



STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term

Dates

Half

Term

Mon 26 Oct -

Fri 30 Oct 2020

Non-pupil

Day

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 25 September - Year 7 Flu & Year 10 Catch-up
Meningitis ACWY Immunisation session
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Year 11 Post-16 Information

The Year 11 students should now start to look at their post-16 options for next year, it will come round very quickly! Due to the current situation, we are unable to hold whole year assemblies, so we have asked each post-16 provider to send us a presentation which the tutors will show during tutor time. Prospectuses are being

Fri 20 Nov 2020

**Autumn Term
ends**

Fri 18 Dec 2020

**Christmas
Break**

Mon 21 Dec

2020 - Fri 1 Jan

2021

**Spring Term
starts**

Mon 4 Jan 2021

***Upcoming
Events this
September***

Friday 25

September

Year 7 Flu &

Year 10 Catch-

up Meningitis

ACWY

immunisation

session

Tuesday 29

September

Year 7 & 9

individual

student

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Photography

sent in the next few weeks and we will advise you of the open evenings (these will be virtual) in due course. We would like all students to have applied to their chosen college/sixth form by Christmas. Students can apply for more than one course, with more than one provider. They can then make a decision when they receive their GCSE results next year. If you have any questions, please contact keady@stourvalley.org

Year 11 Post-16 Open Events

Ipswich High School, Ipswich

30 September 2020

Contact Rebecca Geoghegan - r.geoghegan@ipswichhighschool.co.uk

01473 780201

Suffolk One, Ipswich

10 October 2020 9:30am-12:30pm

Colchester Institute, Colchester

Virtual Open Event - 13 October 2020 6-8pm

Book online - <https://www.colchester.ac.uk/events/#open-events>

Otley College, Ipswich

Virtual Open Event - 15 October 2020 5:30-8pm

Book online - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ipswich-campus-taster-event-tickets-120180937419>

1 December 2020 – 5:30-8pm

27 February 2020 – 9:30-12 noon

5 May 2020 – 5:30-8pm

Long Road Sixth Form, Cambridge

Virtual Tour - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-fN8xSWEiU&feature=youtu.be>

Updating Student Data

We use a system called SIMS Parent Lite to allow parents to update us with changes to their contact details, medical conditions etc. We have sent you an invite this week to enable you to do this. The user guide is attached for your information, if you do have any queries please do not hesitate to contact keady@stourvalley.org

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/simsparentappguide.pdf>

The SIMS Parent Lite app is GDPR compliant

Coats for Autumn Weather

With the cooler weather approaching and our students spending break and lunchtime outside (in keeping with our COVID-19 risk assessment) - may we kindly request you ensure your child brings their coat with them to school on a daily basis.

Hoodies & Non-uniform Sweatshirts

We have a number of students wearing hoodies and non-uniform sweatshirts on days when they have PE. These do not count as coats and may be confiscated. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Absence Reporting

Any student absence should be reported via the direct absence line: 01787 326941 on EACH day your child is absent. The reason or type of illness should be advised. You can either leave a message on this line before 8am or email at: keady@stourvalley.org

Food Technology

If your child is currently studying Food Technology, they will need to bring a take home container to all of their practical lessons.

Instrumental Lessons

If you have expressed an interest in your child having instrumental lessons at school, please could you confirm whether or not your child requires a place as soon as possible to enable peripatetic tutors to finalise their timetables, thank you.

Uniform and Equipment

May we kindly ask for your support in checking your child has their required equipment and uniform for each school day - this will prevent the need for you to deliver items into the building unnecessarily, thank you.

Attendance Guidance for Parents/Carers

Please view the following link for guidance regarding attendance if your child is unwell:

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/images/Guidanceforparentsrefattendanceatschoolifchildisunwell.pdf>

