



# STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

## Parent/Carer Bulletin

### ***Autumn Term Dates***

#### **Half Term**

Monday 31 May - Friday

4 June 2021

#### **Summer Term**

#### **ends**

Friday 16 July 2021

#### **Summer Break**

From Monday 19 July

2021

### **Dates for your Diary this Week**

- Monday 17 May - Year 9 Arts Rotation
- Monday 17 - Friday 21 May - Suffolk Constabulary - County Lines Week
- Thursday 20 May - Year 10 Psychology revision session, 3-4pm

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### **Change to Government Guidance on Wearing Face Coverings in School**

As expected, the Prime Minister announced this week that pupils will no longer be required to wear face coverings in schools and colleges from Monday 17 May. Pupils can, of course, choose to continue wearing one. All other protective measures remain in place and regular rapid testing will continue to help find and isolate asymptomatic cases when they do occur.

Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. In all schools and colleges, the government continues to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible.

## **Upcoming Events** **this May**

### **Monday 17 May**

Year 9 Arts rotation

### **Thursday 20 May**

Year 10 Psychology  
revision session, 3-4pm

### **Monday 24 May**

Let's Talk T Levels  
(virtual assembly) for all  
Year Groups, 1:40-2pm

### **Tuesday 25 May**

Next Steps (virtual  
assembly) for Year 10,  
1:40-2pm

### **Thursday 27 May**

Non-uniform Wear  
Green Day - supporting  
SVCS Eco Projects

### **Friday 28 May**

Year 11 Leavers Event,  
break time - 12:30pm

Importantly, the guidance also says: "The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. In all cases, any educational drawbacks should be balanced with the benefits of managing transmission. The Local Action Committee structure (Bronze/Silver/Gold) should be used in such circumstances to re-introduce the use of face coverings. Immediate outbreak response (at the level of individual settings or a cluster of settings) remains for local Directors of Public Health to advise on."

## **School Face Coverings Still Mandatory on Public & School Transport**

Children and young people aged 11 and over must still wear a face covering on public transport. In accordance with advice from PHE, they must also wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to secondary school or college.

## **Lateral-flow Testing at Home**

It will be even more important now that your child should take their lateral-flow test twice a week at home, each result should be recorded via the test register link - received via email as a reminder the day of your child's test. Thank you for your support in this matter and for your ongoing support throughout this pandemic.

I think we are all very hopeful that we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel.



## **Suffolk Constabulary - County Lines Week 17-21 May 2021**

We are expecting a visit from a local Police officer next week, who will be speaking to students to raise awareness of County Lines and Gangs. With this in mind, please view the following information for parents/carers, produced jointly by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies:

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call\\_to\\_a\\_member\\_function\\_getElements\\_on\\_null/Gangs\\_-\\_Advice\\_for\\_Parents.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Gangs_-_Advice_for_Parents.pdf)

If you have concerns that any of our students could be affected by these issues, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Safeguarding Team using the dedicated email address: [safe@stourvalley.org](mailto:safe@stourvalley.org)

## **Year 9 Arts Rotations**

From Monday 17 May, the Year 9 Arts groups will rotate, new timetables were issued today - Friday 14 May - during afternoon tutor time.

## **Uniform Reminder: Drama Lessons**

As Drama is a practical subject, wearing a skirt is not suitable for lessons, as they often do not allow for free movement or to maintain modesty when sitting on the floor. All students are therefore required to wear school trousers or PE leggings/jogging bottoms. These can be brought into school and changed into before the lesson - thank you.

## **School Nurse Drop In Service**

We are pleased to confirm that our School Nurse drop-in service for students will be resuming this Summer term, scheduled for the following dates:

Monday 7 June 12:55-2pm in G6

Monday 5 July 12:55-2pm in G6

## **Year 10 GCSE Psychology Revision Sessions**

Year 10 Psychology revisions sessions will commence on Thursday 20 May, 3-4pm (weekly).

## **Year 7 & 8 Lessons with Cotswold Archaeology**

Students at Stour Valley Community School are no strangers when it comes to working with Cotswold Archaeology. Having taken part in community archaeology digs in Clare Castle Country Park on three occasions now,

students have helped explore the remains of the Medieval castle there. This year, Cotswold Archaeology have come into school virtually to take lessons with Year 7 and Year 8 students. We were thrilled that Caroline Adams from Cotswold Archaeology has been able to share her knowledge with students on the role of archaeology and provide more depth to students' studies into the Black Death and The English Civil War. Further lessons will follow on Tuesday 25 May and we hope to take part in archaeology digs (Covid permitting) in Clare in the Autumn Term.



## Co-op Local Community Fund - Have You Chosen Your Cause?

If you are a Co-op member and have already downloaded the Co-op app, please click on the "membership" button and scroll down to choose your worthy cause. It would be great if you opt for us, Stour Valley Community School! ***At the moment, there is £2,120.68 available in our local community as many Co-op members still haven't chosen a cause yet.*** Alternatively, if you are not already a member it would be wonderful if you could please download the Co-op app on your mobile phones and sign up. It's really easy to do and only takes 5 minutes. **Money raised is going towards our open-air swimming pool to help keep it open for the local Community. Clare Swimming Club offer affordable entrance fees to use our fantastic facility which benefits everyone locally, in the form of exercise and wellbeing, and in a safe and fun environment. Summer is just around the corner, and hopefully, as it is an open-air pool, it would be great to be able to use it this year following government guidelines of course!** Thank you in anticipation of you choosing your local outdoor pool.



## SVCS Green Day

Thursday 27 May is Stour Valley's first ever *Green Day*. Wear green to school and bring a donation of £1 to help raise funds to help make the school more ECO, starting with a wildflower border around the school grounds.

## Data Changes

Please use the SIMS Parent App to advise us of any changes to your address, contact details etc. For parents/carers of students diagnosed with Asthma, may we kindly request you ensure you have entered a tick against *Emergency Inhaler Consent*, this will permit us to provide an emergency inhaler should your child forget their own whilst at school. If you are having trouble accessing the app, please contact [info@stourvalley.org](mailto:info@stourvalley.org) - the app guide is also available within our *Important Letter & Notices* section. Thank you.

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## Important Letters & Notices

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/could-you-foster> - *NEXUS Fostering*

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call\\_to\\_a\\_member\\_function\\_getElements\\_on\\_null/Year\\_11\\_Leavers\\_Event\\_Friday\\_28\\_May\\_2021.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Year_11_Leavers_Event_Friday_28_May_2021.pdf) - *Year 11 Leavers Event Information*

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/suffolk-rurals-big-day-out-tickets-151961199037> - *Suffolk Rural's Big Day Out, Thursday 3 June*

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/fitness-training-academy> - *Post-16 Training opportunity*

<http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/item/healthcare-careers-event> - *Healthcare careers event, Saturday 15 May 2021 for Year 10 & 11*

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call\\_to\\_a\\_member\\_function\\_getElements\\_on\\_null/Awarding\\_of\\_GCSE\\_Grades\\_2021.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Awarding_of_GCSE_Grades_2021.pdf) - *Year 11 Awarding of GCSE Grades 2021 information*

[http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call\\_to\\_a\\_member\\_function\\_getElements\\_on\\_null/Year\\_7\\_Summer\\_Camp\\_2021\\_Cancellation\\_Confirmation.pdf](http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/Year_7_Summer_Camp_2021_Cancellation_Confirmation.pdf) - *Thriftwood Summer Camp Cancellation Notice*

[safe@stourvalley.org](mailto:safe@stourvalley.org) - *Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address*

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