

# Stowupland High School

"Outstanding Progress for All"



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Dear parents and carers

It only seems like 5 minutes ago that I was writing last week's home bulletin update. As a school community we are fortunate to be able to offer such diverse opportunities for our students. Over the next few weeks we are hosting 43 students from China, running reward trips, celebrating diversity week, sports day, Year 10 work experience, confirming student leadership positions for next year along with ensuring we are ready for next year by hosting transitions days with our future Year 7 and Year 12 students. All of these opportunities would not be possible without our staff support and dedication.

The majority of Year 10 this week have been out exploring and learning away from the classroom. The Geography students have been to Felixstowe studying longshore drift and how sea defences work. They couldn't have asked for better weather for a trip to the coast. Our Historians had the opportunity to visit Castle Acre. This is an area of the syllabus that students study across the country. We are in a good geographical position to allow our students to have the advantage of an actual site visit. They also had a couple of good days with members of the public telling our staff what wonderful polite students we have, both in Felixstowe and at Castle Acre. Well done to the Humanities department for organising and running these trips for our students.

## Library News

### **Accessit Online Library**

The winners of the Accessit online library catalogue were won by Lottie H (7TP), Riley (7TP), Amy N (7JCO) and Amelia J (7KT) - Well done!

### **Diversity Week**

In celebration of School Diversity Week there are lots of activities going on in the library next week. The most exciting thing is the author Simon James Green is coming to visit us on Tuesday. Year 8 will have an assembly with him followed by a year 7 and a year 8 English class attending a workshop with him and finally he will be available to all year groups to meet and greet in the library over lunch.

There is also a bake sale happening on Friday 30th with cakes selling at 50p each with all proceeds going to the Just Like Us charity. If you are able to donate any cakes please can your

child inform their tutor. This event will be reliant on the good will of our staff, students and parents. There will also be a chance to buy rainbow ribbons for 50p each and again proceeds going to Just Like Us.

Next week looks to be a very exciting week and I hope you will support us in any way you can.

## **School Diversity Week Lunchtime Events in the Library.**

**Monday** - Rainbow craft activities

**Tuesday** - Simon James Green VIP Meet & Greet

**Wednesday** - Watch Heartstopper - over 12yrs only

**Thursday** - Rainbow Scavenge hunt



Year 8 have been in the spotlight this week as they complete the morning line ups to allow their tutors and Progress Team to check uniform and ensure the students are ready for a day of learning. They have done very well despite the warm weather. It is the Year 7 students turn next week to line up in the morning. I am sure their uniform will continue to meet our high expectations. Thank you again for all your support as we continue to reset our uniform standard in preparation for September.

Our end of year assessments continue, with the final GCSE exams being completed on Wednesday of this week and the last A level exam next Monday. We wish those students a relaxing and enjoyable long summer and we look forward to sharing with them their results in August. Our Year 12s are finishing their assessment week and Year 10 should be busy revising ready for next week. These exams are an important step before they start their final GCSE year.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend

Mr David Brewster

## Sports News

### **Sports Day—11th July**

Save the day! Track events will approximately start from 1.00pm with the final event scheduled to finish at 3.30pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch and support.

### Be aware of these Apps



**Omegle** - is one of the more popular video chat sites available online. It pairs random users identified as 'You' and 'Stranger' to chat online via text, video or both. Concerns:

- No account sign up required – users can join a chat immediately and are automatically paired with a complete stranger.
- No age verification – it says users must be 13+ with 'parental permission and supervision' but does not check this at any point.
- No effective moderation – it claims to use 'AI and human moderators', but there is little to no evidence or clarity that this is implemented.
- No reporting or blocking features – users are unable to report inappropriate behaviour, and offending users can continue to use Omegle freely

More information on [OMEGLE](#)

**WIZZ** - basically like Tinder with an age restriction 12+being advertised on TikTok as a young person's Tinder. The App store description is a way of making new friends. There is speculation that this is being used for blackmail purposes as it has access to your camera.

**Likee** - Low grade TikTok. Likee automatically displays the user's location with every post. Concerns:

- Likee automatically displays the user's location with every post
- Accounts can't be made private
- Users can filter a search by gender
- There is no age verification process
- Mature and risky content abounds
- In-app parental controls are ineffectual
- Commenting and private messaging, allowing predators and paedophiles - often adults posing as children - to target kids with salacious comments and vile "challenges."

For more E-Safety information, please visit our website by following this [LINK](#).

## Attendance up to 23rd June 2023

| Y7    | Y8  | Y9    | Y10   | Y11   | Overall |
|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| 91.6% | 91% | 89.1% | 87.6% | 82.2% | 88.3%   |

| <b>DATES FOR THE DIARY</b><br><br><b>June</b><br>27th—Author—Simon James Green visit<br>30th June—Year 11 Prom<br>30th—Sixth Form Induction<br><br><b>July</b><br>3rd-4th—Year 6 Transition Days<br>5th—Mulberry Open Evening<br>6th—Year 7 Rewards Trip<br>7th—Year 8 Rewards Trip<br>11th—Sports Day<br>12th—Year 9 Rewards Trip<br>13th—Year 10 Rewards Trip<br>17th—Summer Showcase | <b>Contact Details:</b>   |  |
|---|---------------------------|--|
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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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