

Parent Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

23 Oct - 27 Oct 2023, Half Term

17 November 2023, Non-pupil Day

21 Dec 2023 - 2 Jan 2024, *Christmas*

Events this October

Monday 16 October

Whole School Influenza Programme- day 1 of 2, 9am-3pm

Tuesday 17 October

Whole School Influenza Programme – day 2 of 2, 9am-3pm

Thursday 19 October

Year 7 Thriftwood Summer Camp 2024 Parent/Carer Information Evening, 6pm

Friday 20 October

Last full school day before the Half Term break

Monday 23 October

Half Term

Monday 30 October

Students return from the Half Term break

Dates for your diary week commencing 16 October:

- Monday 16 October Whole School Influenza programme day 1 of 2, 9am-3pm
- Tuesday 17 October Whole School Influenza programme day 2 of 2, 9am-12pm
- Thursday 19 October Year 7 Thriftwood Summer Camp 2024 Parent/Carer Information Evening, 6pm
- Friday 20 October Last full school day before the Half Term break

PACT & PLACE - Mental Health & Wellbeing

Would you like to understand more about mental health and wellbeing? Would you like some advice on how to support your child with mental health and wellbeing concerns?

Would you like to speak to other parents and carers in a similar situation to you?

If so, we would like to recommend, not only a look at the Wellbeing section of our website (https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/svcs-wellbeing/wellbeing), but also some parent and carers support groups.

Firstly, there is PACT. This is a Suffolk organisation and more information can be found here: https://www.parentsandcarerstogether.co.uk



Then, there is PLACE. This is a national organisation and more information can be found here: https://www.charliewaller.org/place-parent-support



This, and more information and signposting specifically for parents and carers can be found on the Parent Portal section of our

website: https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/svcs-wellbeing/parent-portal

If you would like further information about support for your child or children, please contact their form tutor in the first instance.

Whole School Influenza Vaccination Programme

We would like to thank parents/carers who have completed the Influenza Vaccination E-Link to confirm consent or decline. *Vaccination UK* will be with us all day Monday 16 and until midday on Tuesday 17 October to carry out the programme for all year groups.

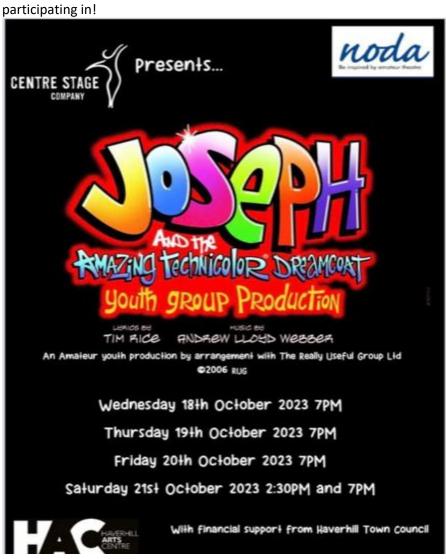
If your child is due to receive a dose, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring they are wearing a short sleeve shirt under their blazer (if possible), that they have a substantial breakfast, and bring water and snacks for the day - thank you.

Should you have any enquiries prior to the commencement of the programme next week, please contact the immunisation team direct at: 01462 427 008.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat

We are delighted to share the below poster with details of a youth group production that a few of our students are participating in!



Lost Property

The lost property stand at reception will be renewed next Friday, please remind your child to check the stand should they have any missing items. Anything not collected will be donated/disposed of accordingly, thank you.

Year 10 & 11 Careers SNC in a Day



Year 11 - Letter from The Colchester Sixth Form College Principal

September 2023

Dear Student/Parents/Carer

Open Evenings at The Sixth Form College Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 October 2023

I am pleased to invite you and your son or daughter to the College Open Evenings that are being held on the above dates.

The Open Evening for prospective students and their parents/carers from Stour Valley Community School is on Wednesday 18 October. If this is not convenient, you are welcome to attend on the Thursday evening. The activities run from 6.15-9.00 PM and you can attend at any time during the evening.

The event gives you a chance to find out about the courses, opportunities and support available to students, alongside details of our application procedures. Students and parents/carers can tour the College, visit departments and talk to teaching staff and students. There will also be a number of presentations from senior staff. A map of the departments and facilities at the College will be available to visitors in reception.

I regret that, given the numbers expected to attend on these evenings, and the limited car parking space available on the college site IT IS NECESSARY TO ASK YOU TO USE ONE OF THE CAR PARKS IN THE TOWN. Please see overleaf for a map of the car parks near to the College. Visitors with mobility difficulties should contact the Admissions Office (01206 414005/414008) for advice on parking and access.

I very much hope that you and your son or daughter can join us for one of these evenings, as from past experience we find that the students who attend open evenings are able to make more informed choices. If you are unable to attend there will be a range of information available online to help guide your initial decision-making prior to your interview.

Yours sincerely Ian MacNaughton – Principal



Important Letters & Notices

https://support.overnetdata.com/knowledge-base/how-do-parents-update-their-information-in-edulink-one/How do parents/carers view and update their information in EduLink One

<u>Microsoft Word - PSHE Parental Advice (stourvalleycommunityschool.org)</u> - *PSHE Parental Advice* <u>https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/letters-from-the-headteacher</u> - *Letters from the Headteacher*

<u>studentabsence@stourvalley.org</u> - Stour Valley Community School Attendance reporting email address <u>safe@stourvalley.org</u> - Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address

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