



07.12.23

Dear parents/carers

I am very pleased to inform you that today some of our Year 11 students were able to benefit from the temporary buildings we have on site. Although "The Village" is still an ongoing project with lots of work to be completed, they have been able to access some much needed additional space. This has enabled us to run our year 11 mock exams in their normal time slot. It has always been our aim to run the school as normally as we can, given the reduced space we currently have. This is just part of that process but it feels like a huge step forward in terms of getting the required space for our students and staff. More learning spaces will become available as we work through the spring term.

On Wednesday we had our annual KS4 Celebration Evening. The class of 2023 came back into school with their parents and carers to receive their exam certificates and Subject awards. Students, staff, parents and carers were then provided with some refreshments, while the students shared their successes and experiences from the last few months.

I was fortunate enough to present 2 awards; The Head Teacher's award and an award for 100% attendance. These both went to the same student. 100% attendance over 5 years is a huge achievement and in fact this student is now in our 6th form and still hasn't missed any of her education.

## Christmas festivities at Stowupland High

### Winter Showcase

Wednesday 13th December



### Christmas Carol Concert

Tuesday 19th December

Wednesday 20th December

### Christmas Jumpers and Uniform!



£1 donation to UNICEF and the Red Cross

### Lost Property SALE

Please claim your lost property by the end of the term. We will be clearing out the stock we acquired over the Christmas break.

We plan to hold Lost Property Sale on 21st December (Thursday) between 2pm-4pm in the front Reception. All money will be donated to a charity chosen by the School Council.

Being in school every day and attending all lessons is so important for students' progress. This was an excellent example of how progress and attendance are so closely linked.

Our 6th Form Committee has been busy preparing and running events for the whole school. On Wednesday we benefited from a very popular cake sale, which has raised nearly £200 for the Year 13 Prom. They have also been busy with the preparation for our Christmas Carol Concert. This will take place on the 19th December between 19:00 and 20:00. I hope to see some of you there.

There is also our Performing Arts Winter Showcase, which I am looking forward to. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to have the experience of performing in front of an audience. They are always very enjoyable evenings and I know the students have all been working hard in preparation. I am sure anyone attending will leave feeling a lot more Christmassy.

Wishing you all a restful weekend

Kind regards

David Brewster

Headteacher



## Discretionary grant for Christmas

Suffolk County Council (SCC) is pleased to confirm that a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the Christmas Holiday. The grant will be issued as a £30 supermarket voucher for each eligible child and is designed to help families with their essential living costs during the school holiday.

We can also now confirm that our supermarket voucher provider company 'Sodexo Motivation Solutions UK Limited' have changed their company name to 'Pluxee UK LTD'. The process of issuing the discretionary grant vouchers will remain the same and this is purely a name change for the provider. As with previous issues of vouchers, the SCC Free School Meals (FSM) team will place the voucher order using the information provided by your child's school.

We aim to have all vouchers sent to recipients by Wednesday 20 December 2023. If you have not received the vouchers by this date or in the event of any queries regarding the vouchers, then please contact our team at [freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk), rather than speaking to the school directly.

## Celebrating Christmas in many languages

Last Wednesday we enjoyed sharing information on Christmas celebrations in other countries and made some lovely Christmas cards. We have also listened to Silent Night sung in languages which our Café's participants represent: Ukrainian, Romanian, Hungarian, Italian and Polish.

World Café's meets in A07 every Wednesday at lunchtime. It is a small club open to more members! Anyone who speaks any other language at home or would like to share their heritage with others, please speak to Miss Green or just turn up!



## Christmas Lunch

Payments for Christmas Lunch are now being processed. Can you please ensure that your child has sufficient funds on their account for this payment to be processed? Many thanks.

Schedule reminder:

13th Dec—Years 7, 12 and 13

14th Dec—Years 8 and 9

19th Dec—Year 10, 11 and Mulberry

## **Attendance until 8/12/23**

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
94.4%	90.4%	89.4%	88.2%	89.4%	90.3%

# SPORT NEWS

Fixture	Date	Report
U14 Mixed Badminton	5/12	Lewis H., Isaac M., Davyd T. and Thomas W. were all selected for the fixture. These students had to self rank themselves (1-4). 1 (Lewis) and 2 (Thomas) played singles. 3 (Isaac) and 4 (Davyd) played doubles. Games were played to 11 points. We played Thurston, OSA, Stowmarket and Finborough. Thomas won all of his games, well done! I think I speak on behalf of us all, it was an enjoyable experience.
Y11 Boys Football National Cup	6/12	<p>The Year 11 boys' football team travelled to Lowestoft to play Benjamin Britten in the 4th round of the National Schools' Cup. In the first half, both teams created some good opportunities but Benjamin Britten converted 3 of their chances to end the half 3-0.</p> <p>In the second half, Stowupland dominated the possession and continued to create some good opportunities. They were rewarded with goals from Daniel B. and Fletcher S. However, Benjamin Britten eventually won the game 5-2.</p> <p>I am confident the boys will learn from this experience as they now turn their attention to having a successful County Cup run.</p>

## Upcoming fixtures

Date	Who	Sport	Vs.
12/12	Year 10 Girls	Football (H)	TBC

**IMPORTANT: If your child is taking part in any sports' fixtures, please look out for an email to give consent for 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.**



# Contact and Dates

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### December

11th Dec—Music Industry workshop  
 11th Dec—Mulberry Christmas Show  
 13th Dec—Winter Showcase  
 19th Dec—Christmas Carol Concert  
 20th Dec—Last day of term and wear your Christmas Jumper Day!  
 21st Dec-2nd Jan—Christmas break

### January

3rd Jan—Non Student Day  
 4th Jan—first day of a new term

## Contact Details:

<b>Main School:</b>	01449 674827 (08.30am - 4.00pm)
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	<a href="mailto:enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
<b>Cashless catering:</b>	<a href="mailto:accounts@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">accounts@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
<b>Library:</b>	<a href="mailto:library@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk">library@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk</a>
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Term Dates 2023-24		Half Term	Non Student Days
<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	4th September - 20th December	23rd - 27th Oct	4th September
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	3rd January - 28th March	19th—23rd Feb	5th September
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	12th April - 19th July	27th May - 31st May	24th November
			3rd January
			19th July

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