Stowupland High School

"Outstanding Progress for All"



20.01.2023 Dear Parents / Carers

As we reach the half way point of the academic year, it is important that we remind our students of our high expectations which the majority of our students meet on a daily basis. We will be presenting this in assemblies next week where we will be reminding students of the importance of punctuality and being in a position to learn with the correct equipment and books. They will also get a reminder about wearing full school uniform and remembering they are still representing our school community as they travel to and from school.

As we are in a cold snap of weather, I would like to ask your support in ensuring our students do not play or go on frozen ponds or lakes. We have covered this in tutor time today but additional conversations at home would support this message. I am sure we can all remember the tragic events that occurred in Manchester recently and the students need to fully understand how dangerous frozen water can be.

I am sure some of you remember that last year Mr Whear wrote about the NSPCC audit of our Safeguarding procedures. To ensure we continue to monitor and review these we have just had another external audit carried out. I am pleased to inform you all that the report I received confirmed

Book Mastermind



Come along to the library to sign up.

The Mix Open Evening

The Mix is a non profit organisation—a youth work charity based in Stowmarket (opposite the Regal cinema). The Mix is inviting everyone who is interested in learning more about the organisation to an open evening on 25th January.

WELLBEING

Are you getting enough sleep?

Getting good sleep, and enough of it, can help us have more energy, feel

MINL fighting for young people's mental health

what it takes to became a Book Mastermind? Please see Mrs Burns in the library for more information.

Are you in year 7, 8 or 9? Have you got



more positive, and feel less stressed. Please visit Young Minds for information, guidance and help. we are fully compliant and our Safeguarding procedures are effective. As you all know we take safeguarding in our school community very seriously and will continue to ensure we are implementing the best practice recommendations.

As we are at this point in the year, some of our students are busy thinking about their next steps. Year 9 and their families attended the Options Evening on Wednesday. There was a very positive atmosphere with students and families discussing careers and subject choices, supported by our wonderful staff.

Year 11 have been applying for post-16 courses, with some already securing places including in our Sixth Form, whilst others are still at the interview stage. Year 13 are busy working with Mr Hailstone to ensure they complete their UCAS applications before the deadline.

Progress teams will be supporting students with their choices and applications over the next couple of months.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

D. Brewster

February half-term

There is a number of various activities and clubs available at Stowupland Sports Centre and Stowupland area over the February half-term. Please see the selection below. For more information please email the providers themselves or sportscentre@johnmiltonacademytrust.co.uk

STOWUPLAND SPORTS CENTRE HALF TERM ACTIVITIES





Polite notices

Today is the deadline to complete the payment for the Years 10 and 11 trip to Germany in Spring. Please visit ParentMail shop to complete the payment.

Consultation on Post-16 Travel Policy 2023-2024

Between 16 January and 27 February 2023, Suffolk County Council is seeking views of parents/carers of Years 11 and 12 students about the proposed Post-16 Travel Policy for the 2023/2024 school year. Please visit <u>Suffolk County Council</u> website for more information.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 11 Boys Football 16.1.23

It was a very cold day. Boys were superb and up against it in the first half, with the wind in their faces and playing uphill. A great move got us 1-0 up and we never looked like losing from there. Dominated the second half and the boys were a credit to the school. I'm off to buy some hand warmers for the next round! Final score 6-2. The boys are now through to the quarter-finals.

Mr Holden

Year 9 Girls Football 17.1.23

Cancelled

Year 8 Athletics 19.1.23

We took 8 boys and 8 girls to the U13 Indoor Sportshall Athletics on Thursday 19 January. The teams competed in a number of track and field events throughout the afternoon. We had some excellent individual results. Well done to both teams!

Mr Broom

Next week's fixtures					
Date	Who	Sport	Vs.		
24/1	Under 12	Sportshall Athletics	Thurston		
3.45-5.45		(A)			
25/1	Year 7 Girls	Football (H)	East Point Acad-		
2.30 КО			emy		
26/1	Year 9 Girls	Football (A)	Newmarket		
2.30 КО					
27/1	Under 14 Boys	Badminton	County Finals		
9.30-3.30					

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 20th January 2023

¥7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
92.4%	91.9%	89.5%	88.2%	86.8%	89.1%

	Contact Details:		
	Main School:	01449 674827 (08.30am - 4.00pm)	
DATES FOR THE DIARY		<u>year7@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</u>	
		year8@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk	
February	Pastoral emails:	<u>year9@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</u>	
3rd —Careers in Arts Day, Years 10-13	Fastoral emails.	year10@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk	
8th – Year 9 Parents' Evening		year11@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk	
13th -17th—Half Term		sixthform@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk	
	General:	enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk	
	Cashless catering:	accounts@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk	
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	Website:	www.stowuplandhighschool.co.uk	

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 25th November
Summer Term 2023	17th April - 21st July	29th May - 2nd June	3rd January 21st July

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