

STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

First day of Autumn Term

5 September

Half Term

24 - 28 Oct 2022

Non-pupil Day

Fri 18 Nov 2022

Christmas Break

21 Dec - 3 Jan 2023

Non-pupil Day

Wed 4 Jan 2023

Upcoming Events this September

Dates for your diary week commencing 12 September:

- Monday 12 September - Sports Clubs recommence
- Wednesday 14 September - Year 7 & 9 Individual Photos with Kittle Photography. 8:30am-12:00pm
- Thursday 15 September - Year 7 & 9 Meet the Tutor Evening - 5-7pm

Message from the Headteacher

It has been good to welcome students back to school for the new academic year, which has begun well. Yesterday marked a significant event in British history and today all students watched the BBC Newsround item about the Queen and her 70-year reign.

In the next couple of weeks, PSHE lessons and History lessons will switch their focus to the historical importance of the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the events that will take place in the coming weeks as a result, as well

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Monday 19 September

Year 8 HPV Vaccination session with the NHS Immunisation Team in the Library, 9:30am-13:00

Tuesday 20 September

Year 11 GCSE Geography trip to Walton-on-the-Naze, 8:30am-5pm approx.

Wednesday 21 September

Year 7 Reward trip to Frinton on Sea, 8:30am-4pm

Thursday 22 September

Year 11 Information Evening, 5-7pm

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Year 10 & 11 GCSE Psychology trip to view Derren Brown, live at Ipswich Theatre, 6-11pm

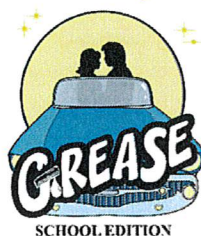
as looking at issues of grief and mourning on a national and individual level.

We will, of course, wait to hear what will happen formally as a nation.

Grease the Musical is coming to SVCS!

The Creative Arts Faculty are very excited for the return of the 'SVCS whole school production'- the first since 2019!

Auditions are open to all students in all years, and are on Monday 12 & Wednesday 14 September 3-5pm. Full details of what students will need to do can be found here [pdf Auditions Info.pdf](#). Once students have completed their audition, they will be free to call/text home for collection and will finish at 5pm at the latest. Students only need to attend one of the audition days, not both. Please encourage your child to take part, as this is a wonderful opportunity, and always one that students remember long after they have left school.



Drama Lessons Uniform Reminder

Please be aware that Drama lessons require students to wear school trousers rather than skirts, due to the practical nature of the subject. If school trousers are not available, black PE leggings or shorts are acceptable. Students should bring these to school and change before/after lessons as appropriate. Many thanks for your support.

Student absence Reporting

For reporting student absences or appointments please use the following email address: studentabsence@stourvalley.org or leave a message on the following line: 01787 326 941. Student absences must be reported by 8:30am, please note that confirmation is required on each day of subsequent absence. Thank you.

Year 11 GCSE History Visit to Lavenham Airfield

Year 11 GCSE History Visit to Lavenham Airfield on Sunday 2 October 2022

20% of the GCSE History course comprises of a site study where SVCS historians investigate a historic site of our choice. Our chosen site is the WW2 American Airforce base at Lavenham where 3,000 US service personnel were stationed during WW2.

We will visit the site on **Sunday 2 October** and students will be taken on a tour of the site remains. Arrive by 10:30am and pick up required at 12 noon.

This site visit is not compulsory for the History GCSE but will provide a good deal of useful information and a chance to see the site for themselves. **If your child is a Year 11 GCSE History student and you would like them to come on this visit, please reply to the email sent to you by the office team before Wednesday 14 September.** After that date we cannot accept any more requests to attend.

We look forward to a great visit!

The History Team



Sports Clubs this Autumn

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Starting NEXT WEEK BACK- 12th September ...

What day?	What's on?	Who can go?	What's it all about?
Monday	Netball Club	Anyone	Everyone is welcome. See Miss North or Mrs Tuck for details. This club is for people who want to develop their skills and who would like to represent the school teams.
Wednesday	Martial Arts	Anyone	Learn all about the techniques and philosophy of Martial Arts. This club takes place in the Gym. See Mr Spalding for details.
Thursday	Football Club	Anyone	Everyone is welcome. See Mr Leppard or Mr Mansfield for details. This club is for all students who would like to improve their football knowledge and skills. Team players, and those who would like to be team players should attend.

Clubs are from 3-4pm with the PE staff and you will need to organise to be collected at 4pm.

All clubs are free to attend!

Year 11 Psychology Revision Session

Year 11 Psychology revision sessions will resume this Wednesday from 3-4pm. Please arrange transport for your child.

Bedrock Learning

Thank you to all Key Stage 3 parents who have already signed up for the parental access on Bedrock learning. By signing in, you can see their knowledge organiser, and you will receive weekly progress reports on your child's progress via email when you create your

Bedrock account. This will enable you to check if your child is completing their English homework. Students are set two Bedrock lessons to complete per week.

Students have been given their login details during their Skills lessons and these will be stuck in their planner.

If you need a quick reminder of how to log in:

Step 1: Visit app.bedrocklearning.org

Step 2: Click on the 'Guardian/Teacher' tab.

Step 3: Complete the parent sign-up sheet and enter your access code.

Step 4: Check your email for your password, and then log in. Be sure to check your junk folder if no email arrives.

Thank you for your continued support.

The English Department



Message from the Quay Theatre Sudbury

The Quay has been running term time youth drama courses for many years, with children returning year after year. This year we have increased the lower age of the students in our Novas group, as it was felt there was a need to focus more on age appropriate development of skills for that group. As a result Novas will now accept applications from children in academic year 9 upwards.

FOR STUDENTS IN SCHOOL YEARS 9 - 13.

Quay Novas is our Youth Drama course (10 weeks plus performance) that runs on Thursday evenings from 5.30pm - 7.00pm from 22nd September, in The Jetty studio on Quay Lane. There is no session during school half-term holidays.

The sessions include: Drama games · Improvisation and physical theatre · Script and voice work · Stage combat · Props and costumes, and developing a production.

There will be a small show in the Jetty (Quay Lane) on 11th December with a nominal charge for tickets which can be bought nearer the time.

The course is limited to 15 students. The fee for the course is just £60 per term.

To book please use this link <https://quaysudbury.com/events/quay-novas-autumn-2022/>

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PAY THE FEES IN ONE GO, WE CAN

ORGANISE A PAYMENT PLAN FOR YOU IF YOU CONTACT US ON

Email: admin@quaysudbury.com Tel: 01787 374745 (Box Office Option 1)

Letters & Notices

<https://clarecastlecountrypark.co.uk/towntours/> - *Historical Guided Tours of Clare, July-October*

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Relationship_Sex_Educational_Policy_May_2022_DRAFT_FOR_PARENT_CONSULTATION.pdf - *Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy*

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news> - *Price & Buckland Uniform Orders*

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

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

http://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/Call_to_a_member_function_getElements_on_null/sims_parent_app_guide.pdf - *SIMS Parent App Guide*



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