

Stowupland High School

"Outstanding Progress for All"



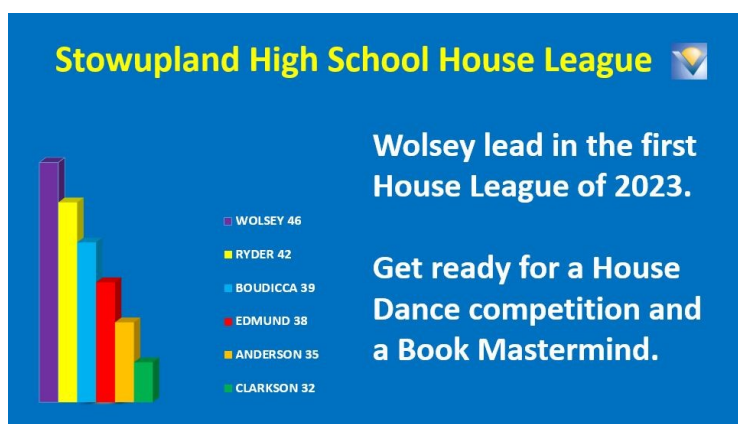
13.01.2023

Dear Parents / Carers

This week has been busier than usual as we had an Ofsted inspection following on from our previous one, 4 years ago. Although we were fully prepared and expecting a visit, it still brings with it a lot of extra work and pressure on all our school community. Inspectors carry out many different meetings and discussions with staff and students. I would like to thank all of those involved, including students, for giving up their time and sharing their views and experiences of our school. I would also like to thank you for completing the Ofsted parent view questionnaire. Once the outcome is no longer confidential, I will of course be sharing this with you.

I also chaired our School Council this week. School Council is formed from students across the school including the Mulberry Centre and the 6th Form. We discussed views and ideas presented by the different year council representatives and the 6th Form committee. These included doing more charity work with the potential of linking this to non-uniform days and the Mulberry Students running a cake sale. We also discussed the wearing of coats in the school building, possibilities of upgrading some sports equipment and discussed students'

House League



Polite notices

Can you please ensure that your child has their student ID badge with them on a daily basis. It is imperative that they use their badge when purchasing items from the canteen. Failure to have their badge with them, will result in them being sent to the back of the queue. If your child needs a replacement badge, please contact Mrs Wooldridge via accounts@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk Please note there is a charge of £2.50 per replacement badge.

WELLBEING

Supporting young people's mental health—workshops for parents/carers

Virtual workshops organised by the NHS Foundation Trust were designed to provide advice and guidance to parents/carers. If you would like to find out more and book your space at the workshop, please click [HERE](#) for the dates available in January and February and [HERE](#) for March.

views and what they should do if they are being bullied. It was good to spend some time with the students discussing issues that are important to them. We already have a comprehensive agenda forming for our next meeting.

Year 9 started their options process on Wednesday. They have been provided with a personalised options booklet and I know many of them will be attending our Options Evening next Wednesday. This is an exciting time for Year 9 and I know they will be offered lots of support and advice as they make these big decisions.

Our Year 11 students are approaching the end of their GCSEs and have received their mock results this afternoon. I wish them well with these and I am sure they will be motivated for the final push to the summer exams.

Wishing you all a good weekend

D. Brewster

OneLife Kids Clubs

OneLife Suffolk Kids Clubs offer families a free 10-week club where families have the opportunity to pick up some hints and tips and receive support with living a healthy life. The nearest club in Mid Suffolk area is in Stowmarket Leisure Centre.

For more information about the club, please visit [OneLife Suffolk](https://www.onelifesuffolk.co.uk)



Young Volunteers fair at The Mix



Together Project and The Mix are inviting all 15-25 year old young people to attend Young Volunteers fair at The Mix in February. Whether the young person is interested in volunteering or learning more about it, this fair is an event not to be missed. Together Project informed us there will be many businesses attending with loads of volunteering opportunities.

Please see the poster for details.

SPORTS NEWS

12.1.23 Year 10 Girls' Football

We played St Joseph's College and managed a 5-1 victory which is astonishing! It was very muddy, but it didn't seem to phase our students as their celebration at the end was skidding/sliding in the mud! We had 11 players (5, Y10 and 6, Y9). We are proud of each and every one of them! The goal scorers were Tia Shenton (1), Elena Kendall (1), Hannah Jones (1) and Mia Lockwood (2)

12.1.23 Year 7 Boys' Football

The Year 7 boys football team played Stowmarket's B team on Thursday 12 January. The team who played in the development tournament at Thurston were the squad chosen to play this fixture. Miss Brownsell said that the boys acquitted themselves well and the team put in a pleasing performance.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



A massive congratulations to May Richardson (10CK) who has now been selected to represent the U15/16 Suffolk Schools Cross Country team. May finished in 22nd place out of a total of approximately 60 runners across Suffolk on Thursday 12 January.



Holly Leivers (11MB) has just been awarded her black belt in Krav Maga martial art. She started studying martial arts in year 8 and is now hoping to grade for her black belt in kick boxing at the end of 2023 . Congratulations!

Next week's fixtures

Date	Who	Sport	Vs.
16/1	Under 16 Boys	Football (A)	Debenham
17/1	Year 9 Girls	Football (A)	Newmarket
17/1	Year 7 Girls	Football (H)	East Point Academy
19/1	Under 13	Sports Hall Athletics	At Thomas Gainsborough

IMPORTANT: If your child is taking part in any sports fixtures, please look out for an email to give consent for the student to take part. These can be announced very last minute so we would appreciate your prompt action. You will find the consent box within Arbor under activities/trips.

Attendance up to 13th January 2023

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
92.5%	91.8%	89.2%	88.3%	86.9%	89.7%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

January

18th —Year 9 Options Evening

February

2nd —Careers in Arts Day, Years 10-13

8th – Year 9 Parents’ Evening

13th -17th— Half Term

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Term Dates 2022-2023		Half Term	Non Student Days
Autumn Term 2022	1st September - 16th December	24th - 28th Oct	1st September
Spring Term 2023	3rd January - 31st March	13th—17th Feb	2nd September
Summer Term 2023	17th April - 21st July	29th May - 2nd June	25th November
			3rd January
			21st July

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