

Parent Carer Bulletin

Summer Term Dates

Year 6 Transition Days, 7 July and 8 July

Summer Term ends, 18 July *early closure of 12pm

Events this Half Term

Tuesday 17 June, Year 8 Wicked Workshops with West End professionals in the Activity Studio

Wednesday 18 June, Year 8 view Wicked the Musical at the Apollo Victoria Theatre London, 11am-7:30pm (approx.)

Monday 23 June, Year 10 exams commence

Tuesday 24 June, Year 9 Suez Recycling Centre Trip, 8:30am-2:30pm

Friday 27 June, Year 7 Jimmy's Farm trip, 8:30am-3pm

Friday 27 June, Year 11 Prom

Monday 30 June, Year 8 Spanish Theatre performance, 9-10:45am

Wednesday 2 July, CEC Youth Climate Conference in Ipswich, 8:15am-1pm

Thursday 3 July, Stour Valley's Got Talent 2025

Monday 7 July - Wednesday 16

July, Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 17 July, Year 10 students return from Work Experience

Friday 18 July, final day of Summer term, ***early closure of 12pm**

Dates for your diary week commencing 9 June:

- **Wednesday 11 June, School Nurse Drop-in, 1:15-2pm**

Year 7 Thriftwood Summer Camp

We were so pleased to welcome back our Year 7 campers from Thriftwood this afternoon! Fun was had by all, well done to our Year 7 students and staff, we hope you have a restful weekend.

Water Pistols

Some of our students have recently started to bring small water pistols to school, which are confiscated if seen. Please note that if your child is seen with one, it will be confiscated and a parent or carer would then be required to collect it from Reception (when possible).

Updated Uniform Policy

Further to the notification in the headteacher's end of term letter that we will be moving to one style of skirt, a pleated skirt, from September 2025, we have updated the uniform policy. [Black Senior Pleated Skirt | Price & Buckland](#)

Please take time to have a look at the policy before purchasing new uniform for September.

The updated policy is now on our website: [School Uniform Policy SVCS - May 2025.pdf](#)

We have added tailored shorts as an option for the summer term. Please note that the only shorts permitted are to be purchased from Price and Buckland and will need to be worn with shirts tucked in and blazer and tie, the same as if a student is wearing a skirt or trousers.

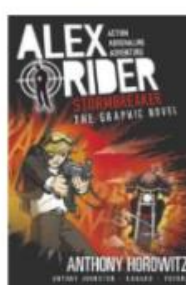
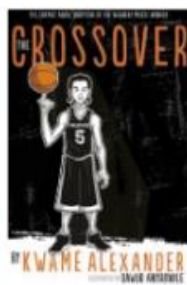
The original letter sent on 19th March 2025 gives more detail on what has changed: [Years 7-10 Uniform Changes 2025 1.pdf](#)

Reading Recommendations



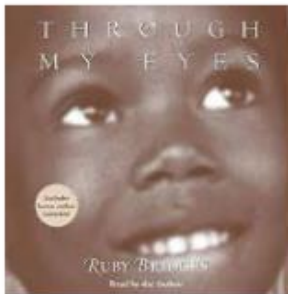
Year 7: Visual Texts- Summer 2

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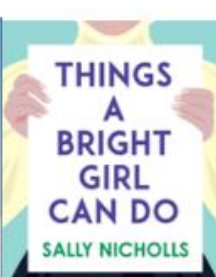
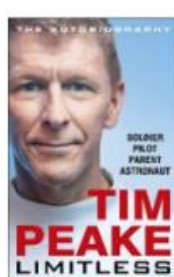
Year 8: Great Speakers- Summer 2

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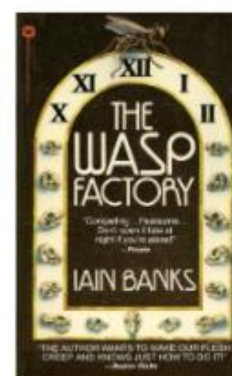
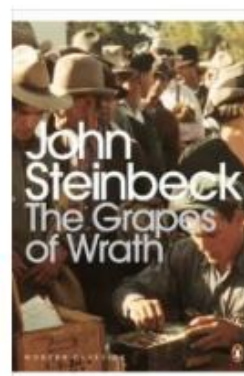
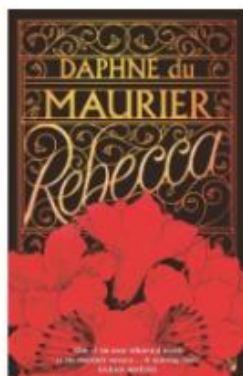
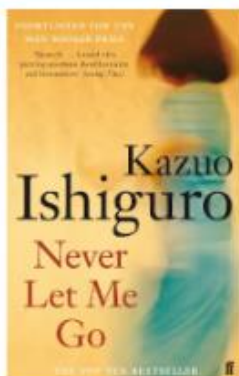
Year 9: Pioneers- Summer 2

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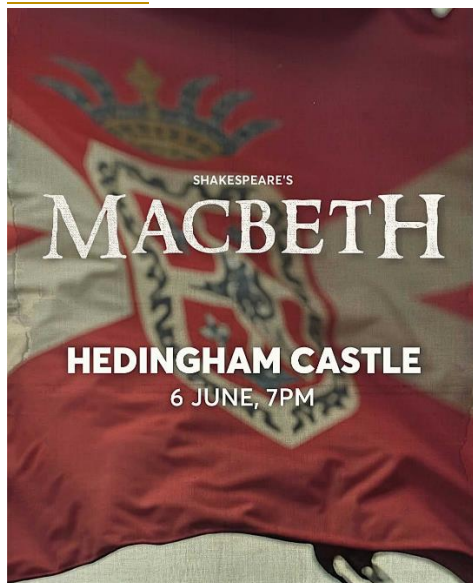
Year 10: Language Paper 1 Revision- Summer 2

SVCS English Department Recommends...



Local Opportunity

Go and see a production of Macbeth at Hedingham Castle. Great for Year 10 students who are currently studying the play, but also brilliant for Year 9 who will be learning it next year. [Macbeth - Hedingham Castle at Hedingham Castle event tickets from TicketSource](#)



Clare Party in the Park



Important Notices

- **SVCS Uniform Donations**

We would be very grateful to receive any surplus or outgrown SVCS uniform that you would be happy to donate to the school. Donated items will be added to our Nearly New Stand in order to supply second hand uniform to students where needed.

- As a polite reminder, students are not allowed to use their mobile phones during the school day. If they are feeling unwell or need to contact home, they must visit reception. Likewise, if you could please contact reception if you have any messages you would like to be passed on.
- Your child's form tutor should be your first point of contact for any concerns or issues. They will be able to deal with your enquiry or will pass it on to the most appropriate member of staff who may contact you. If the matter is directly related to a specific subject, the subject teacher or head of department is the best contact. All staff email addresses are on the website (a link here): [Staff Contacts - Stour Valley Community School](#)

If you call the school, you will appreciate that staff also have teaching commitments which means they may not always be available to take your call immediately. Also, please do not turn up at the school expecting to see a member of staff without a prior appointment.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Important Letters and Information

- [Years 7-10 Uniform Changes 2025 1.pdf](#) - Years 7-10 Uniform changes letter
- https://stourvalley.org/downloads/Vive_Price_List_-_November_2024.pdf - Free School Meal and Meal Deal guidance
- <https://support.overnetdata.com/knowledge-base/how-do-parents-update-their-information-in-edulink-one/> - How do parents/carers view and update 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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