wednesday 10 July, Year 6 Induction Day 3
Thursday 11 July, School Nurse Student Drop-in session (wellbeing room), lunchtime
Monday 15 July, Year 10 Work Experience De-Brief, 8:30am-1pm
Tuesday 16 July, SVGT student rehearsals, lessons 1-4
Tuesday 16 July, Prince's Trust Reward trip to Bury Bowl, 9:35am-2:55pm
Tuesday 16 July, SVGT evening performance, commencing 7pm
Thursday 18 July, Sports Day 2024
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Dates for your diary week commencing 8 July:

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Early Closure 19 July 12 Noon

As we have done previously, we are closing early on our last day of the summer term. All buses and taxis have confirmed they are able to collect our students at 12 noon on Friday 19 July 2024. If you normally collect your child(ren) can you please note this earlier time too. Thank you.

Mr Spalding's Unexpected Party

On Tuesday, Mr Spalding and his band of D and D players (Dungeons and Dragons) embarked on a journey around the school grounds where he had to answer a series of riddles taken from the book 'The Hobbit'. Once he answered them correctly, he then received items of clothing which transformed him into Gandalf the Gray. Before the journey culminated in a party in U8, Gandalf the Gray and his Fellowship of Hobbits and Goblins toured the school allowing all students to participate in Mr Spalding's transformation. During the unexpected party, the surprises and fun did not stop as Mr Spalding received a trophy for his time as Dungeon Master from the Head, Mrs Kelly, plus he also received two other gifts: one from Oscar Stranger and the other from Noah Gearing. Noah's present was particularly spectacular as he had created the Tower of Doom from clay, which he then decorated with 20 skulls (each one representing one of the D and D players in the group) which he then painted himself.

The students involved were absolutely wonderful, as the unexpected party had been under development and completely secret since our first discussions in February. Every single student contributed something to the surprise, be it food, the map or some wonderful idea. A special mention needs to be made for Miss Milburn and her son Cameron (one of Mr Spalding's previous tutees) who created a wonderful staff and to the two Year 11, Felix Pickford and Connor Revell, who returned to celebrate with Mr Spalding.

A splendiferous time was had by all. - Mrs Higgins



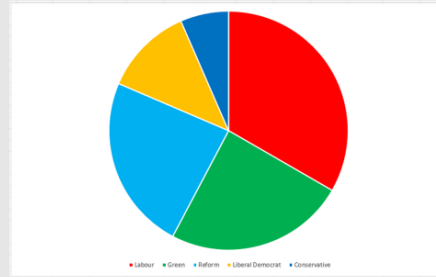
SVCS Mock General Election

On Friday 5 July SVCS students took part in a mock general election and here are the results! Big thank you to the students that ran our polling station on Thursday:



SVCS Mock Election Result!

• Counting only accurately filled in ballot papers:



SVGT 2024

The evening performance of *Stour Valley's Got Talent* will be held on Tuesday 16 July.

Tickets for family and friends can be purchased via ParentPay until 2pm on Monday 15 July and anyone taking part *does not* require a ticket. The price of tickets is £5 for adults and £3 for concessions and under 16s.

Doors for the performance will open at 6:40pm, with the show starting at 7pm and end of the performance to be confirmed.

Half Term Activities

Instructions for parents and carers

As per the Easter School Holidays, Suffolk HAF programme will no longer be issuing codes to families in receipt of Free School Meals and will be continuing to use the Eequ Booking system for parents and carers to book children onto the activities. For more information visit: www.Suffolk.Infolink.gov.uk, Or by scanning the QR code below:



Please register children and book activities for the Summer School holidays at: WWW.eequ.org

Parents carers can use the link provided to log into Eequ and register their child(ren) and book them on to the activities of their choice.

Eligibility checks will be completed at this stage and if the child meets the criteria they will receive an email confirming the booking, please provide information on the child's eligibility in the booking so that eligible bookings are not rejected.

If they are accepted an email will be sent to the email address confirming the booking. Bookings without an email confirming the eligibility and place are not confirmed. Please ensure that you receive the email to confirm bookings.

If the booking is rejected due to not meeting the criteria or not providing required evidence, an email will go to the booking email address explaining why. This can be appealed if further information or evidence can be provided. (This will require re booking of the activity).



Want more for the kids to do in the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays?

Children aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals can access the Holiday Activities Fund (HAF) activities programme!

Access sports sessions, arts, crafts, dance and cooking classes for FREE!

Not eligible? Many providers also provide paid for spaces, so check out what is available.



Visit: www.suffolk.infolink.gov.uk to find out more - search 'Holiday Activities Fund'



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 or to book a place on one of the activities visit:
www.eequ.org



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Uniform Donations

As we are approaching the end of term. If you have any spare uniform that has been outgrown, the pastoral team would appreciate any uniform that could be re-used.



Important Letters & Notices

<https://support.overnetdata.com/knowledge-base/how-do-parents-update-their-information-in-edulink-one/> - How do parents/carers view and update their information in EduLink One

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

safe@stourvalley.org - Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address

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