

Stour Valley Community School

9 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

My weekly update is on Thursday this week, as the school is closing to all students for the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. Staff will be back online and responding to email queries from Tuesday 14th April and there will be staff in school responding to telephone queries again also from that day. We have said goodbye to one member of staff at the end of the Spring Term, Mr Coleclough. He will be teaching Maths at a school in Cambridge from next term. We all wish him well in his new job.

Our tutors have been contacting their tutor groups in a variety of ways. Would you please urge your child to respond to any email messages for their tutors that they have received. We are trying to keep up a sense of community spirit and 'touch base' with all our students, albeit virtually.

We are also regularly sharing activities for your children to try, E-Safety advice, mental health advice and video updates on Mr Nunn's hair going grey for charity, on our school Facebook page. There was also a fun photo collage of Stour Valley staff working from home earlier this week. Do follow us if you have a Facebook account - another way to stay connected to our community.

Here are five of the things we have shared this week:

Fancy visiting a museum or art gallery over the Bank Holiday weekend? Virtually, of course!
Ten of the world's best virtual museum and art gallery tours
<https://www.theguardian.com/.../10-of-the-worlds-best-virtual...>

The National Careers Service is open and available for any careers-related questions you have. Following the latest advice, they are pausing face-to-face appointments. They are still available via social media, web chat and phone <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us>

Calling Stour Valley geographers and anyone else who might be interested - travel the world - virtually! Take a virtual trip to various fun places around the world without leaving the house.
https://theeducatorsspinonit.com/virtual-field-trips-for-kids/?htm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=InternalNews27.03.20&utm_content=version_A&fbclid=IwAR1_GqF5z4zTqUkY-vssU3FORBvhU-Wve7gkI5KFH29GBs2FMljCpg-VpPI

#TheShowMustGoOn - a different Andrew Lloyd Webber musical every Friday for you to watch. PLUS, a teaser from Miss Duffy...will the next SVCS Musical be featured in this programme...?
<https://www.facebook.com/AndrewLloydWebber/videos/1560269567481961/?v=1560269567481961>

Mr Nunn is hoping to raise money for the East of England Ambulance Service. If his modest £100 target is reached, he will be 'going grey' by dyeing his hair in solidarity with the elderly/unwell who are in forced lockdown at home. Please donate if you can. Donations are through JustGiving and all proceeds will go to East of England Ambulance Service.
https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mrnunngoinggrey?fbclid=IwAR1XcE5L-Cml511VxscbBZIHawF_v5bys2NILI3ZcULIJ2CQkIFsNj-Y4&utm_id=124

On a final note, our Key Stage 3 students (Years 7 -9) complete weekly Bedrock sessions to improve their vocabulary. In the latest monthly stats there are two students who deserve a shout out for having made best use of the app this month – Oscar Down in Year 7 and Dennis Bruce in Year 9 – well done to both of them! And the best English group overall are 9EU6 – well done to them for their team effort.

The staff and governors at Stour Valley Community School and the trustees of Stour Valley Educational Trust wish you all a Happy Easter.

Kind regards
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