

Stowupland High School Bulletin

Friday 11th September 2026



From Mr Walker, Principal

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Year 11 - Special assemblies about next steps

Throughout the year we invite colleagues from local post-16 providers into school to talk to students about the options available to them. On Monday 14th, West Suffolk College will be in school for a special assembly with Year 11. This is an unmissable opportunity to find out more about what is on offer after Stowupland. Other local providers are booked in for Mondays in the coming weeks.

Mobile phone pouches

On Monday we are looking forward to issuing all students with their mobile phone pouch during morning line ups. They will put their mobile phone in this for the day, lock it and then unlock it only at the end of the day. The DfE now requires all schools to be mobile phone free environments by law. You can read about this [HERE](#).

Having phones locked in pouches will also provide the following benefits:

- giving students more space to think deeply, engage meaningfully, and thrive in an environment designed for growth and learning
- improving learning and concentration throughout the school day
- preventing online issues that may spill over into school, and decreasing safeguarding risks caused by online behaviour

All parents and carers received a letter about this at the end of last term, including parents of children who have just started in Year 7. [Click here to view a copy of the letter.](#)

Test weeks

Each year group will have a formal exam week/fortnight this year, to test the knowledge they have covered so far and to provide an experience of undertaking a series of exams in a formal setting. For your information and forward planning, this year's exam weeks are as follows:

Year 7	14th - 18th June
Year 8	11th - 15th January
Year 9	8th - 12th February
Year 10	19th - 30th April
Year 11	9th - 20th November
	22nd February - 5th March

Open Evening - early closure

This year's Open Evening will be on Thursday 1st October, from 5-8pm. On this date, school finishes at the end of Period 3 (12.50pm), and students will leave at that time. School transport will therefore run earlier, and all buses will pick up from 12.50. Please arrange for your child to be collected early if they are normally collected from school. We will arrange for lunch to be provided for students who are in receipt of free school meals.

Tea & Tours

We are offering Tea and Tours for Year 6 students and their families to see our school in action. Please spread the news [Click HERE](#) for more information.



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Languages challenge

To celebrate European Day of Languages on September 26, the Modern Foreign Languages department are inviting students to enter a special video project challenge. Students should create a video or audio recording up to 3 minutes long in any language, talking about a non-English native speaker celebrity they admire. Entries must contain at least 10 sentences—including five specific key details about the celebrity—and be emailed to enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk by Wednesday, September 23, 2026, saved as "Your name, form, language and the celebrity name". There are merits, golden tickets, and prizes to be won, so please encourage your child to get creative and showcase their language skills.

Legally Blonde Jr Student Auditions

Whether students are dreaming of pink, ready to bend and snap, or just eager to try something new, this is their chance to be part of a fun, high energy musical! Audition packs have been sent out and the audition schedule for next week is:

Monday - Elle, Vivienne, Paulette
Tuesday - Emmett, Warner, Callahan, Kyle
Wednesday - Margot/Serena/Pilar, Chutney, Brooke
Thursday - Ensemble dance auditions
We can't wait to see our talented students shine!



Extra Curricular Clubs and activities

We are offering a wide range of sporting clubs, catch-up sessions and opportunities for students to learn something new. You can view what is currently on offer and sign your child up for one or more club on the Arbor app. Scroll down to find 'Activities' and then click on 'Clubs'. All available clubs will show there.

Learn Latin at Stowupland

Students at Stowupland are able to begin Latin lessons. These take place on Thursdays in T2 from 3.50 until 4.40pm. Students will have their own text book, exercise book and dedicated tuition in the language. They will learn the ancient language, study the culture and history of the Romans and read Latin poetry and prose. A knowledge of Latin also helps students understand technical English vocabulary (and other modern languages) much better, and is great fun! Sadly, few students outside fee-paying schools ever have the opportunity to learn Latin, and so I would encourage you to sign up on the Arbor app if you would like your child to participate. There are only 30 places available, so early sign up is encouraged. The club is suitable for beginners as well as those who have already learnt some Latin.

