

Stowupland High School

“Outstanding Progress for All”



22.9.2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Reflecting on the week it is hard to believe this is our first week back as a full school. Students and Staff are managing with all the different teaching rooms and more busy corridors and social spaces. Anyone who has visited the site will have seen the beginnings of various projects to support the normal running of our school. It has been very impressive what has been already put in place given it is just over 2 weeks since parts of our building have been shut down. Hopefully next week I will be able to share specifics with you but I can assure you we are continuing to deliver the majority of our curriculum as planned without adjustment.

On Wednesday night we launched this years Duke of Edinburgh programme. I am really pleased we have established this programme within our school. It gives students an opportunity to build important life skills, team work, independence and resilience.

This year we have a good size group of students doing Bronze Award who stay relatively local when they do their expedition but our Silver Award group will be travelling further a field to complete theirs in Sherwood forest. Students will also have to be developing their skills, volunteering and completing a regular exercise over the course of the year.

Applications used at Stowupland High School

All parents/carers should have already been sent links to register for Arbor and IRIS Parentmail – if not, these can be requested via reception or email enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk.

Arbor



Once logged in, the dashboard is the first screen that you will see. This gives a quick glance of the student's daily timetable, behaviour points, current attendance and progress. you will be able to click on different parts of the home page to view more data on your child.

For example, clicking the attendance percentage will bring up the attendance page which breaks down the attendance figures into present, late, or absent. Permissions to attend sport fixtures, etc. will appear under 'trips'.

ParentMail



ParentMail is used mainly for payments. Students lunch accounts can be topped up under 'accounts' and all other payments for trips or equipment will appear under payments/shop.

Satchel One



Formerly known as Show My Homework . It is used for homework, announcements and student-teacher communication. Year 7 logins will be shared at the beginning of September. It is best practice for students to set up their account with their school email address as teachers do share information on the google drive. Parents, in their accounts, can view set homework but cannot submit or message teachers for support or with any questions.

School dinners are always a popular choice on a Friday, whether it is because it is the end of the week or the fact that it is 'Chip Friday'. This often leads to long lunch queues despite the staggered approach we use with different key stage groups. To ensure students get their lunch in a timely manner, we have introduced a 15 minute early lunch for the year group who have been awarded the highest positive points awarded during the week. I am pleased to announce this week's winner is Year 9, I hope to see other year groups winning over the next few weeks.

Wishing you a restful weekend

Kind regards

David Brewster

Headteacher

Seneca



Science Department uses Seneca as homework platform. It is designed to fit with our curriculum from KS3-KS5. Staff can set assignments from parts of the course and it asks questions for students to answer

while providing an overview of key learning. It provides instant feedback and even re-words questions which students have got wrong so that they can improve. Students can access any part of the course (and even other subjects) at any time so they can look ahead to what learning is needed.

Students can join with any email address - usually with their school email. If a password is forgotten you hit this link on the login screen. It then sends a reset link to your email. Staff can't reset passwords.

Bedrock learning



Learning vocabulary is imperative in English lessons, as well as across all subjects. Therefore, all KS3 students have been enrolled on

the Bedrock Vocabulary online program designed to help bridge the vocabulary gap particularly for our more disadvantaged students. The program works by testing students to find their starting level and then generating short lessons, which comprise of tests and games that students complete twice weekly. There have been numerous pieces of research undertaken on the vocabulary gap and we feel it is vital to try and combat this.

Students can log in with the details that their English teacher has provided them with, and also have an opportunity to reset their password if they misplace it.

Sparx



In the Maths department, the most commonly used app is Sparx Maths. Sparx Maths creates weekly homework assignments that are tailored to the needs of each student and is based on our scheme of work. The practice given to students is both challenging and achievable. Sparx ensures repetition and interleaving of topics to help support students' long term memories. If students need to have their password reset, they need to go to the Sparx website and click on Forgotten Sparx Password. This will send a message to their teacher to authorise a password reset. Alternatively, students can also contact their teachers via Satchel One or see them in person to get help resetting their password. Occasionally we will also use other websites such as Dr Frost Maths and MathsPad that provide enriching activities and exam practice. Students will be given login details for these by their class teacher as needed.

Attendance up to 22nd September 2023

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
96%	92.4%	91.3%	91.6%	88.4%	91.9%

DATES FOR THE DIARY		
September		
25/09—Mulberry Students KS4 trip to Suffolk New College	Main School:	01449 674827 (08.30am - 4.00pm)
27/09—Year 13 UCAS and HE Funding Information Evening	Pastoral emails:	year7@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk
28/09—Year 6 Open Evening		year8@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk
29/9—Y8-10 school photographs		year9@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk
		year10@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk
		year11@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk
October	General:	sixthform@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk
11/10—Suffolk Skills Show Y9 - Y10		enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk
11/10—Year 7 Tutor Evening	Cashless catering:	accounts@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk
16/10-20/10 —Year 11 Sixth Form Masterclasses	Library:	library@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk
17/10-18/10—Y7-Y11 Flu Vaccinations w/c 23/10—Half term	Attendance:	attendance@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk
	Absence Line:	01449 742428
	Website:	www.stowuplandhighschool.co.uk

Term Dates 2023-24		Half Term	Non Student Days
Autumn Term 2023	4th September - 20th December	23rd - 27th Oct	4th September
Spring Term 2024	3rd January - 28th March	19th—23rd Feb	5th September 24th November
Summer Term 2024	12th April - 19th July	27th May - 31st May	3rd January 19th July

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