

# Stowupland High School

*"Outstanding Progress for All"*



09.06.2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. It certainly looks and feels as if summer has finally arrived.

I would like to thank you all for your support as we improve the standards of our school uniform. Certainly earlier on in the week there was a notable increase in the number of students wearing our school jumper rather than a hoodie. Year 10 have been lining up each day to ensure their uniform is setting the standard for the rest of the school. It is Year 9's turn next week to see if they can match the standards set by Year 10.

Our summer exam season continues, with the addition of Year 9. They have so far taken assessments in English and Science. They follow the same rules and procedures as our Year 11, whilst completing the assessments in the Sports Hall. Following the same rules as Year 11, allows the younger students to get into good habits around exams so they are familiar with the set up before their final GCSEs. The outcome of these assessments will be used to help the core subject teams when they look at regrouping students ready for Key Stage 4.

We believe in the power of strong parent-school partnerships. This week, myself and Mrs Walden met with our Parent Forum. We discussed various concerns and issues about what has been

## PE Department

### **PE Kit donations**

We would be extremely grateful for any PE kit donations from our Year 11 students that no longer require their kit. We would welcome polo tops, shorts, trainers, boots, etc.

### **Orienteering County Finals**

We attended the Championships at Haughley Park. It was an ideal location for this type of event as it contains areas of open parkland and mixed woodland. SI timing was used and standard SI cards (dibbers) were allocated to the pairs.

Pre-printed waterproof maps (Scale 1:6,000) were issued at the start. Teams took part in a Line O event (14 controls over 2.6km) and a Score O event (30 controls). Times were staggered for the Line O event and a mass start for the Score O event.

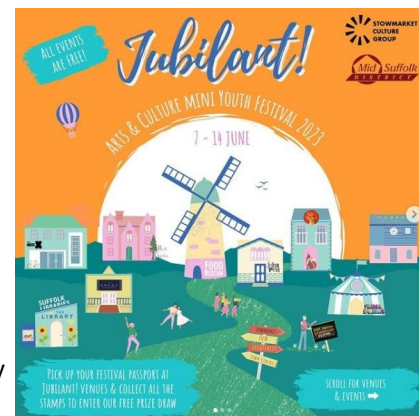
Finishing orders for each event on the day were produced, but they were not able to calculate team results immediately and we are still awaiting the results.

## Jubilant!

Don't forget to visit the display at Fox Yard in Stowmarket!

16 students from Stowupland High School participated in the project and their sculpture 'The Stowmarket of Tomorrow – Today!' – Diorama-Style Sculpture will be on display in the Old Fox Yard Wednesday 7– Wednesday 14 June.

Please find more information by following this [LINK](#)



happening in school, including our Ofsted report. I would like to assure you all that once it is a form that is going to be published, I will share it with you before it goes live on the Ofsted website. Unfortunately we are currently not at that stage.

Mrs Walden joined me so we could have some parent input on our new Anti-Bulling Policy, which will be published on the website in September. The forum serves as a platform for open dialogue, allowing parents to voice their opinions, concerns, and suggestions. The invaluable insights shared during the forum will help us further strengthen our school's policy and ensure that we are consistently meeting the needs of our students and families. Our next meeting will be in September so please look out for details in the Home Bulletin.

There have also been other developments starting this week as our school community continues to thrive and grow. We have some students who have started a new reading support strategy, improving these skills will enable them to engage and learn more across the curriculum. Following on from discussions with the Whole School Council, our Catering Manager has introduced a pre order system. This allows students to order their lunchtime baguette at break time, ensuring they get the filling they want with a reduced queue time.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and for being an integral part of our vibrant School community.

Have a good weekend

Mr Brewster

## Library News

Sarah Maidment from Get Suffolk Reading came to school on Thursday to work with our **Literacy Champions**. They were asked to come up with ideas for an activity on the environment such as eco trails to educate and raise awareness, activities linked to the environment or a campaign. They decided they wanted to create resources for younger children to get them outside and explore their local environment. They had a plethora of ideas and were really passionate about the project.

Get Suffolk Reading will create the resources and will share these with local primary schools.

As it is Volunteers Week, Sarah provided them with plenty of cake and they even walked away with some free books!

Read more about [Get Suffolk Reading](#).



## WELLBEING

**Stay mentally healthy during exams!**

Exams can come with a lot of pressure and make us feel really stressed. If you're struggling to cope, you're not alone!

**Mind** can help you manage your feelings around exams and find ways to cope.

Please visit [Exam Stress](#)



## Attendance up to 9th June 2023

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
91.6%	91%	89.2%	87.6%	85.2%	88.9%

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### June

13th—U14 Cricket Festival

13th—Year 12 University of Suffolk visit—UCAS

14th—Year 9 Super 8's Athletics

14th June—Year 11 last day in school

15th—Music Industry Workshop

19th/20th—Year 10 Castle Acre visit

21st/22nd—Year 10 Visit to Felixstowe

27th—Author—Simon James Green visit

30th June—Year 11 Prom

29th-30th—Sixth Form Induction

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

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